



RURAL SOLUTIONS

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Mission Statement:

"Rural Solutions collaborates to address issues and create positive solutions for the health and well being of our diverse communities in Northeast Colorado."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 5 2008
9 a.m.
Logan County Central Services Building
Sterling, Colorado

| Board of Directors | | Present |
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| Rick Agan | Washington County Department of Human Services | X (Phone) |
| Lisa Ault | Sedgwick County Department of Human Services | X |
| Sandy Baker | Area Agency on Aging | X |
| Colette Barksdale | Lincoln County Department of Human Services | |
| Patricia Brewster-Willeke | Rural Communities Resource Center | X |
| Fred Crawford | Logan County Department of Social Services | |
| John Crosthwait | Northeast Colorado Health Department | X |
| Mary Gross | Morgan County Family Center | |
| Celia Hardin | Eastern Colorado Workforce Center | Ginger Allen-Proxy |
| Dave Henson | Yuma County Department of Social Services | X (Phone) |
| Liz Hickman | Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc. | Russ Bonanno-Proxy |
| Judy McFadden | Phillips County Department of Social Services | X |
| Kindra Mulch | Kit Carson Health and Human Services | X |
| Ramona Proctor | Eastern CO Services for the Developmentally Disabled | X |
| Steve Romero | Morgan County Department of Social Services | |
| Ruth Seedorf | Baby Bear Hugs | X |
| Debbie Zwirn | County Commissioner | X |
| <u>Ex-Officio Members</u> | | |
| Sheila Anzlovar | Northeast Colorado Child Resource and Referral | |
| Russ Bonanno | Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc. | X |
| Tonya Lemley | Cheyenne County Department of Human Services | |
| Maranda Miller | Rural Solutions Project Coordinator | X |
| Jackie Reynolds | Rural Solutions Executive Director | X |
| Michelle Sharp | Rural Solutions Project Assistant | X |
| Jerri Spear | CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator | |
| Susan Walton | Elbert County Department of Human Services | |

- A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m..
 - a. Tracy Stewart from the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute spoke to the group about the new 2008 Self-Sufficiency Standard of Colorado. The Self-Sufficiency Standard information is available on the Institute's website. There was a great deal of discussion about the Self-Sufficiency Standard and how it applies to our region during Tracy's presentation.
 - b. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.
 - c. In-kind Reporting – Forms were passed around and completed.
 - d. Proxies Discussion – Ginger Allen and Russ Bonanno were designated as proxies for their respective agencies.
 - e. Introductions
- B. Consent Items:
 - a. Minutes of September 3, 2008 meeting
 - b. September 2008 Financial Statement
 - b. October 2008 Financial Statement
 - c. September 2008 Executive Director's Report
 - d. October 2008 Executive Director's Report – Jackie did report on that she did write for the HIV/AIDS grant.
 - d. Maranda's September 2008 Project Report
 - e. Maranda's October 2008 Project Report – Maranda wanted to add that if anybody wanted to do a CCT or a QPR training in their organizations, please have them scheduled to be completed by the end of the year before her maternity leave.

Ramona moved to accept the list of consent items. Debbie seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote.
- C. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee – Jackie reported that Dave Kauffman has completed this year's audit and the 990 tax return. He will make his report to the Board at the December meeting.
 - b. Fund Raising Committee – Rick – The Committee continues to discuss having a golf scrimmage with the raffle next year.
 - c. Symposium/Special Events Committee – Debbie
 - a. Legislative Breakfast – the committee will be getting together to complete the plans for the event. Organizations were reminded to submit the information they would like to highlight in the packets to Jackie as soon as possible. Also, Board

Members were encouraged to contact both current and incoming commissioners to attend the Breakfast.

- b. Special Topics Experts List Review – Jackie passed around the Expert List so Board Members could check information for accuracy. Kindra suggested that we add a card so other people at the Breakfast could be identified as “experts” in certain topic areas and added to our Expert List and be a resource to Rural Solutions members and others in our communities.

D. Old Business

- a. *Bridges out of Poverty* Training – Jackie reported about the trainings that she has been doing and encouraged organizations and communities to schedule trainings if interested. Sandy commented that the training was great and well received by her staff. Ginger reported that the training really helped her to relate and talk to her clients at the Workforce Center.

Lunch Break

E. New Business

- a. Antonia Garcia – New Outreach Worker – Jackie introduced Toni who told the Board about herself and her background.
- b. Rural Philanthropy Days Economic Summit – Jackie wrote a grant to Northeast Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days to continue activities between RPD events, which are scheduled every four years. Rural Solutions did receive the money for projects and activities which will support nonprofits and provide trainings for the next three years. The steering committee has agreed to stay on and continue as an advisory committee for the project. The advisory committee would like to have an Economic summit in December to discuss the long-term implications of the economic times and how they will affect nonprofit organizations in the region. Jackie has talked with a variety of people, including Jerri Spear, to plan this Summit. Several Board Members suggested various names and organizations that may be able to help bring information and expertise to this Summit. Kindra suggested that if we can pull this together by next Friday, the breakfast would be a great place to advertise the event. Kindra wants a speaker about frontier non-profit. Patricia and Kindra will be willing to help to organize this event.
- c. Colorado Children’s Campaign Meeting at NJC on November 17th. The group will

present its program at a luncheon, from 11:30 to 1 p.m. They need to have RSVP's by November 10th.

d. Grant Ideas/Possibilities

e. Other – Patricia's organization is doing a Cavity Free by 3 training and is also working on an Eastern Plains Oral Health Initiative.

F. Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2008 at 9 a.m. The director's will be at CCI on December 3rd. The possibility of a webinar meeting was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

G. 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Ruth facilitated a Goal Setting Activity that developed goals for Rural Solutions for 2008-2009. The plan is to use these goals to guide the organization until we develop a Strategic Plan in 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Sharp, Acting Secretary

Date