



# RURAL SOLUTIONS

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**Mission Statement:**

*"It is the mission of Rural Solutions to collaborate to address issues and create positive solutions for the health and well being of our diverse communities in Northeast Colorado."*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, October 7, 2011  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Logan County Department of Human Services  
Sterling, Colorado**

<b>Board of Directors</b>		<b>Present</b>
<b>Rick Agan</b>	Washington County Department of Human Services	<b>X</b>
<b>Lisa Ault</b>	Sedgwick County Department of Human Services	<b>X</b>
<b>Sandy Baker</b>	Area Agency on Aging	
<b>Colette Barksdale</b>	Lincoln County Department of Human Services	
<b>Patricia Brewster-Willeke (Becky Meyer)</b>	Rural Communities Resource Center	
<b>Fred Crawford</b>	Logan County Department of Social Services	<b>X</b>
<b>John Crosthwait</b>	Northeast Colorado Health Department	
<b>Mary Gross</b>	Morgan County Family Center	
<b>Dawn Garcia</b>	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center	<b>X</b>
	Yuma County Department of Social Services	
<b>Liz Hickman</b>	Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc.	<b>X Karla by phone</b>
<b>Judy McFadden</b>	Phillips County Department of Social Services	<b>X</b>
<b>Kindra Mulch</b>	Kit Carson Health and Human Services	
<b>Judy Fehringer</b>	Eastern CO Services for the Developmentally Disabled	
<b>Steve Romero</b>	Morgan County Department of Social Services	
<b>Ruth Seedorf</b>	Baby Bear Hugs	<b>X</b>
<b>Debbie Zwirn</b>	County Commissioner	
<b><u>Ex-Officio Members</u></b>		
<b>Sheila Anzlovar</b>	Northeast Colorado Child Resource and Referral	
<b>Jackie Reynolds</b>	Rural Solutions Executive Director	<b>X</b>
<b>Glenda Bang</b>	Rural Solutions Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<b>Maranda Miller</b>	Rural Solutions Project Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<b>Michelle Sharp</b>	Rural Solutions Coordinator	<b>X</b>
<b>Jerri Spear</b>	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	<b>X</b>

A. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Vice-president Ruth Seedorf.

- a. Changes to the Agenda – None.
- b. In-kind Reporting – Reports were passed around and completed by board members.
- c. Proxies – None.
- d. Introductions – Introductions were completed.

B. Consent Items

- a. September 2, 2011 Minutes
- b. September 2011 Financial Report
- c. September 2011 Executive Report
- d. September 2011 Coordinators Report

Dawn moved to accept all consent items as presented. Lisa seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

C. Committee Reports

D. Old Business

a. Legislative Breakfast Evaluation – The evaluation results for this year's Legislative Breakfast were discussed. A discussion followed about the possibility of re-focusing the event to encompass more of a training module for new commissioners and new civic leaders. We might also consider focusing on getting our state partners involved to talk about regional issues. It was decided that we will discuss the event at a later date after we have considered the possibilities.

E. New Business

- a. New Occupant in Office – Christin Sutter is now renting out space at the office for \$100 a month.
- b. COMOM Update – Jackie reported that the COMOM event is October 21-22 in Fort Morgan. Volunteers and dentists are still needed to help make the event successful.
- c. RPD Sponsorship – Lisa moved that Rural Solutions be a sponsor of the pre-trainings that will be held before the Rural Philanthropy Days event in June 2012. Ruth seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

- d. Komen Grant Approval –Lisa moved to approve the Komen grant of \$10,000 that will promote women’s health in Northeast Colorado. Dawn seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- e. Insurance and MetLife Discussion – Jackie would like to examine the possibility of finding a new retirement plan for Rural Solutions’ staff. The board has no objection to letting Jackie look for a plan that fits our needs.
- f. Women’s Wellness Connection Discussion – Jackie reported that Rural Solutions received a below standard rating for the 2010-2011 Women’s Wellness Connection grant because we did not meet navigation numbers. This year’s grant is \$45,000 as opposed to last year’s allocation of \$60,000. Board members strategized on how to promote the grant in the counties. They also instructed staff to work with CDPHE in a proactive way, including responding to communication and actively seeking technical help to achieve the grant goals.
- g. Bridges out of Poverty Training – Jackie would like to do a training on the first Thursday and Friday of November in Yuma, which is the date of our regularly scheduled board meeting. There will be no board meeting in November.
- h. Board Member Updates – Various board members gave updates of programs and services in their organizations.
- i. Other – Glenda reported that the Fatherhood grant has officially ended in Colorado and the State did not receive the grant to continue the fatherhood project. Kit Carson Correctional Facility plans to continue to provide fatherhood classes, but they will need to do some fundraising to sustain the program. Maranda will be holding a community QPR training in Fort Morgan in October. Second Wind Fund referrals are steadily increasing in all communities. We hope to have a fundraiser in September 2012 during National Suicide Prevention month.

Next Board Meeting: December 2, 2011

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Sharp, Acting Secretary

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Date