



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 MEETING

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

9 a.m.

Logan County Central Services Building
Sterling, Colorado

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

9:00 a.m. LICC Meeting

A. Call to Order – at 9:18 a.m.

- a. Changes to the Agenda
- b. In-kind Reporting completed.
- c. Proxies Discussion – Ginger Allen will represent WFC until a new director is appointed.
- d. Introductions were completed.

B. Consent Items

- a. Minutes of June 30, 2010 meeting
- b. June 2010 Financial Statement
- c. July 2010 Financial Statement
- d. July 2010 Executive Director's Report
- e. August 2010 Executive Director's Report – Jackie reported out on her evening with a former student.
- f. Project Coordinator's Reports –

Maranda reported that she is gearing up for 2 more ASIST trainings one in Burlington and one here in Sterling. Lisa reported that Sedgwick County C-PACT is going to sponsor the To Save A Life movie in Julesburg September 13 to 16. Rural Solutions is helping to sponsor the movie. September is National Suicide Prevention month.

Glenda reported that we received another year of Fatherhood Initiative funding. We are hoping to expand the contract from Kit Carson Correctional Facility to Kit Carson County.

Michelle reported that the Health Disparities grant is now officially completed. She attended a social media workshop and feels Rural Solutions needs a Facebook profile. We are still in contract negotiations with Women's Wellness Connection and then will be busy again with that project.

The board took a break at 10:40 a.m., reconvening at 10:52 a.m.

C. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – Mary Gross
- b. Personnel Committee – Sandy Baker
- c. Fundraising Committee – Rick Agan –Colette reported that the person who won this year’s raffle played golf recently at Ballyneal and were very excited.
- d. Nominating Committee – Fred Crawford
- e. Special Events Committee – Debbie Zwirn
- f. Bylaws and Policy Committee – Ruth Seedorf

E. Old Business

a. 211 Project - Weld County United Way has received grant funds to update the 211 system for Northeast Colorado and are going to contract with Rural Solutions to help with this work. 211 Staff are coming to our office and spend some time updating their database.

F. New Business

- a. 9:30 a.m. Guest Speaker Cathy Battaglia from the Joffit Group, Evaluation Contractor for Health Disparities Grant, presented the final results, overview, and the considerations for the surveys for the grant. This information will be posted on the Rural Solutions website for access. They have also been emailed out to the directors.
- b. 2010-2011 Committees –The 2010-2011 committee sheet was passed around for each person to sign up for committees. For those who are on the phone Jackie will contact board members who called in by email to sign up for committees.
- c. AAA/Healthier Living Colorado Collaboration Possibilities – Sandy and Jackie have been working on developing a collaborative program for the Healthier Living Colorado program. Glenda, Rose, Toni and Michelle are trained in the English, Toni, Rose, Elodia and Isis have been trained in the Spanish version for these trainings. We will use AAA meal sites to host these trainings and Rural Solutions staff to facilitate this program. Dawn wanted to remind us, that there are 5 trainers in Kit Carson and Cheyenne

counties. Jackie wrote into the grant to work with those counties as well. Liz thought we might work with her group in Morgan County with the serious and persistently mentally ill group who often has serious health issues. Liz may have some funds as well because they wrote a grant to increase wellness programs. Dawn reminded us that relationships will need to be built with the sites to get people involved as mass media does not work very well to get people involved in this program.

- d. Re-1 Sterling School Foundation Proposal – The Foundation has approached Rural Solutions with a proposal that our organization become the interim director/financial oversight manager for the Foundation while they search for a new executive director. After much discussion, Fred moved that Rural Solutions accept the proposal of the Foundation. Steve seconded the motion. The motion failed (changed to “failed” by correction of minutes on October 6, 2010) by unanimous vote. Ruth suggested that we direct them to the non-profit peer support group. Ginger from the Workforce Center said that they have job description toolkits that businesses and nonprofits can access use.
- e. A4YA: Advocates for Young Adults Collaboration – Jackie has been working with Shawn Young from the A4YA: Advocates for Young Adults Collaboration for several months, discussing with him ways to support families who are involved in the GAP program. This group recently received funding to establish an Americorp project, especially in Yuma and Washington counties to provide tax preparation services for low income residents. Jackie proposed that Rural Solutions provide office space for this new program. The IRS whole heartedly supports this program, because they are trying to reach those who don't file income tax returns who would qualify for the EITC. Several board members expressed support for this program providing this new program coordinates their work with existing programs in the region. Sentence changed to “Several board members expressed support for the A4YA project, provided this new project coordinates its work with existing programs in the region” by correction of minutes on October 6, 2010.) Fred moved that the board

support the recommendation of the executive director to enter into the agreement to offer office space to A4YA. Lisa seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

- f. Bridges out of Poverty Possibilities –Mickie is no longer an employee with RS but now works at Centennial Mental Health. Liz explained what Mickie will be a criminal justice specialist, strengthening the ties between the 13th Judicial criminal justice system and the mental health system. There may be possibilities of providing the Bridges Out of Poverty program through the jails and other programs in the criminal justice system, perhaps a new direction for this successful program.
- g. Symposium Ideas – tabled until next month
- h. Health Care Reform: Medicaid, Amendment 60 and 61 Information needs:
Jackie reported that the Colorado Center on Law and Policy recently presented a program, Health Care Reform: Medicaid, to the NECALG Non-Emergent Transportation meeting. The board instructed Jackie to schedule this short training for an upcoming board meeting if possible.
- i. 11:30 a.m. Brian Brant, Rural Foster Care Recruitment/Retention Coordinator from CDHS – Brian is the new CDHS Rural Foster Care Recruitment/Retention Coordinator and will be working in 42 rural counties to support and expand foster care programs and resources in these rural areas. He explained that his goal is to have at least one foster family in each county and then resources in each of the communities to help support that family so foster kids are not completely uprooted if they are put into foster care. He also wants to expand materials available to counties and other organizations that support these families.
- j. Grant Ideas/Possibilities – Jackie reported to board members that Rural Solutions' staff is planning to visit all counties in the new couple of months. We will be visiting partners in each of the communities to talk about various programs, including the Second Wind Fund, 211, the Bridges out of Poverty program, Women's Wellness Connection, and other programs and trainings.
- k. Other

Liz spoke about a meeting sponsored by HCPF on September 22nd in Fort Morgan about Medicaid expansion. Jackie will send this information to all board members.

Next Board Meeting: October 6, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Romero, Secretary

Date