



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, September 2, 2011
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Logan County Department of Human Services
Sterling, Colorado**

Board of Directors		Present
Rick Agan	Washington County Department of Human Services	
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	X
Fred Crawford	Logan County Department of Social Services	X
John Crosthwait	Northeast Colorado Health Department	
Mary Gross	Morgan County Family Center	Phone
Dawn Garcia	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center	
	Yuma County Department of Social Services	
Liz Hickman/Karla Rosas	Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc.	
Judy McFadden	Phillips County Department of Social Services	X
Kindra Mulch	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	
Ruth Seedorf	Baby Bear Hugs	
Debbie Zwirn	County Commissioner	X
<u>Ex-Officio Members</u>		
Sheila Anzlovar	Northeast Colorado Child Resource and Referral	
Jackie Reynolds	Rural Solutions Executive Director	X
Glenda Bang	Rural Solutions Coordinator	X
Maranda Miller	Rural Solutions Project Coordinator	X
Michelle Sharp	Rural Solutions Coordinator	X
Jerri Spear	CO. Dept. of Human Services Field Administrator	

- A. Call to Order – The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by President Debbie Zwirn.
- a. Changes to the Agenda – None.
 - b. In-kind Reporting – was completed by board members.
 - c. Proxies – Betty Zimmerman acted as proxy for Fred Crawford.
 - d. Introductions – were completed. April Tybor attended the meeting by phone.

B. Consent Items

- a. August 5, 2011 Minutes
- b. August 2011 Financial Report
- c. August 2011 Executive Report
- d. August 2011 Coordinators Report

Lisa moved to approve the consent items as presented. Patricia seconded the motion which was approved.

C. Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Mary Gross – The Finance Committee met in August to continue working to develop practices and procedures that insure the financial stability of the organization, including providing itemized receipts and other information to support expenses. The committee will continue to work on these practices.

Symposium/Special Events Committee – Debbie Zwirn.

By-laws/Policy Committee – Ruth Seedorf – Jackie reported that this committee needs to meet to examine the policies around leave time accrual. Jackie will call this committee together in September.

D. Old Business

a. Legislative Breakfast – After a great deal of discussion the Board decided to continue with the Legislative Breakfast this year even though there have been issues getting legislators to commit to attend. The Special Events Committee will meet to finalize plans for the round table discussions. It was suggested that there be fewer tables so discussion at the focus group tables can be longer and more in depth. Kindra suggested that we consider either moving the Breakfast to a location further south at least every other year or have the event at two sites so that we can get more people to attend.

E. New Business

- a. Daniel Brisson from University of Denver presented the Getting Ahead Program evaluation results. His final report is available to anyone who wishes a copy.
- b. COMOM Program (Dental Services) in October -- Patricia showed a video about the COMOM dental event scheduled for October in Brush and encouraged board members to spread the word and support the event.
- c. Workforce Youth Advisory Council Request – The Eastern Workforce Youth Advisory Council has approached Jackie to request that Rural Solutions become a fiscal agent to handle funds the Council might receive for projects they are planning. After discussion, Lisa moved to approve that Rural Solutions be the fiscal agent for the Eastern Workforce Youth Council. Patricia seconded the motion. The motion passed. The board charged Jackie to develop a policy about becoming a fiscal agent for organizations.
- d. CASA Discussion – CASA of the Plains has been revitalized in Northeast Colorado as a program supported by the Colorado CASA for about a year. The local CASA will soon be required to become a self sufficient organization. The Board discussed the importance of CASA of the Plains to Northeast Colorado.
- e. Bridges out of Poverty Training Discussion – Jackie is planning to offer a training in October and asked if the various agencies and organizations have staff who need to be trained.
- f. LEAP Program Discussion – The Board discussed the issues around the new guidelines for the LEAP program for this year and possible implications for the people in Northeast Colorado who may not qualify for this assistance this year.
- g. New Office Space Discussion – Jackie has been in discussion with Nicki at HFAP about possibly sharing office space in the future.
- h. Strategic Plan Updates – This was postponed to next month.
- i. Board Member Updates –
- j. The Next meeting will be Friday, October 7, 2011.
- k. The meeting was adjourned at 11 :50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Romero, Secretary

Date