



# RURAL SOLUTIONS

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*Mission Statement:*

*"To collaborate to address issues and create positive solutions for the health and well being of our diverse communities."*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 3, 2008**  
**9 a.m.**  
**Logan County Central Services Building**  
**Sterling, Colorado**

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

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
  - a. Changes to the Agenda – none.
  - b. In-kind Reporting – Members filled out in-kind sheets.
  - c. Introductions were made. Marsha Schuppe attended the meeting to represent Logan County Department of Social Services, filling in for Fred Crawford.

B. Consent Items:

- a. Minutes of August 6, 2008 meeting
- b. August 2008 Financial Statement
- c. August 2008 Executive Director's Report
- d. Maranda's August 2008 Project Report

Steve moved to approve the consent agendas as presented. Dave seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

C. Committee Reports:

- a. Bylaws – Ramona
  - a. Action Item: Approval of Bylaws – The Eastern Colorado Workforce Center has been added as a member agency to serve on the Board of Directors and the Bylaws have been amended to reflect this addition. Steve moved to approve the bylaws as amended. Debbie seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.
- b. Finance Committee – Mary – Jackie reported on the employee dishonesty insurance policy and was given approval to continue to purchase this insurance.
- c. Fund Raising Committee – Rick – Dave reported there has been discussion of a possible golf tournament as well as continuing the golf raffle. Jackie will send out the golf information again. Mary will investigate the rules about who can purchase raffle tickets, including Board members and report back.
- d. Symposium/Special Events Committee – Debbie – The committee will meet today immediately following the regular meeting.
  - a. Legislative Breakfast

D. Old Business

- a. *Bridges out of Poverty* Training/Schedules – Jackie completed the first training in August and would appreciate feedback from supervisors. The next training is September 11-12<sup>th</sup> in Limon and would like to receive feedback on when to have the next two trainings. Sandy and Ruth's organizations' trainings are going to be open so other people will be able to attend. Lisa asked about the costs of

the trainings and if the registration fees cover the costs of the training. There seems to be an interest in expanding the training to business owners and city entities.

- b. Anschutz Family Foundation 2005 Report -- Staff had to complete the final report for the 2005-2006 Anschutz grant before the new request for funds can be considered. The report has been written and submitted and we are now waiting to hear back from Anschutz.

#### E. New Business

- a. Electronic Documents on Website Discussion – Michelle -- After discussion, the Board decided that all non-confidential Rural Solutions' documents be available on the website for public view. Signed copies of documents will not be included on the website and the organization will continue to keep paper copies of all official documents. Jackie will check with CANPO to determine if items pending Board approval be password protected until approved. The Board designated development of an electronic document system becomes an organizational goal for this year.
- b. Legislative Breakfast – The committee asked for direction from the Board about the format they would like for the Breakfast. It was decided to use the same setup as last year, using a large group at the beginning and breakout into round tables for the information event. We will have 15 minutes at each table to allow for more informational time and questions and answers and then come back together for follow up. It was also decided to create a Survey Monkey survey to have people complete after the event.
- c. *Rural Solutions Resource Directory* Discussion – Jackie – Jackie led the discussion about the future of the *Resource Directory*. Funds are available in the Health Disparities Grant to translate the Directory into Spanish. The Board discussed the status of the 211 system, which is not being developed quickly in Northeast Colorado and is using our *Resource Directory* to support their services. The consensus of the Board was that there is the need to add the medical community and health providers to the Directory. Hospitals and clinics and other providers may be asked to help support the Directory. We will contact the Chamber of Commerce and discuss their ability to support the Directory. The Board would like to add nursing homes, hospitals, clinics, and private practice physicians to the Directory.

- d. Set Goals for 2008-2009 – After discussion, the Board agreed that more time is needed to set goals for Rural Solutions for 2008-2009. The Board of Directors agreed to have a working session to set goals on November 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon after the regular board meeting. Jackie asked Ruth to help her plan for this meeting. The staff will get together to start the goal process to be done in November.
- e. Fiscal Institute Schedule in November – The Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute will present the new study, *The 2008 Self Sufficiency Standard of Colorado*, at 10:30 a.m. on November 5<sup>th</sup> to the Board.
- f. Grant Ideas/Possibilities -
- g. Other --
  - Marsha updated Board members about Fred’s wife who is very ill.
  - Members decided to add proxy discussion to the agenda at the beginning of each meeting if necessary.
  - Debbie informed the board that at the commissioners meeting she was appointed as the representative for Rural Solutions. Debbie also asked about the status of the youth expo which is scheduled in September. The youth expo has been canceled this year.
  - Jackie thanked the staff of Rural Solutions for all of their hard work.

F. Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Romero, Secretary

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Date