



Express Delivery

Colorado Rural Health Center

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CRHC Hires New Executive Director

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is happy to announce its new Executive Director—Lou Ann Wilroy! Lou Ann has served as Program Director for the Critical Access Hospital and Rural Health Clinic Programs since November of 2001 and as Acting Executive Director of CRHC since November 2006. Under Lou Ann's leadership, CRHC plans to broaden its membership base and focus on current issues such as health reform, workforce development, and information technology. CRHC will continue to develop and administer programs and services to accomplish its mission of "enhancing healthcare services in Colorado by providing information, education, linkages, tools, and energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues."

USDA Rural Community Development Grants

Matching grants of \$50,000 to \$300,000 are now available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Program. The RCDI grants aim to provide financial and technical assistance and training funds to intermediary organizations, private or nonprofit, who are looking to develop their housing, community facilities, or community and economic development project capacity. Applications are due **September 6, 2007**.

For more information, please visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi>.



Cardinal Health Foundation's Grants

In an effort to increase hospital participation in the 5 Million Lives Campaign, The Cardinal Health Foundation has allocated up to \$500,000 in grant funds to be awarded to public and rural hospitals across the country. Hospitals are eligible for grants of up to \$15,000. These funds may be used to offset the costs of implementing the 5 Million Lives Campaign. Only hospitals not currently enrolled in the 5 Million Lives Campaign are eligible. Applications are due **August 30**.

Please visit www.nrharural.org/groups/pdf/CHFGrantRFP-2.pdf for more information.

EMS Recruitment and Retention Grants

Small grants up to \$1,500 are available through the Colorado Rural Health Center to support rural and frontier EMS organizations as they address recruitment and retention issues. Eligible organizations include EMS Agencies, Rescue Squads, Quick Response Teams, RETACs, and fire departments. The next EMS Recruitment and Retention funding cycle deadline is **October 1, 2007**.

For more information, or to download grant guidelines, please visit <http://www.coruralhealth.org/crhc/resources/EMSGrants.html>.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	ORGANIZATION / CONTACT
August 24	Transportation Panel Community Meeting Great Divide Lodge, Breckenridge	Colorado Transportation Panel transportation.panel@state.co.us , (303) 866-5824
September 7-8	Club 20 Fall Meeting Convention Center, Grand Junction	Club 20 (970) 242-3264, shults@club20.org
September 5-7	CHA 82nd Annual Meeting Vail Marriott Mountain Resort, Vail	Colorado Hospital Association (CHA) www.cha.com , (720) 489-1630
September 10	Transportation Panel Community Meeting Community Recreation Center, Durango	Colorado Transportation Panel transportation.panel@state.co.us , (303) 866-5824
September 12	Gestational Diabetes Training Rawlings Library, Pueblo	CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment mandy.mcculloch@state.co.us
September 12-14	Rural Health Information Technology Conference Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, MO	Rural Health Resource Center www.ruralcenter.org/HITconference07
September 13	Gestational Diabetes Training San Juan Basin Health Dept., Durango	CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment mandy.mcculloch@state.co.us

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