

COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CARE GRANT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 14, 2009

These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council. Attachments referenced in the minutes are available through the Colorado Rural Health Center at info@coruralhealth.org or 303-832-7493.

Call to Order/Introductions

The May 14, 2009 Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council (“the Council”) meeting was called to order at 8:15am at The Colorado Health Foundation, 501 South Cherry Street, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado by Dr. Ned Calonge, Co-Chair.

Members Present:

Cody Belzley (Governor’s Office, Denver); Dr. Ned Calonge, Co-Chair, (CDPHE, Denver); Lydia DeLaRosa (Latin Anglo Alliance Foundation, Grand Junction); Andrea Kawulok (Berthoud); Marcy Morrison – by teleconference (Insurance Commissioner, Denver); Khanh Nguyen (The Colorado Health Foundation, Denver); Chris Underwood (Department of Health Care Policy & Finance, Denver); Charles Unsel (Dept. of Local Affairs, Denver).

Staff Present:

Elke Webb (Colorado Rural Health Center, Denver).

Members Absent:

Denise Denton (Rural Health Consultant, Denver); Jay Brooke (High Plains Community Health Center, Lamar); Kathleen Rogers (San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, Alamosa); Dr. Jacqueline Stiff, Co-Chair, (United Healthcare, Denver).

Approval of Minutes from March 23 Meeting

The Council members reviewed the minutes from the March 23 meeting.

- Ms. DeLaRosa noted that the organization listed next to her name needs to be updated.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Belzley and seconded by Ms. Nguyen to accept the March minutes as submitted with the change noted above.

Program-Related Issues

Application Review

Ms. Webb shared the review scores, individual and average for each application. The Council began the application review by looking at the ten applications with the lowest and highest average scores. Application approval or denial was based upon application score, whether the applicant was a recipient of the 2008 award, potential community impact, geographic distribution, diversity of project, applicant type, and Council discussion. Each application was reviewed individually and was thoroughly discussed by the Council members. If a Conflict of Interest arose, the effected Council member excused him/herself from the meeting room.

Council discussion of the grant proposals is considered “Confidential Work Product” and will neither be noted in these Minutes nor made public.

55 grant applications were reviewed. Of the 55 applications, 27 were approved and 28 were not approved; \$1,207,862.94 was awarded.

Items for Follow-Up

- CRHC, Ms. Belzley and Dr. Stiff to draft Press Release with a target release date of May 27, 2009.
- CRHC to draft approval and denial letters, and Letter of Acceptance. Dr. Stiff and Dr. Calonge will revise and sign the letters. The letters are scheduled to be sent May 22, 2009. Signed Letters of Acceptance and W-9s must be received by CRHC on or before June 3, 2009. Checks will be sent to awardees the first week in July.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2009, 11:00am - 2:00pm at The Colorado Health Foundation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Submitted by:

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