

COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CARE GRANT COUNCIL

MINUTES

JULY 27, 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 July 27, 2009 Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council (“the Council”) meeting was called to order at 11:15am at The Colorado Health Foundation, 501 South Cherry Street, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado by Dr. Jacqueline Stiff, Co-Chair.

Members Present:

Denise Denton (Rural Health Consultant, Denver); Jay Brooke (High Plains Community Health Center, Lamar); Marcy Morrison – by teleconference (Insurance Commissioner, Denver); Khanh Nguyen (The Colorado Health Foundation, Denver); Dr. Jacqueline Stiff, Co-Chair, (United Healthcare, Denver); Chris Underwood – by teleconference (Department of Health Care Policy & Finance, Denver); Charles Unseld (Dept. of Local Affairs, Denver).

Staff Present:

Elke Webb (Colorado Rural Health Center, Denver).

Members Absent:

Cody Belzley (Governor’s Office, Denver); Dr. Ned Calonge, Co-Chair, (CDPHE, Denver); Lydia DeLaRosa (Latin Anglo Alliance Foundation, Grand Junction); Andrea Kawulok (Berthoud); Kathleen Rogers (San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, Alamosa).

Approval of Minutes from March 23 Meeting

A MOTION was made by Ms. Denton and seconded by Mr. Unseld to accept the May minutes as submitted.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Program-Related Issues

Update on Grant Award Recipients

Ms. Webb noted that all grant award recipients had submitted their Letters of Agreement and W-9’s and had received their checks. Ms. Webb also noted that she took all calls from applicants who were not awarded funding and explained why they had not been chosen for funding. The calls went very well. Ms. Denton visited one applicant in-person who was not awarded funding and went over why they were not selected for funding and methods for improving their application for the next grant cycle.

Dr. Stiff asked if there were any areas in the state that the Council felt needed additional outreach for the next round of funding. Ms. Denton suggested doing more outreach to private clinics, possibly by engaging CMS, COPIC and/or AAFP. Ms. Denton also noted that additional outreach to Oral Health providers is needed. Ms. Denton suggested engaging Dental Associations in the next round of funding to assist in outreach efforts.

Ms. Denton asked that the Council address the inconsistencies in the RFA. Ms. Denton suggested that the Council form a subcommittee to review the RFA. Ms. Webb will send out an e-mail requesting Council Member volunteers to sit on the RFA Review Committee.

Dr. Stiff asked when the 2008 Grant Recipients would be turning in their final reports. Ms. Webb noted that the current timeline has a due date of October 1, 2009 (the template will be sent to all recipients the last week in August). Ms. Denton asked when the final report will be due for the 2009 recipients. The Council decided that the 2009 recipients will have their final report due August 1, 2010. Dr. Stiff asked if the timeline for the 2009 Grant Cycle worked well. Ms. Webb said that it worked very well for CRHC. Ms. Webb will draft a similar timeline for the 2010 grant cycle which will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Denton reminded the Council that they must decide when to give away the extra \$1 million in funding. Dr. Stiff commented that it is too late to give away the extra money for the 2009 cycle but it will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Media Coverage and Thank Yous

Ms. Webb shared with the Council all the articles on the second round of funding that had been printed thus far. A total of eight articles across Colorado had been printed as of July 24, 2009. Ms. Webb also shared two thank you notes that were received thanking the Council for funding their grant requests.

Mobile Telemedicine Pilot Project

Dr. Stiff presented a new Mobile Telehealth Clinic project that UnitedHealth Group will be piloting in Colorado. The project is part of the Connected Care Initiative. UnitedHealth Group is partnering with Centura and CISCO (the developer of the technology). The mobile clinic is an 18-wheel demonstration clinic that includes videoconferencing along with other collaborative technologies that use video, audio and medical information to create an experience similar to an in-person visit with a doctor. There will be a tour of the new equipment in August. All Council Members will receive invitations to this event. Ms. Denton noted that in the past, the Council did not fund mobile health projects and suggested that the Council discuss the possibility of funding these types of projects in the future.

Staffing Changes

Ms. Webb announced that she will be leaving CRHC to attend Medical School. Until a replacement is hired, Lou Ann Wilroy will serve as the primary contact at CRHC for all Council members and grantees.

Items for Follow-Up

- CRHC will draft a timeline for the 2010 Grant Cycle to present at the August Grant Council meeting.
- CRHC will Ms. Webb will send out an e-mail requesting Council Member volunteers to sit on the RFA Review Committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2009, 11:00am - 2:00pm at The Colorado Health Foundation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Elke Webb, Program Assistant
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