

COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CARE GRANT COUNCIL

MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 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 December 7, 2009 Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council (“the Council”) meeting was called to order at 11:10am at The Colorado Health Foundation, 501 South Cherry Street, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado by Dr. Chris Stanley - Alternate Co-Chair.

Members Present:

Jay Brooke – by teleconference (High Plains Community Health Center, Lamar); Lorez Meinhold (Governor’s Office, Denver), Chris Underwood – by teleconference (Department of Health Care Policy & Finance, Denver); Charles Unseld (Dept. of Local Affairs, Denver).

Alternates Present:

Jo Donlin (Division of Insurance, Denver); Dr. Chris Stanley (United Healthcare, Denver).

Staff Present:

Kent O’Connor (Colorado Rural Health Center, Denver).

Members Absent:

Dr. Ned Calonge - Co-Chair, (CDPHE, Denver); Lydia DeLaRosa (Latin Anglo Alliance Foundation, Grand Junction); Denise Denton (Rural Health Consultant, Denver); Andrea Kawulok (Berthoud); Marcy Morrison (Insurance Commissioner, Denver); Khanh Nguyen (The Colorado Health Foundation, Denver); Kathleen Rogers (San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, Alamosa), Dr. Jacqueline Stiff - Co-Chair, (United Healthcare, Denver).

Approval of Minutes from October 26 Meeting

A MOTION was made by Mr. Unseld and seconded by Dr. Stanley to accept the October minutes.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Program-Related Issues

Grant Reports

Ms. O’Connor presented a revised color-coded map of Projects Funded in 2008 and 2009 that now includes counties in which no funding has been provided. Mr. Unseld noted that some of the counties are ineligible per the definition of rural, so Ms. O’Connor will revise the map to include only those counties that are eligible to receive funding. The revised map will be presented at the January 25 Council meeting, which will assist in better outreach targeting to encourage applications in the 2010 grant cycle.

Ms. O'Connor reported that the CRHC website now a link to the 2008 Final Reports Summary to provide a brief description of the projects funded. The electronic Report is available for Council's review, as well as for interested parties and future applicants to understand the kinds of projects that have been funded.

2010 Timeline

The final 2010 Timeline was presented by Ms. O'Connor, which now includes a January 4 reminder for potential applicants to consider their projects. The All-Day Council Review will now be held on May 20, as Ms. O'Connor has confirmed that this date will not conflict with Dr. Calonge's calendar.

2010 Meeting Calendar

Ms. Meinhold said that she will check that the State has not designated any of the meeting dates as mandatory furlough days by State employees.

Marketing and Outreach

Ms. O'Connor presented the preliminary outreach results reported by Ms. Denton, Ms. Meinhold, Ms. Nguyen and Ms. Rogers in their efforts for additional outreach prior to the 2010 grant cycle. The outreach is to target oral and mental health providers -- Members listed potential groups and individuals to be contacted, and volunteered to contact those with which they are familiar. Ms. O'Connor is tracking the organizations and contacts to create a list serve for future marketing.

Dr. Stanley inquired if the Council's outreach efforts have changed over the past two years? Mr. Unseld replied that Council's efforts are now more organized and formal, and that more organizations are being identified and targeted for outreach per the Council's goals of reaching specific groups.

Request for Extension

Ms. O'Connor presented a request from Centennial Mental Health Center (#08-5-045) for an extension until August 31, 2010 to spend their unused grant funds of \$10,078.94. Their full grant award was \$18,200.

The request was made to spend down their grant dollars for further training and implementation of their Client Directed-Outcome Influenced (CDOI) therapeutic intervention. It would allow Centennial Mental Health Center the time to bring in trainers, continue to implement the program and also pre-pay additional staff to attend a "train the trainer" workshop with the developers of the program that is not scheduled next until January 2011.

Mr. Underwood expressed that he is not too happy with the request, but will approve it. He requested that Ms. O'Connor track this extension, especially in light of their possible request for new funding in future grant cycles. It was agreed that a Final Report be requested by Ms. O'Connor from Centennial Mental Health Center by their extension date of August 31, 2010.

Dr. Calonge had indicated his approval in an email prior to this meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Unseld and seconded by Mr. Brooke to approve the extension request.

Items for Follow-Up

- Map of 2008-2009 Grant Awards will be revised by Ms. O'Connor to reflect the unfunded non-Metro Colorado counties. The revised map will be distributed at the next meeting to assist in better targeting for outreach to promote applications in the 2010 grant cycle.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday – January 25, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Submitted by:

Kent O'Connor – Executive Assistant
Colorado Rural Health Center

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2009

After the December 7 meeting, the minutes from the October 26, 2009 meeting were approved by quorum vote via email from Dr. Calonge and Ms. DeLaRosa.

After the December 7 meeting, the Extension Request from Centennial Mental Health Center was approved by quorum vote via email from Ms. DeLaRosa.