

# COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CARE GRANT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

June 2, 2008

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](mailto:info@coruralhealth.org) or 303-832-7493.

### Call to Order/Introductions

The June 2, 2008 Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council (“the Council”) meeting was called to order at 11:15 am at The Colorado Health Foundation, 501 South Cherry Street, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado by Dr. Jacqueline Stiff, Co-Chair.

### **Members Present:**

Cody Belzley (Governor’s Office, Denver); Dr. Ned Calonge, Co-Chair, (Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment, Denver); Lydia DeLa Rosa (Long Term Care, Mesa County); 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, (UnitedHealthcare, Denver); Charles Unseld (Dept. of Local Affairs, Denver).

### **Staff Present:**

Callie Preheim (Colorado Rural Health Center, Denver)

### **Alternates Present**

Carol Rieder (Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing, Denver)

### **Members Absent:**

Jay Brooke (High Plains Community Health Center, Lamar); Christopher Underwood (Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing, Denver)

### Approval of April Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Denton and seconded by Ms. Kawulok to accept the April minutes as submitted.

### **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Belzley thanked Ms. Preheim for her work staffing the Council.

### Program-Related Issues

#### Received Applications

Ms. Preheim shared the application summaries and a map indicating the location of the applicants with the Council. Ms. Nguyen noted the large number of applications requesting funding for Information Technology (IT). Ms. Morrison suggested that the Council consider Emergency Medical Services (EMS) needs in future funding cycles. During a future meeting,

the Council will consider options for notifying applicants of other potential funding sources and notifying funders of potential applicants.

Several applications included attachments beyond those requested. The Council agreed to include additional wording in the next round of funding to further clarify what applicants should include and/or exclude in their applications. Ms. Morrison reminded the Council that future grant cycles may differ and be ruled by distinct sets of guidelines.

The Council considered the recommendations of the Preliminary Review Committee and found ten ineligible applications and one partially-ineligible project.

#### Public Health Applicants

The Council agreed that public health agencies are eligible to apply for funding as long as the applicant agency provides personal care public health services; for this program, population public health services alone would not qualify as primary care services.

#### Score Sheets

Ms. Denton shared the revised reviewer score sheet with the Council. Dr. Calonge and Ms. Belzley suggested that the language "Confidential Work Product" be added to the top of the score sheet as the sheets are work products of the Council and, therefore, not public.

Ms. Preheim will compile the received application scores for the Council meeting on June 30.

#### Funding Available

Dr. Stiff and Dr. Calonge confirmed that there is up to \$2 million available for funding in 2008.

#### Items for Follow-Up

Ms. Preheim will distribute grant applications to reviewers. Ms. Preheim will compile the scores from the returned score sheets. Ms. Belzley will draft the application denial letters, which will be sent to the Co-Chairs for signature.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2008, 8:00am-5:00pm

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

*Submitted by:*

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