

**Rim Communities Resource Network Committee (RCRNC)**  
**2:00 pm ~ May 11, 2011**  
**Fire Station 91**

**Members Present:**

Aaron Scullin – Rim Family Services  
Dave Stuart – Hearts & Lives  
Chris Alonzo –Arrowhead United Way  
Diane Boone – Touch of Home  
Bruce Brighton – Volunteer  
John Elderkin – ROWUSD  
Kerry Castille – ROWUSD  
Penny Shubnell – Mountain Grants  
Amy Nelson – Children & Family Services  
Leslie Becker – Mtn. Special Needs  
Sandy Benson - DOVES

**Guests Present:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by David Stuart, Chair. The minutes from the April 13, 2011 meeting were accepted and will be posted on H&L's website.

**Mountain Grants**

Penny Shubnell reported that CIF (Community Improvement Funds) monies are now available for unincorporated areas. These funds replace the CDBG funds, which are no longer available in our community. She also reported that she has applied for funding for the nutrition program for seniors, as well as for two projects at Mary Tone. The grants would allow the removal of two modular units, which would provide additional parking, new roofs and upgrading the Multipurpose Room to ADA compliance.

Ms. Shubnell stated that she had a very positive meeting with three representatives from St. Bernardine's, who looked at the entire campus, with the hopes of opening a Rural Clinic on the premises.

Ms. Shubnell also reported that this year Jamboree Days will be all local participants, including local artists and craftsmen, with a 'back in the good old days' historic theme. She also announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium for planning the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the Bowling Alley, upstairs. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., an Economic Expo, specific to the Crestline and Lake Arrowhead economies will be held at San Moritz. The Expo is free and open to the public.

Ms. Shubnell stated that anyone interested in being a recipient of the Crestline Chamber of Commerce e-blasts, regarding crucial or valuable information to the general public, should supply her with your email address to be included on the list.

### **Rim of the World Unified School District**

John Elderkin, Director of Special Services, introduced Kerry Castille, a new employee hired to work with the Homeless and assist with Attendance. Mr. Elderkin reported that approximately \$5,000 is lost per student who is absent, resulting in the loss of about \$1M last year. Penny Shubnell suggested that Ms. Castille contact Kathy Creighton for possible pertinent information regarding students at risk of homelessness. Ms. Creighton has formed a pilot food program with the principal of LGCE, which not only provides food but also teaches the students how to manage a food giveaway.

### **Children & Family Services**

Amy Nelson reported that 'Family to Family' is a national program setting all states to a certain standard. Ms. Nelson announced that on May 24<sup>th</sup> a fundraiser luncheon will be held at the Elks Lodge, San Bernardino, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with a sit-down lunch, speakers and raffles.

### **Mountain Special Needs**

Leslie Becker reported that May is 'Depression Awareness Month' and together with the IE Perinatal Mental Health Collaborative they are holding the "Speak Up When You Are Down" Stroll-a-thon on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Plaza. Please visit [www.embracingfamilies.blogspot.com](http://www.embracingfamilies.blogspot.com) for additional information.

Ms. Becker also reported she is in need of a meeting room to hold her free support group. Penny Shubnell suggested she contact Leisure Shores in Crestline.

### **DOVES**

Sandy Benson, Director of Outreach Services, reported that they have moved into Mary Tone and will be holding an Open House on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone to come out and meet the staff and tour their new outreach office.

### **Touch of Home**

Diane Boone requested that they have a booth at H&L's Health & Safety Fair on June 18<sup>th</sup>, where the kids could write letters to the service men and women deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ms. Boone reported that they are reconnecting in the Big Bear area and will be there for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and in Crestline to participate in the Community Picnic.

### **Volunteer**

Bruce Brighton reported that on the second Saturday of each month, St. Richard's Episcopal Church holds a free Community Breakfast and on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 'Holy Spumoni' a free Italian dinner will be served. Both are open to everyone.

### **Arrowhead United Way**

Chris Alonzo reported that the second location for the Born Learning Trail will be the playground/skate park area next to the Boys & Girls Club and is anticipating that the

washed out area leading to the Library will also be repaired. The Born Learning program is based on the idea of the importance of early learning and parental involvement. Mr. Alonzo stated they want to involve the skaters, so they will have more pride of ownership and an interest in looking after the area. He reported that the photographs taken at the Glen Helen Trail have been posted on the United Way facebook page and he invited everyone to take a look.

### **Rim Family Services**

Aaron Scullin reported that they offer drug testing to employers and counseling to the workplace. The 'Strengthening Families' courses, which teaches family roots and encourages communication within the family, will be available in Spanish as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Scullin also reported that they now have a new facebook page.

### **Hearts & Lives**

David Stuart stated that Lutheran Social Services has expressed interest in the Mary Tone facility in their quest to expand to the west side of the mountain. WIC has sent out an RFP to allow assistance to outlying areas to be more accessible.

He also made the following announcements:

H&L's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Safety Fair, on June 18<sup>th</sup>, will have more emphasis on health issues, including dental, vision and blood pressure screenings.

The trailer has been purchased for Lake Arrowhead, GVL and Running Springs Area CERTs and will be maintained and stored at Rim Lumber. When completed, it will be fully stocked with medical/emergency supplies.

The storage containers have all been removed and replaced and emergency radios have been provided at all school sites. The medical/emergency supplies will all be restocked at each location.

H&L will relocate to Mary Tone, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, and look forward enthusiastically to the possibilities this facility will offer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Joy Drury

