

**Rim Communities Resource Network Committee (RCRNC)**  
**2:00 pm ~ June 8, 2011**  
**Fire Station 91**

**Members Present:**

Chris Alonzo –Arrowhead United Way  
Leslie Becker – Mtn. Special Needs  
Sandy Benson - DOVES  
Diane Boone – Touch of Home  
Kerry Castille – ROWUSD  
Jane Edmondson – Mtn. Special Needs  
Sarah Gallegos - DOVES  
Marsha Golden – Touch of Home/Blue Star Moms  
Carol, Kinzel – Rec & Park District Foundation  
Amy Nelson – Children & Family Services  
Beverly Rios – Hearts & Lives  
Penny Shubnell – Mountain Grants  
David Stuart – Hearts & Lives  
Steve Tilden – Mtn. Boys & Girls Club  
April Wing – ARC Inland Empire

**Guests Present:**

The RCRN Board meeting commenced at 2:02 pm. David Stuart initiated a round table introduction with all members stating name and agency representation. Each member informed the group of current events and items of interest regarding the Community Calendar.

**Penny Shubnell – Mountain Grants**

- County grant funding is being reduced dramatically.
- Previously funded programs in the San Bernardino County Unincorporated areas may no longer be available. Programs such as the Senior Nutrition Meal Program and Community Improvement funding programs may no longer be available for the next fiscal year.
- Issues regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts may cause problems, which could greatly affect the Crestline area.
- Jamboree Days/July 4 weekend theme is “Back to the Good Old Days”, consisting of major events throughout the Crestline area. The family activities and games will be held in the businesses rather than the ‘street fair’ of recent years. Products & services will all be by local businesses and artisans rather than down the mountain vendors.
- Dr. Julie Monroe will be the Grand Marshall for the parade. Fireworks will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in Crestline; July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lake Arrowhead and July 4<sup>th</sup> in Big Bear Lake.

### **Steve Tilden – Mountain Boys & Girls Club (Crestline)**

- School is out June 16, 2011. Immediately after that the Summer Programs will start from 6:30am – 6:30 pm for \$10/day or \$40/week. Students will need to bring a sack lunch for each day. Lots of activities and special guests.
- Boys & Girls Club will not be going to Mary Tone, but funding will not allow for two facilities within the Crestline area. They hope to expand their program to VOE, but not for at least another year.
- State Funds currently allows for program assisting students in the 3, 4, 5 grades. Possible expansion next year might be to assist students in grades K – 5.

### **Carol Kinzel – Parks & Rec District Foundation & Historical Foundation**

- Parks & Rec is currently seeking funding to complete a three-phase project to bring parks back to our mountain. The first phase will be directed to a park geared to the needs & activities of young families with young children. The remaining two phases will include venues related to families and older children such as a skate park, ball fields, and other activities.
- On 6-11-2011, at 2pm, there will be a planning meeting to obtain community input as to ideas for construction, specifics as to programs & needs, and give ideas to improve the Park & Rec programs.
- The morning of 6-11-2011 (prior to the Parks & Rec 2pm meeting), Rotary will have its dedication of the Rotary Park in Twin Peaks.
- During June & July 2011, commencing 6-11-2011, the Historical Society will have programs geared to local history, aspects of nature, development of nature, etc. These programs will be limited to between 10 – 20 children ranging in ages from five – eight years old (K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades). If the response is overwhelming, they may open these sessions for a larger number of children. Parents will need to remain on site during the one hour program (10:30 – 11:30 am) along with their child/ren.

### **Sandy Schaublin – San Bernardino Sexual Assault Program**

- There are six sights assisting clients referred for domestic violence issues.
- Currently there is a part-time position available for a bi-lingual individual in the San Bernardino office. Those interested will need to contact Sandy directly.

### **Leslie Becker & Jane Edmondson – Mountain Special Needs**

- After school is out, Mountain Special Needs will host three workshops commencing at 5:30pm @ the Park District on 6-16-2011 (regular parent meeting is on 6-23-2011), June 30, 2011 and July 7, 2011.
- Mountain Special Needs is also contracted for the additional 2011 – 2012 year for First 5 funding.

### **April Wing – ARC Inland Empire**

- ARC will be conducting FREE Adult CPR classes at Thousand Pines Camp (Crestline) on 6-26-2011 at 9am in conjunction with the Crest Forest CERT Team training. Certification for this class will be good for two years.
- ARC has given bags of small toiletry items which will be divided between Hearts & Lives and ROWUSD Homeless Student Program. Additional supplies can be donated if the need arises. These include emergency hygiene items such as tooth paste, tooth brushes and combs.

### **Marsha Golden – Mtn. Blue Star Moms**

- Chapter has been in existence since January 2010 and consists of approximately thirty mothers. They received a grant from Lake Arrowhead Rotary and the dedication will be held on Patriot's Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Meetings on the first Monday of each month at TOTO's Mexican Food in Running Springs.
- Making large banners to honor our active service men/women and these banners will hang in the geographical locations where the family resides all over the mountain.

### **Diane Boone – Touch of Home**

- They will be taking a packing vacation until July 12<sup>th</sup>, when they should receive more supplies.
- They will be in Big Bear Lake on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, then in Crestline on July 4<sup>th</sup> to attend the Family Picnic

### **Sandy Benson & Sarah Gallegos – DOVES**

- Doves will be holding their Open House at Mary Tone School on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
- Sarah is working as peer counselor – networking within the schools and providing information on healthy and unhealthy relationships. In the elementary schools the programs are geared towards anti-bullying measures.

- DOVES' has a grant for transitional housing. This will pay for three months rental assistance and then under certain specific circumstances requests can be made for up to an additional three months. This program is to assist in removing families from hostile/violent homes or homes with substantial hostile issues.

### **Chris Alonzo – Arrowhead United Way**

- Born Learning Training Program is being offered again for the 2011-2012
- Boys & Girls Club walkway to be dedicated between Boys & Girls Club & Skate Park on 6/16/2011 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- AUW has partnered with UPS and Fedex on a school supply drive called 'Stuff The Truck' for targeted schools in need of help. Beverly Rios inquired as to whether the children on the mountain could also be assisted with this program.

### **Carrie Castillo – ROWUSD**

- Discussion as to the programs the school district is offering to assist those at-risk families and students residing within our school district.
- Carrie is networking with Hearts & Lives to assist these students as best as possible and making the family/individual aware of local resources.
- ARC will make available additional hygiene bags for those homeless/at-risk students to improve their hygiene plight.

### **Amy Nelson & Cynthia (local representative) - Children and Family Services**

- A main issue in serving mountain families is a lack of local foster homes. This can affect the ability to have children remain in a comfortable setting rather than having to relocate them down the mountain. This not only affects the child but the family as well. Additionally, transportation can be so costly.
- Transportation of the families along with the clients to appointments as well as counseling appointments is also an on-going problem.
- Arrowhead Foster Family Agency is the main agency CFS uses as referral agency for mountain children.

### **David Stuart – Executive Director Hearts & Lives**

- Mary Tone Work Day to be held July 9, 2011 from 8:00am to 1:00 pm (possibly longer). Anyone interested in helping improve the facility to allow for more occupancy will be appreciated. Contact Jim Manson at 337-0620 for further information.

- Hearts & Lives has been informed that the First 5 funding will be granted for the calendar year 2011 – 2012. For any further grant funding after June 30, 2012, the agency will need to reapply if funding is still available.
- Initial strategic planning was to take the Hearts & Lives concept to other areas and establish office in other communities. Due to current economic status, this concept was unattainable at this time. Therefore, the Beaumont office has been closed. It will be run as a faith-based agency without being associated with Hearts & Lives.
- Hearts & Lives will not be moving to Mary Tone Resource Center on July 1, 2011 as originally contemplated. Move will occur, but probably not until sometime after August 1, 2011 or August 15, 2011.
- Hearts & Lives has been in negotiations with the WIC program to propose a satellite office in the mountains. The WIC representative would work out of the Hearts & Lives office two days per week. The case worker along with the nutritionist will come from San Bernardino to see clients in the mountains and apply for WIC benefits. WIC meeting will be held on 6-15-2011 to decide if this proposal will be granted.
- Health & Safety Fair will be held on Saturday June 18, 2011 at Rim High School from 10am to 2pm. Participants will be able to set up starting around 9am. Participating members will include Hearts & Lives, First Responders, both Crest Forest CERT and the Mountain CERT teams, TZU CHI, MCH, ARC, Boys & Girls Club, Touch of Home, etc.
- Hearts & Lives is awaiting the EFSP funding to possibly help the mountain community residents with rental assistance, food and utilities. Grant was submitted in September 2010 for grant period November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2011, but to date, no funds have been allocated within San Bernardino County.
- Sandy Benson advised Bev Rios that there may be additional funds from CAP to assist with food and associated items. Additionally, DOVES has information regarding an available S. B. County Program to assist with rent (Rapid Rehousing). Hearts & Lives will be given all information regarding these two resources to possibly assist our mountain families.

Adjournment: approximately 3:30pm

Minutes prepared by Beverly Rios

