

Rim Communities Resource Network Committee (RCRNC)
2:00 pm ~ July 13, 2011
Fire Station 91

Members Present:

Diane Boone – Touch of Home
Carol, Kinzel – Rec & Park District Foundation
Bob Kinzel – Volunteer
Amy Nelson – Children & Family Services
Jill Neumen – Arrowhead Foster Family Agency
Beverly Rios – Hearts & Lives
Penny Shubnell – Mountain Grants
David Stuart – Hearts & Lives
Shirley Wade – DOVES
April Wing – ARC Inland Empire

Guests Present:

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by David Stuart, Chair.

Arrowhead Foster Family Agency

Jill Neumen reported that there are two ways to become a licensed foster family, registered by the state: through the county or through a private agency, such as theirs. Being licensed through a private agency provides a county social worker, who visits once a month, as well as an agency social worker, who visits four times a month. Their social workers all live on the mountain and are available to the children and the families 24/7. Ms. Neumen stated that their service area is from Crestline to Big Bear, as well as the high desert. They have fifty children in placement right now, with thirteen mountain homes certified and eight high desert homes.

ARC Inland Empire

April Wing reported that she has scheduled an event called Citizen Seminars on Saturday, July 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. providing information sessions with local agencies starting hourly, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The tentative location is Rim of the World High School, however, that won't be confirmed until next week. For additional information and to register on-line at www.ie-redcross.org or call (909) 888-1481 ext 244.

Ms. Wing also reported that the Hazard Abatement funds will be available until November 30th and they have a co-operative agreement with Forest Care. Their grant will pay 100% of the cost to Forest Care for anyone qualifying and the 75% rebate will be reimbursed to the grant.

Touch of Home/Blue Star Mom's

Diane Boone reported that they have applied for a federal grant. They are in need of supplies for the packages to the troops.

Ms. Boone reported that the Blue Star Mom's will be dedicating the 'Home Town Banners' program with a display on September 11th at 2:00 p.m. at the Center Stage, Lake Arrowhead Village. Noon Rotary will be matching funds, so no military family will pay and Edison is donating the poles where the banners will be mounted. There are about forty banners at this time and they will be mounted in the neighborhoods where the families live.

DOVES

Shirley Wade reported their hours at the Mary Tone Community Center are 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and they are holding self-esteem, parenting and healing from trauma classes in their office.

Rim Recreation Foundation

Carol Kinzel reported that on August 13th Rim Recreation Foundation in conjunction with Rim Recreation and Park District will be holding their 3rd Annual Run/Walk Through the Pines. Money from the 'Run' will benefit the District and money from the 'Walk' will go to the Foundation for the parks and playground improvements.

Also on August 13th, following the Run/Walk from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rim Recreation and Park District will be holding a Community Health and Safety Fair at the Lake Gregory Ball Field, Crestline. Any vendors in the health and safety field are welcome to put up a booth at no cost. For additional information please contact Astrid Nolen at 337-7275, ext. 22 or email nolen@rim-rec.org

Ms. Kinzel also reported that the Tour de Lake Arrowhead bicycle competition will be held on Saturday, August 27th from Lake Arrowhead Village. This competition is comprised of a 10 mile, a 27 mile and a 41 mile tour. For additional information visit the website at www.tourdearrowhead.com

The Rim of the World Historical Society has three more Saturday programs through the end of July. Visit their website for additional information at www.rimoftheworldhistory.com

She also reported that the Dragon Boat Race has been rescheduled till Saturday, August 20th.

Mountain Grants/Crest Forest Seniors

Penny Shubnell reported that she has not received an answer yet regarding her application for CIF funding for the senior lunch program. The previous CBDG funds covered those 55+, however the Department of Adult and Aging covers 60+ only. If funding is not received the program will cease by September, which will be a real blow to the community. CIF (Community Improvement Fund) is for rural areas.

Ms. Shubnell also reported that Janice Rutherford is trying to change the process to attain discretionary funding, which will make the Supervisors accountable – the funding is not going away, the process is just changing.

Children & Family Services

Amy Nelson announced that she will be taking early retirement as of July 31st and moving to the Prescott, Arizona area. She expressed her regrets that she would no longer be able to participate in the RCRN. Ms. Nelson reported that CFS is short staffed, so she is not sure how soon a replacement will be named but her manager, Joyce Jones can be contacted at jjones@hss.sbcounty.gov

Hearts & Lives

David Stuart reported that Heather Sanchez will no longer be running Mtn. Kids Christmas, because in spite of all the efforts to avoid duplication, there are too many organizations that choose to go their own way. H&L will continue to provide for seniors and the shut-ins at the hospital.

Mr. Stuart also reported that Beverly Rios, who has been with H&L since its inception following the 2003 Old Fire, will be leaving to join Lutheran Social Services, where she will be working with foster families. She will be greatly missed and no words can express our gratitude for all she has done for H&L and the community. Julie Burnette, who left H&L a year ago to join First 5, will be rejoining our staff.

A volunteer clean-up day has been called for Saturday, July 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mary Tone Community Center.

EFSP has still not released the funding distribution for San Bernardino County as yet. We expect to hear any day.

WIC has announced that they will be coming to the mountain. They will work out of H&L's office, providing services to mountain residents to avoid their having to go down the hill. Bev Rios reported that 95% of First 5 clients are unable to travel down to San Bernardino and cannot benefit from WIC's services. She also reported that First 5 contacts are up by approximately two hundred from the estimated count, based on historical data.

Adjournment: approximately 3:05pm

Minutes prepared by Joy Drury

