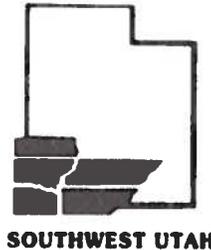


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## **\*\* M E M O R A N D U M \*\***

**TO: ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FROM: COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON, CHAIR**

**DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2011**

**SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 12, 2011**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011, AT THE **CEDAR CITY HERITAGE CENTER, ROOMS 3&4, LOCATED AT 105 NORTH 100 EAST, CEDAR CITY, UTAH. (PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE)**

THE ATTACHED MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED TO ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING FOR OUR MEETING. PLEASE REVIEW ALL MATERIALS AND ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO THE AOG STAFF, C/O KENNETH L. SIZEMORE. THIS WOULD ALLOW STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PRIOR TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN CEDAR ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011.

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ATTACHMENTS

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## **\*\* A G E N D A \*\***

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2011  
CEDAR CITY HERITAGE CENTER  
ROOMS 3 & 4  
105 NORTH 100 EAST  
CEDAR CITY, UT - 1:00 P.M.**

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- I. MINUTES SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 - REVIEW AND APPROVE**
- II. ANNUAL REPORT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**
- III. NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**
- IV. COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION OFFICER FUNDING DISCUSSION**
- V. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**
- VI. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UPDATE**
- VII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE**
- VIII. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE**
- IX. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE**
- X. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**
- XI. LOCAL AFFAIRS**
  - A. CORRESPONDENCE**
  - B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**
  - C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPLICATIONS**
  - D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE**
  - E. OTHER BUSINESS**
- XII. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify KENNETH SIZEMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, at 1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, Utah, (435) 673-3548 at least three working days prior to the meeting.

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# MINUTES

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

September 28, 2011

Beaver, Utah

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Chair  
Craig Wright for Mayor Mark Yardley  
Carolyn White  
Commissioner Clare Ramsay  
Mayor Jerry Taylor  
Ken Platt  
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff  
Mayor Connie Robinson  
Commissioner Douglas Heaton  
LuAnne Forrest  
Dorian Page

### REPRESENTING

Beaver County Commissioner Representative  
Beaver County Mayor Representative  
Beaver County Schools Representative  
Garfield County Commissioner Representative  
Garfield County Mayor Representative  
Garfield County Schools Representative  
Iron County Commissioner Representative  
Iron County Mayor Representative  
Kane County Commissioner Representative  
Washington Co. Schools Representative  
Southern Utah University

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Evan Vickers  
Ellen Schunk  
Mike Empey  
John Bennett  
Nathan Lee  
Bette Arial  
Brian Cottam  
Melissa Veater  
Ken Sizemore  
Sherri Dial  
Carrie Schonlaw  
Diane Lamoreaux

Utah State House of Representatives  
Senator Lee's Office  
Congressman Matheson's Office  
Governor's Office of Planning and Budget  
Utah Department of Transportation  
Sutherland Institute  
Southern Utah University  
Southwest Prevention - Garfield County  
Five County Association of Governments  
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### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Adams, Excused  
Mayor Nina Laycook, Excused  
Wendy Allan  
Commissioner Denny Drake, Excused  
Mayor Tom Hirschi  
Frank Lojko

Iron County Schools Representative  
Kane County Mayor Representative  
Kane County Schools Representative  
Washington Co. Commissioner Representative  
Washington Co. Mayor Representative  
Dixie State College of Utah

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. Those asking to be excused include Mayor Nina Laycook, Kane County Mayor Representative; and Commissioner Denny Drake, Washington County Commissioner Representative. He acknowledged that Representative Evan Vickers has indicated that he would be attending the meeting and time would be allocated for a brief legislative update. He also welcomed Bette Arial from the Sutherland Institute.

Because a quorum of members was not yet present, the Chair proceeded to Agenda Item #VI. Southern Utah University Regional Services Update.

## VI. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Dorian Page explained that since the departure of specific Regional Services staff some changes have been made by President Benson, appointing him to serve as Vice President for Government Relations and Regional Services. The new duties will include assuming the role of legislative liaison. Even though he has been appointed as the official representative for the University, Brian Cottam will continue to attend Steering Committee meetings to provide updates.

Brian Cottam provided copies of a number of press releases including: **1) President Benson's welcome back to faculty and staff--** The release outlines accomplishments such as completion of the new science center that opened for classes this fall, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Utah Shakespearean Festival, a theatrical production which debuted in China, etc.; **2) Establishment of new academic programs to enhance undergrad opportunities--** This includes a range management emphasis that will allow students to be competitive in applying for federal positions; **3) SUU's new directives charting an impressive course--** Establishment of a new mission statement that better reflects priorities moving forward; **4) SUU standing out as one of the 121 "Best in the West" schools as per the Princeton Review--** This is a great accomplishment that has been received by the University time after time; and **5) The Universities kick off of an unprecedented fundraising campaign--** Publicly launched \$100 million fundraising campaign. It was announced that the University has already raised \$60 million toward its ultimate objective.

Mr. Cottam also provided a brief update in terms of specific projects undertaken by Regional Services. The SUU ranch, under the direction of the Regional Services office, is in the process of executing a contract for the first timber sale on one of their demonstration projects. These are small plots of land but this is a major accomplishment. The Business Resource Center, under the direction of Craig Isom, has been working to survey all businesses in Beaver County through the BEAR program. In addition, Beaver County has also contracted with Regional Services to update their county website. Of most importance, SUU defeated (crushed) UNLV.

Chairman Johnson noted that a quorum was present for the conduct of business and returned to regular agenda items.

### I. MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2011 - REVIEW & APPROVE

Chairman Johnson presented minutes of the August 10, 2011 meeting for Board consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

### II. FY 2011 FISCAL REPORT

Mr. Ken Sizemore referenced information contained on pages 9-37 of the packet and provided a brief explanation of each of the approximate 30 individual cost centers.

Information provided contains a financial cash basis snapshot of accounts as of June 30, 2011. An explanation was provided in terms of revenues, expenditures, activities, funding sources and staffing for each cost center. Commissioner Brinkerhoff provided the percentage of fringe to salary for each account reviewed and noted that this needs to be a discussion item. He also pointed out that Garfield County could save administrative fees paid to Five County if they were to assume oversight of their Circuit Rider Planner.

Committee members mentioned some problems with the Weatherization program in terms of inspections and services being provided to homes in dilapidated condition that may have been demolished shortly after receiving weatherization improvements. It appears that there are some inconsistencies and/or problems with this program that need to be addressed. It was also noted that weatherization inventory is held by the Association of Governments and monthly reports are provided to the state of Utah who oversees the program. Because stimulus funding ends in March, the weatherization program will be funded at a significantly lower funding level moving forward.

Mr. Sizemore explained that funding included in the Volunteer Center budget for recognition is utilized to fund banquets to recognize volunteers in each county, with the exception of Kane County. Mr. Sizemore reported that a new Volunteer Center coordinator, Amy Brinkerhoff, has been hired for the Iron County Volunteer Center. It was also noted that funds are anticipated from the nonprofit organization Friends of the Volunteer Center of Washington County to cover account deficits for the Washington County Volunteer Center and Foster Grandparent programs. Project income for the Washington County Volunteer Center comes from fees collected for court ordered community service in Washington County.

Child Care Resource and Referral activities are provided for an 11 county region. The staff position in Richfield is currently vacant.

Mayor Connie Robinson mentioned that the HEAT program has a 6-8 week wait for applicants to get qualified for services. Mr. Sizemore explained that the program has switched to a new tracking system that is anticipated to address this problem. When the program begins each November, there is typically a large volume of applications coming in initially which creates some lag in payment to utility companies. Most utility companies accept approval letters and wait for the payment to be made directly from the state of Utah. In addition to the regular HEAT assistance, there is a crisis fund allocation that is utilized to address client needs out of the regular season.

The Senior Companion Program allows income eligible senior citizens to provide companion services to other elderly individuals. Volunteers receive a small stipend and reimbursement for travel. The negative fund balance for this cost center will be covered with anticipated funds from the Daniels Fund.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY TO ACCEPT THE FY 2011 FISCAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOUG HEATON AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Mr. Sizemore reported that the audit report will be presented during the November Steering Committee meeting. He also noted that a Request for Proposals for audit services was advertised and the only response received was from Hafen, Buckner, Everett and Graff.

Chairman Johnson recognized Representative Evan Vickers and asked that he take some time to provide a short legislative update to the Board.

Representative Vickers explained that the legislature is close to completion of the redistricting process. He reviewed districts for current representatives and boundary changes involved. The Senate redistricting provides two senate seats for Washington, Iron and portions of Beaver County as well as Senator Ralph Okerlund picking up Sevier, Garfield and Kane counties. On the state House of Representatives side there will be six seats representing the Five County area, three of which will be in Washington County. The driving process has been getting district population number differences down to zero. He reported that there will be 15 State School Board districts which will include some changes in the seat currently held by Debra Roberts and an additional seat to represent Iron and Washington counties. Congressional redistricting maps have been readily available. The final proposed map contains four congressional districts and all of Southern Utah is included with Salt Lake City. He suggested that members review redistricting maps on the web at: [www.redistrictutah.com](http://www.redistrictutah.com)

### **III. ANNUAL REPORT - HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Mr. Ken Sizemore explained that the Annual Report will be presented using a different format as per the Board's request to evaluate program funding sources, funding amounts, program benefits and the potential effect if program funding is discontinued. This month the report will cover Human Services Programs administered by the AOG. Carrie Schonlaw and Sherri Dial are present to present information regarding their specific programs. Susan Long, HEAT Program Supervisor, is unable to attend today due to complications resulting from her husband's recent heart surgery. He reviewed the organizational chart contained on page 24 of the report. AOG programs include eleven areas of concentration, there are 66 total staff which includes 47 with benefits, seven part time, five contract employees and seven seasonal. There are almost as many employees based in Iron County as there are in Washington County. HEAT intake workers are present in all five counties, one employee for Child Care Resource and Referral is located in Richfield and Justin Fisher is the Garfield County Circuit Rider Planner located in Panguitch. The Association of Governments also utilizes AmeriCorps and the Easter Seals program for staffing.

Page 25 of the report captures financial information for the previous two fiscal years. The major accomplishment highlighted over the past year include: 1) County contributions remained stable at \$15,000 per county; 2) Six Revolving Loan Fund deals totaling more than \$760,000; 3) All sequestered RLF funds were lent and the account was closed; and 4) Reductions in fund balances reflect the completion of ARRA initiatives. He complimented Darren Janes for his diligence and efforts expended in the RLF program. Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff requested follow-up information outlining each staff person's salary and fringe benefits.

Mr. Sizemore referenced page one of the report depicting a history of the organization since 1956 to present to work cooperatively in accomplishing activities that have benefitted thousands of residents and visitors.

Specific programs for the Human Services division were reviewed as follows: 1) **Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT)**-- Program that provides utility payment assistance to low-income households beginning each year in November and running through April each year, with the exception of Washington County which has a year-round program. Loss of

funding for this program would increase demand on other programs; increase health issues for elderly, disabled and low income; and decrease the ability of low income clients to cope with rising utility costs; **2) Aging Services, Supportive Services and Health Promotion--** Provides services to all five counties which include transportation, chore service, information & referral, outreach, health promotion, etc. Without this funding, senior citizen centers would lack adequate funding to keep programs operational and seniors would be left without many services; **3) Aging Services, Nutrition (Senior Citizen Meals)--** This program is funded through the Older Americans Act for congregate and home delivered meals. Discontinued funding of this program would result in many seniors having to go without hot nutritious meals and ultimately higher risk for medical complications, hospitalization and long-term care placement. Congregate meal sites provide opportunities for socialization, prevent isolation and reduce the risk for depression; **4) Aging Services, Caregiver Support--** Another program funded through the Older Americans Act that provides access and assistance, counseling, support groups, training, respite care and supplemental services to clients. Without this program many families and other informal caregivers would be unable to provide adequate care for loved ones. This would result in more costly forms of long-term care; **5) Aging Services, Long Term Care Ombudsman--** This program provides service to residents 60+ residing in long-term care facilities throughout the Five County area. Without these funds, residents of long-term care facilities would not have advocates helping to protect their rights and assure higher quality of care; **6) Aging Services - Chronic Disease Self Management--** Program funding is provided through the Utah Department of Health with funds received from the U.S. Administration on Aging and Centers for Disease Control. Trainers provide individuals with chronic conditions help in learning how to manage conditions associated with their disease. Discontinued funding will lead to more costly medical intervention such as doctor visits and hospitalizations; **7) In-Home Aging Services, Aging Waiver Medicaid--** This program enables eligible individuals to remain at home or in a community setting as an alternative to nursing home placement. Reimbursement for services is paid directly to providers by Medicaid. Discontinued funding for this program would result in more costly forms of in-home and community based care which would increase costs to Medicaid and Medicare; **8) In-Home Aging Services, New Choices Waiver--** This program also enables eligible individuals to remain at home or in a community setting as an alternative to nursing home placement. If funding were not continued, it would result in increased costs to Medicaid and Medicare through more nursing home placements; **9) In Home Aging Services, Alternatives Program--** Funding is provided by the Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services. Discontinued funding for this program would impact frail, low-income seniors and disabled adults ability to have access to needed services and supports; **10) Community Action Partnership, Healthy Happy U--** Community Services Block Grant (CDBG) funds are funneled through the Utah Department of Community and Culture to provide services through various non-profit agencies around the Five County Region. The Human Services Council evaluates and recommends funding to various service providers. Sherri Dial explained that funding provided through the CSBG program is used to mitigate the circumstances of poverty and to provide support for individuals to become more self-sufficient. Ending poverty for these individuals ultimately provides less strain on community resources. A handout was provided to Board members outlining more specific information about programs administered through the Five County Community Action Partnership. This particular program provides support for a youth skills-building after school program for elementary age children. Training is provided to parents to better coordinate with the school and other service providers in the community. Discontinued funding for this program would result in low-income children being at risk because of the

lack of supports; **11) Community Action Partnership, Millcreek High School Child Care-** This program also receives funding from CSBG and complements curriculum offered at Millcreek High School. The nursery allows babies and children to be cared for out of classrooms, creating a better atmosphere with less interference and distractions. Discontinued funding will make it less likely that a parent will be able to attend classes and impairs their ability of becoming more self-sufficient; **12) Community Action Partnership, Utah Center for Rural Life--** This program provides rural health care support outreach to rural areas with a mobile medical and dental clinic. If the funding for this program is discontinued, isolated families will lose access to basic medical and dental services; **13) Community Action Partnership, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)--** VITA is an IRS program which utilizes trained volunteers. Southern Utah University and Dixie State College provide much of the support for this program. There were 2,500 tax returns filed last year which brought in \$3.3 million dollars in tax returns. Low-income families would be less likely to complete their tax returns without this program; **14) Community Action Partnership, Adult Education Support--** The Southwest High School and Iron County Adult education provide educational opportunities and support to adults in Washington and Iron counties. Loss of funding for this program would result in fewer support services for adults seeking continuing education opportunities; **15) Community Action Partnership, Emergency Food and Shelter--** Funding is provided through various federal and state programs. Food boxes and emergency shelter assisted low-income and homeless individuals and families throughout the Five County region. Decreased funding in this program would increase food insecurity and decrease the opportunities for homeless individuals; **16) Community Action Partnership, Rental Assistance--** This program provides one month of rental assistance to prevent homelessness. It also provides support services by telephone. Discontinued funding would result in more homeless families; **17) Community Action Partnership, Support Services Case Management--** Federal and state funds are allocated to subcontractors and Five County staff to develop client assessments that increase self-sufficiency and facilitate access to community resources. If funding is discontinued, it would eliminate coordination between agencies, programs and families. This in turn would decrease the opportunity for self-sufficiency for families; **18) Community Action Program, Transportation--** Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) dollars are utilized to provide transportation for senior citizens, low-income individuals and people with disabilities to access communities and services which allow them to be more self-sufficient. Elimination of funding would result in more people needing to be institutionalized because they are not able to access needed services; **19) Community Action Partnership, Point-in-Time Homeless Count--** This effort is funded through the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund and provides communities with needed information to address local homeless issues. Sherri Dial reported that chronic homelessness decreased by 50% on the Wasatch Front, but increased 80% in Southern Utah. Without these funds, funding to assist homeless individuals would end. This would ultimately increase the number of homeless people; **20) Community Action Partnership, Community Involvement--** This program is also funded through the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund. Various workshops were provided to assist local agencies in coordination of services and utilization of programs. Discontinued funding would result in less coordination and training. It would also make it more difficult to assist people moving toward self-sufficiency; **21) Community Action Partnership, Local Homeless Coordinating Committee--** This effort is funded through the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund. The Local Homeless Coordinating Council is a five county committee chaired by Benjamin Nickle, St. George City Councilman. The program assists in the identification

of need and in planning for provision of community services to mitigate the effects of homelessness. The CSBG contract requires that Five County staff participate in and support the committee; and **22) Community Action Partnership, Public Forums**– These forums are held in the spring each year to assist in prioritizing where and how CSBG funds are utilized. This is a requirement to receive CSBG funding.

Mr. Sizemore indicated that the Community Development Division information will be presented during the October Steering Committee meeting. Commissioner Chad Johnson and Commissioner Doug Heaton complimented staff on the report format, noting that it presents information very well.

#### **IV. COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff requested this agenda item on behalf of Garfield and Kane counties who are losing drug prevention services provided through the Southwest Utah Behavioral Health Center. Melissa Veater, drug prevention coordinator in Garfield County, provided a brief presentation outlining efforts of the Garfield County coalition. She reported that funding cutbacks have occurred over the past few years cutting the position to part-time and the latest reductions have resulted in elimination of the part-time position. There are some funds available from the state of Utah that would provide \$10,000 in funding, but these funds require local matching dollars. She reported that SHARPS and READINESS surveys have been administered in local schools in grades 6 through 12. Results of these surveys clearly indicated that drug prevention services need to be in place. The coalition has focused on educational presentations for youth, adults and parents. They have also published monthly newspaper articles to create awareness of various problems in their communities. Information has been distributed utilizing various forms of media at schools, booths, and through their website. Local elected officials acknowledge that there is a problem and are encouraging assistance to obtain funding to support the efforts of the coalition. Commissioner Chad Johnson explained that he would be interested to learn how other counties are approaching these issues and if funding is contributed from counties to support this program. Board members asked that Mr. Sizemore research funding and learn how other counties are participating. Further information to be presented during the October Steering Committee meeting.

#### **V. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES (DWS) UPDATE**

No representative in attendance.

#### **VI. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE**

Update provided at the beginning of meeting prior to quorum arriving.

#### **VII. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE**

No representative in attendance.

#### **VIII. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

Mr. Nathan Lee, UDOT Region 4, departed meeting prior to this agenda item.

**IX. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Ellen Schunk, Senator Lee's Office, reported that the Senator and staff are diligently working on the prairie dog issues and are hoping for some action through legislation that is in the process of introduction in the House and Senate. A continuing resolution has been passed by the Senate for a one week extension of funding. The Senator will continue to work on curbing spending and growth of the federal government. Town hall meetings recently held in Cedar, Beaver and St. George went very well. An open house was also held at their new St. George office location which was very successful. Mayor Connie Robinson expressed her appreciation to the Senator and staff for assistance in seeking a solution to prairie dog issues.

Mr. Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, reported that Congressman Matheson is very pleased to be working closely with Utah's Senators to resolve prairie dog issues at the Paragonah Cemetery and the Parowan Airport. It is important to resolve these two issues before moving on to other broader issues that exist for private property owners and the Cedar City golf course. He reported that Secretary Salazar is in Moab today to make some type of announcement. The House is not in session, but it is anticipated that some type of one week extension will be passed. It is anticipated that a continuing resolution will continue funding to November.

**X. LOCAL AFFAIRS**

**A. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

None.

**C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Sizemore reported that no applications are available for review. He referenced information on pages 38-39 of the packet containing information regarding tutorial workshops for the Permanent Community Impact Board. Those jurisdictions planning to apply for CIB funds are encouraged to attend this workshop.

**D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

None.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**X. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

Commissioner Johnson referenced three A-95 reviews contained in the packet for Board consideration. He noted that staff recommendation for all reviews is supportive and entertained a motion to accept the A-95 reviews.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY MS. LUANNE FORREST, TO APPROVE A-95 REVIEWS AS PER SUPPORTIVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011 in Parowan. The meeting location may change but prior notification will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

## **AGENDA ITEM III**

### **NATURAL RESOURCE S COMMITTEE**

The Bylaws of the Five County Association of Governments approved in 1973 calls for the creation of a series of Standing Committees to serve as specialized planning, reviewing, advisory, and policy bodies for the Steering Committee. One of the original Standing Committees was the Natural Resources Committee. The Natural Resources Committee was heavily involved in the creation of the Color County Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council. Over the decades, staff at the Association of Governments has asked for advice from either a formal Natural Resources Committee, or from the RC&D Council.

In 2003, The Natural Resources Committee was re-established, and began to meet on a regular basis, mainly to deal with Dixie National Forest planning issues. The Forest Service was very interested in local perspectives regarding the Social-Economic Assessment of the Forest Plan revision. They also wanted advice regarding the formation of Topical Working Groups (TwiGs).

Other public lands planning efforts were considered by the Natural Resource Committee during ensuing years, including the Arizona Strip RMP, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Off Highway Vehicle management, and coordinated water resources planning.

After the Forest Service Plan Revision efforts were halted, interest in regular Natural Resource Committee meetings waned. The last meeting of the Natural Resource Committee was held in October 2008.

County Commissioners have recently inquired about the possibility of starting regular Natural Resource Committee meetings again. Federal land managers have also asked about the possibility of restarting such meetings. Present issues of concern include fire/smoke management, Forest Service motorized travel plan implementation, the Cedar Field Office Resource Management Plan, and other similar efforts.

Planning and management issues require more time than a Steering Committee meeting can devote. In many cases, county commissioners not serving on the Steering Committee wish to participate. Natural Resource Committee meetings allow more concentration on specific issues.

At the same time, many other groups such as the Southern Utah Planning Authorities Council (SUPAC), the Utah Prairie Dog Recovery Implementation Program (UPDRIP), the Color Country RC&D Council, and similar groups are addressing natural resource management issues in southwest Utah.

The Association of Governments staff is ready and willing to re-initiate regular Natural Resource Committee meetings if the Steering Committee feels that pressing needs requiring regional involvement require such meetings.

## **AGENDA ITEM IV**

### **COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COORDINATOR DISCUSSION**

In September, the Steering Committee discussed the loss of a Drug Prevention Coordinator position in Garfield and Kane counties. The Coordinator position is funded through the Southwest Behavioral Health Center, with no contractual or programmatic connection to the Five County Association of Governments. The Committee determined that the issue would be discussed further in October, and the staff was directed to research alternative funding resources that might be directed toward the Drug Prevention Coordinator effort.

The Southwest Behavioral Health Center is working diligently to address this concern. Potential funding sources are being explored, and applications for funds have been made. Possible shifts in staffing are also being considered. Most options will require additional local funding matches.

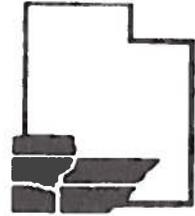
The Southwest Behavioral Health Center Board will meet on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. This issue will be discussed at length, where the issue may be resolved, and no further involvement from the Association of Governments will be required.

After reviewing the approved FY 2012 budget for the Association of Governments, staff could not identify any unobligated funding sources that could be directed toward Drug Prevention Coordination. Contractual scopes of work limit the uses of funds to specific projects and activities. Discretionary uses of funds such as Community Services Block Grants or Social Services Block Grants have already been recommended by the Human Services Council and approved by the Steering Committee, with subcontracts in place with community providers. New sources of funding could be pursued, but such efforts are the responsibility of the Southwest Behavioral Health Center. Five County AOG staff is ready to partner with the Center in such efforts.

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## **\*\* MEMORANDUM \*\***

**TO: Ken Sizemore, Executive Director**

**FROM: Elisabeth Barker, Director Child Care Resource & Referral**

**DATE: October 4, 2011**

**RE: Travel Request**

I am requesting permission to travel to Glenwood Springs, Colorado (just over the border from Utah on I-70) with 2 staff to the Colorado Child Care Resource & Referral Network Conference on October 29 -30, 2011. Daniel Hodgins a noted early childhood educator is doing a day training. We would be funded on this trip by UACCRRRA (Utah Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies). They would pay lodging, and per diem. Office of Child Care has given permission for time and travel expense (\$141.50) as well as the \$55 registration fee. Staff attending would be Elisabeth Barker, Kim Kitteridge, and possibly Carrie Sigler.

We would be using the information from this conference with the state child care provider consultation program for our 10 counties as well as sharing with the other counties in the state R&R system. We would also develop a workshop with these materials that we will present at the spring EC conference in Orem, our conference at SUU in June and the Office of Child Care provider conference next October in Salt Lake City.

Thank you.

*Elisabeth Barker*

AGENDA ITEM # XII.

STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS  
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

October 12, 2011

1. Title: SULA 1714 - SMALL COMMUNICATION TOWER TO BE  
INSTALLED WITHIN EXISTING MINING AREA

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: This is a very small site the applicant wishes to place within an active mining area, already leased for minerals, that contains the "Tony M" mine near Ticaboo. The existing mineral lessee, Denison Mines (USA) Corp, ML 49703, has requested voice and data communication coverage service to aid its mining operations in the Ticaboo area, and to connect with services available in Bullfrog and to the Beehive Communications Network. The mining company initially contacted Beehive Telephone to provide a link with the communication company's other sites to greatly improve immediate local coverage. The mining lessee has also contacted Trust Lands and requested that SITLA work with them and Beehive Telephone in allowing the site to be built. The proposed site will be within the existing mineral lease area. The small lattice tower is only about ten feet tall and can be anchored in a small area with a sandstone outcropping. It will be powered by small solar panels anchored to the lattice tower. Access to the site will be on existing roads and trails. The site is very small, only a 20 ft. x 20 ft. site. No impact is anticipated to any cultural resources, already reviewed with SITLA staff. The site shall improve communication and safety in the area.

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Comments: The Utah State School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize the erection of a small communications tower at the Tony M mine in Ticaboo. The tower will facilitate more consistent communications access in the vicinity. Regional policies support efforts to improve communications access. (Ken Sizemore)