



FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Director's Dialogue

The time has arrived to bid adieu to **Bob Rasmussen**, who is retiring after more than 32 years of devoted local public service with the Association of Governments. Bob began his career at the AOG in December 1979, when he was employed to manage the finances of the Aging program. Over the years, Bob took on a myriad of responsibilities ranging from Aging to Nutrition to HEAT and Weatherization. He also served as the Area Agency on Aging Director, and has spent the last six years performing Chief Financial Officer duties. This wide array of responsibilities gave Bob a unique perspective of how the Association of Governments benefits so many residents of southwestern Utah. Bob has also served as a local elected official, currently in his second term as Mayor of Enoch City. We will miss his extensive institutional memory and gentle, but steady leadership in making sure that a complicated financial system consistently demonstrated sound stewardship.



Bob Rasmussen



Scott Leavitt

Please join us on the afternoon of **Thursday, March 29 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Cedar City Senior Citizens Center** to celebrate with Bob. More details are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am pleased to report that **Scott Leavitt** has been selected to take the Chief Financial Officer position, effective April 1, 2012. Scott was selected from a field of more than 60 well-qualified applicants. He is a current employee at the AOG, serving as a transportation planner based in Iron County. He came to the AOG as an intern from the MPA program at Southern Utah University, with a very diverse set of skills including an undergraduate degree in biological sciences from Utah State University and three years of private sector experience in customer relations, communications, accounts management, and human resources. This broad set of skills allowed Scott to step into his permanent position in July 2010. The screening committee was very impressed with Scott. We look forward to watching Scott continue to excel in his new position.

Scott was raised in Mesquite and recently built a new home in Enoch. He will be splitting his time between the Fiddlers offices in Cedar City and the Tonaquint offices in St. George and serve as the senior AOG management representative in Cedar City.

Five County Region Consolidated Plan 30 Day Public Comment Period - March 14th through April 14th



One of the requirements placed on all agencies that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the preparation of a Consolidated Plan. The Plan consists of goals and policies directing community, economic and housing development.

The Consolidated Plan for the Five County Association of Governments non-entitlement jurisdictions will be available for public comment beginning March 14, 2012. This marks the 18th year of the consolidated planning process. The update includes a 2012 Action Plan along with updated Capital Improvements Lists, FY 2012 Rating and Ranking Criteria and an analysis on focus communities and/or areas.

The plan includes all submitted capital improvements priorities in the Five County region for fiscal year 2012. These priorities are listed in the one-year list and five-year list. The one-year list includes community, economic and housing development priorities that local governments in the Five County region plan to achieve during the 2012 fiscal year. Communities, counties and other affected private/public agencies are encouraged to utilize this document in budgeting and other policy-making activities. The Plan encourages local coordination and describes community and regional priorities. All capital improvements projects that are submitted for CDBG funding consideration must be identified in the Plan by the sponsoring jurisdiction. The five-year list provides information and data regarding the needs of community, economic and housing development the next two to five year planning period (2013-2016).

A performance measures system is included which is intended to measure outcomes and benefits realized through completed projects.

The Draft 2012 Consolidated Plan will be available for review at the Five County Association of Governments offices located at 1070 W. 1600 S., Building B., St. George, Utah.

The Plan will also be posted on the Five County AOG website: www.fivecounty.utah.gov/consolidatedplan.html

Comments will be accepted verbally or in writing from March 14 through April 14, 2012. For further information contact Diane Lamoreaux, CDBG Program Specialist at 435-673-3548, or dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov



The 10TH Annual Southern Utah Seniors Conference

“There is No Place Like Home.... When It’s Safe”

Keynote Address: Ms. Jilene Gunther
“Navigating Your Rights: Legal Guide for 55+”
Utah Department of Aging and Adult Services

Breakout Sessions:

“Maintaining Your Brain”

Mr. Pat Sapio & Ms. Teri Koenig
Gateway To Wellness Dixie Regional Medical Center

“Fire Prevention at Home”

Mr. Ryan Dumlao & Mr. Jordan Smith
Cedar City Fire Department

“Creating Safety in Family Relationships in the Presence of Chronic Disease”

Dr. Adam Moore
Dixie Regional Medical Center

Friday, May 4, 2012
Festival Hall/Heritage Center, Upper Floor
105 North 100 East, Cedar City
Check-In - 9:00 a.m.
Conference 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Admission Free (includes lunch)

To Register: Call the Volunteer Center of Iron County at 435-867-8384

Seating guaranteed only if you register by Thursday, April 29th

This conference is sponsored by: Five County Caregiver Support Program; Five County Senior Corps Programs; Health Insurance Information Program, State of Utah; Iron County Council on Aging; “Living Well” Chronic Disease Self Management Program; and Five County Area Agency on Aging.

In addition to speakers, this event will feature door prizes and a resource fair!



Would you like to attend but don't know who will care for your loved one while you're away? The Five County Caregiver Support Program can help! Call Carolyn Moss at 435-673-3548 by Thursday, April 29, 2012 to inquire about respite care during the conference. (Tracy HeavyRunner)

Please Join Us at the 19th Annual Community Action 2012 Public Forums



This year marks the 19th consecutive year the Five County Association of Governments has brought people together to discuss important issues affecting our local communities. These Forums provide a dynamic planning function. This year each forum will again use the technology of an electronic interactive audience response system to engage participation. Over the past decade, many important program developments have had their start from these gatherings.

Public Forums provide valuable opportunities to:

- Share information
- Identify common needs
- Recommend solutions
- Help prioritize resources
- Network with community members.

During this time of economic challenge, it is more important than ever for communities to come together and share support as well as prioritize needs. Join concerned citizens, political leaders, agency representatives, local businessmen, faith-based organization representatives, and families addressing challenges as well as solutions.

Public Forum times and locations are listed below:

Dates	County	Locations	Time
Thursday March 29 th	Iron	Festival Hall 105 N. 100 E. Cedar City, UT	5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday April 5 th	Washington	St. George Library Main Branch 88 W. 100 S. St. George, UT	5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday April 12 th	Kane	Holiday Inn Express 217 S. 100 E. Kanab, UT	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday April 19 th	Beaver	Beaver City Library 55 West Center Beaver, UT	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday April 26 th	Garfield	Panguitch Fire Station 40 N. 100 E. Panguitch, UT	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Staff Spotlight



Stephanie Mikesell

Stephanie is thrilled to be the newest staff member of the Five County AOG Child Care Resource and Referral Office, working out of the Richfield office.

Stephanie earned an associate degree in Business from Dixie State College and a bachelors degree in

Elementary Education from Southern Utah University. She also has a certification in Early Childhood Development, and has 15 years of teaching experience in grades K-2. Stephanie previously served as a K-9 Handler for two Utah County Search and Rescue organizations.

She is excited to have moved where the sky is blue and you can see the stars. Stephanie enjoys the outdoors through hiking, cycling, and camping. She is a lover of Dr. Pepper, reading, an avid fan of the Utah Jazz and is not so secretly a kid at heart.

Introducing Utah's New Care About Child Care Program!



The new Care About Child Care program is designed to serve as a resource to parents looking for child care by matching the families' specific needs to child care providers who meet that criteria.

The Care About Child Care criteria is developed using multiple research based standards defining quality childcare in specific areas such as: Health & Safety, Family Involvement, Indoor & Outdoor Environment, The Program and Administration. Providers are also able to highlight their education, Accreditation, and/or Professional Development.

The program is designed to give providers the invaluable opportunity to highlight areas in which they excel along with a wonderful marketing page to introduce themselves to parents. Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R), Western Region is excited about having this program in Utah and looks forward to working with local area providers to make the Care About Child Care program successful and influential for all involved.

For more information about this program, visit CCR&R's website, <http://www.childcarehelp.org> or you can point your browser to, careaboutchildcare.utah.gov or email Kristen at kristen@childcarehelp.org.

Community Impact Board Tutorial



The Five County Association of Governments is facilitating another installment of the "CIB-101 Tutorial Workshop". The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board* (commonly referred to as the CIB) is an important source of funding for community facilities, infrastructure and equipment in

your jurisdictions. These workshops, conducted twice a year in each region in Utah, are facilitated by state of Utah CIB staff. The tutorial provides important information on "who can apply", "when you can apply", "how you apply" and "what comes next" after you are funded, such as bonds and reimbursement procedures. Recent changes in the CIB program will also be explained.

The Association's Community & Economic Development program staff will be in attendance to discuss capital improvement lists. The 1-year list for your jurisdiction's respective county was recently prioritized in a meeting your entity's representatives were invited to attend. Being on the prioritized list is a prerequisite to apply to CIB in the three upcoming CIB funding cycles.

Representatives of towns, cities, counties, and special service districts, as well as staff of civil engineering and architectural firms are encouraged attend. While attendance is not mandatory in order to apply, any entity anticipating applying for CIB funding in June or October 2012, or February 2013 is encouraged to have a representative in attendance at this workshop.

CIB -101 Tutorial Workshop

Thursday, April 5, 2012 2:30 p.m.
Santa Clara City "Town Hall" building
2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara, UT

* The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of the state which have or may be socially or economically impacted by mineral resource development on federal lands. Lease holders on public land make royalty payments to the federal government for the development and production of non-metalliferous minerals. In Utah, the primary source of these royalties is the commercial production of fossil fuels such as coal, natural gas and oil on federal land. A portion of royalty payments, called mineral lease payments, is returned to the state. The state of Utah then allocates 32.5% of the royalties as Permanent Community Impact Funds. The CIB accepts and reviews applications which are submitted by an eligible applicant for an eligible project. (Gary Zabriskie)

Five County Association of Governments
**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
FOR BOB RASMUSSEN**



Thursday, March 29, 2012
Open House 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Special Presentation for Bob at 2:30 p.m.

Cedar City Senior Citizens Center; 489 East 200 South
Cedar City, Utah
Casual Dress - No RSVP Required

For more information on the celebration visit us
on the web at: <http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/bob.html>

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux
via e-mail dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov
or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George,
Utah 84771-1550.

For other information or services, please call
(435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at:
<http://fivecounty.utah.gov>

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