

FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Director's Dialogue:

The annual report of the Five County Association of Governments was presented during the October Steering Committee meeting in Parowan. The report reviews activities of the Association of Governments for the past 12 months. We are extremely proud of the document and feel that it reflects many positive additions, as well as providing a broad review of the services available through our organization. Over the years, the Five County Association of Governments has evolved from programs offered through the Division of Community and Economic Development to include many diverse activities such as the G.R.O.W. program and in-home services for elderly clients. I would like to compliment staff members involved in the report development and design. We invite anyone interested in this document to contact our office to obtain a copy. It will also be posted on the Five County web site at: <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

(John S. Williams)

Metropolitan Planning Organization: "Leveling the Planning Field"



The Governor's designation of Utah's newest metropolitan planning organization (MPO) is fast approaching. Since June of 2000 the Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee (DTAC), comprised of the staff partners from Ivins, St. George, Santa Clara, Washington, Washington

County, Hurricane, UDOT and Five County AOG, including DARTS, has been working hard to lay out a process for action. The committee has been developing and gathering data to better understand the demographics of Dixie. Staff have attended workshops on various topics to learn more about long range transportation planning. We have been investigating many rules of planning in this Dixie field including the role of air quality in playing out this long term process; traffic demand modeling to help learn where the future corridors of travel demand are and what needs to be

fixed first; what it takes to create and maintain healthy communities while balancing the need to improve the transportation systems to meet the social, economic and environmental needs of the region. The committee is concerned about helping people get to work safely, and in the most efficient way, about how we can better plan our infrastructure, neighborhoods and services, and to encourage more people to walk, bicycle, and use transit to meet travel needs, and improve their own personal health and fitness while doing it.

The Dixie Transportation Planning Office is announcing an open house to kick off the Long Range Transportation Planning Process, an opportunity for each citizen of the Dixie area to visit with transportation planning staff, to share your concerns and recommendations about future transportation needs that will achieve the social goals and objectives, support economic development, and meet the future needs of the movement of goods and people within, between and throughout the Dixie region.

(Lowell Elmer)

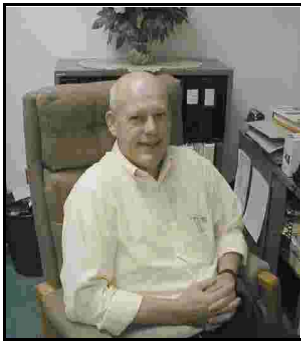


An Open House
**Dixie Urbanizing Area
Long Range Transportation Planning**

**The Gardner Center
Dixie State College
225 S. 700 E., Conference Room B**

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Staff Spotlights:



Kenneth L. Sizemore has served as the Deputy Director of the Five County Association of Governments since February 1986. He directs the Community and Economic Development Division in delivering a wide range of planning and technical assistance services to local governments in Southwestern Utah.

Ken was raised in the Salt Lake area, where he attended Jackson Elementary in downtown Salt Lake City and Kearns High School in suburban Salt Lake County. He escaped the Wasatch Front in 1972 to attend Utah State University in Cache Valley, and serve a mission for the LDS Church in the Germany Hamburg region. Ken graduated from USU in 1977 with a BA degree in Political Science and minors in Economics and German, plus a Certificate in Public Administration. An internship at the Cache County Planning Office evolved into a full time position. He stayed with Cache County for nine years, serving six of those years as County Planning Director. During his tenure at Cache County, Ken also completed more than three years of part-time graduate studies in planning, public administration, and economics at USU.

The opportunity to move to the other end of the state presented itself in 1986, when Ken was hired at the AOG. His planning experience helped the AOG expand its capabilities to provide community planning advice, develop effective local planning processes, and participate in federal land management activities. Another accomplishment was the establishment of a regional Revolving Loan Fund that provides financing to growing businesses in the region. His work has allowed Ken to obtain certificates as an Economic Development Finance Professional and Community Development Block Grant Manager. Governor Leavitt asked Ken to spend almost three years as a member of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Team, where he provided social and economic data analysis and acted as a liaison to local government officials.

Ken's other profession is Citizen Soldier. He has served in the Utah National Guard and Army Reserve since 1984. He is currently directing the efforts of the enlisted soldiers of Detachment 1, Company B, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) in St. George as the Acting First Sergeant.

Most importantly, Ken is lucky to be married to the former Barbara Zolman and to be the father of nine children (Audrey, Jacob, Sarah, Kaye Ellen, Lance, Shane, Richard, Lee and Shannon) and the grandfather of four! When he is not working, soldiering, being a dad and grandpa, or a husband; Ken loves to read, sing, and dabble in amateur theater.



Lis Barker has been the Director of the Child Care Resource and Referral, Western Region, since its beginning in 1994. In this capacity she works with child care professionals, parents and community members to try and improve the quality of child care in Southern Utah. Western Region consists of eleven counties: Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Iron, Washington, Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, and

Wayne. Child Care Resource and Referral provides referrals and information about what quality programs look like, to parents who are looking for child care. They also provide training and technical assistance to child care providers, and help with recruitment and start-up grants for new providers. They work with employers to provide help with work/life programs and serve as a clearinghouse for child care issues in the communities they serve.

Lis graduated a ba-zillion years ago from Weber State University and Utah State University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Early Childhood Education. She has been a Pre-School, Kindergarten, Elementary, High School and College Instructor. (It sounds suspiciously like she can't hold down a job or that she is a million years old!) She has 3 beautiful, intelligent, children who are perfect in every way. Hopefully you will never meet them to know if this is true. She also has a very tolerant and long suffering husband who adores her. (At least on alternate Wednesday's if there is a full moon.) She has a passion for juggling, anything that is available. Lis is a child advocate and spends her life trying to convince everyone else that they should be too!!!!



Jim Mowery is a case manager in the in-home services unit. He is famous for his dry sense of humor; an example of which is his favorite joke: "What do you get when you cross the Godfather with a philosopher? An offer you can't understand."

He has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Southern Utah University and a Masters in Psychology from Utah State University. He has been with the Five County Association of Governments since August of 1996.

His wife Sherri, is the director of the Washington County Youth Crisis and Detention Center. They have been married 9 years and have two children, a 2 ½ year old son T.J. and a 4 month old daughter Jessica. He enjoys spending time with family, Woody Allen movies and playing craps.

H.E.A.T. Program

A cold winter can be a hardship for some Utah families, not only in trying to keep warm, but in paying for the higher heating bills.

The Utah Division of Community Development's HEAT Program is once again available to help. Beginning Thursday, November 1, 2001, HEAT (Home Energy Assistance Target) will accept applications for this assistance. To be eligible for HEAT assistance, total household income must meet approved federal low-income guidelines, and the household must be responsible for home heating costs.

Applicants must have some form of picture identification, social security cards for all persons in the household, a copy of the most recent bill from each utility supplier, and proof of household income for the month prior to applying for the program.

HEAT is a federally funded program administered in Utah by the Division of Community Development, and locally by the Five County Association of Governments. HEAT assists households in paying winter heating bills by making a one-time payment directly to the utility company. The amount of the payment is based on a household's income and energy use. Households with elderly or disabled residents or with children age six or under may qualify for additional assistance.

To apply for HEAT assistance in the five-county area, residents may call the following numbers to schedule an appointment:

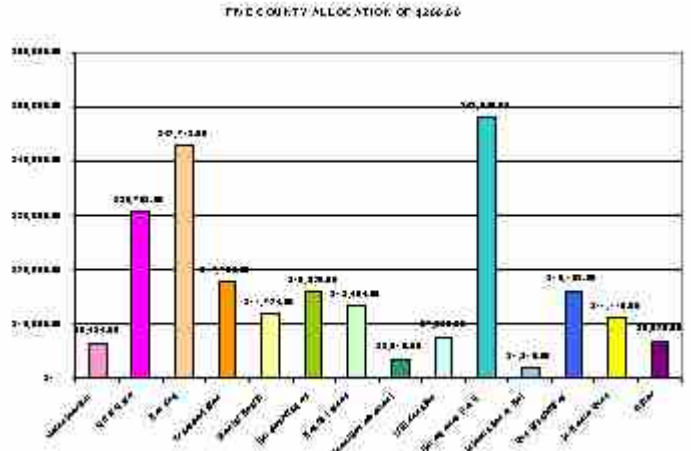
Beaver County 435-438-5313	Kane County 435-644-5250
Garfield County 435-826-4317	Washington Co. 435-652-9643
Iron County 435-586-0858	

The applications are taken at the Senior Citizen Centers in each of the five county areas. If additional information is needed, please contact Jo Seegmiller at the Five County Association of Governments Office in St. George (435-673-3548). (Jo Seegmiller)

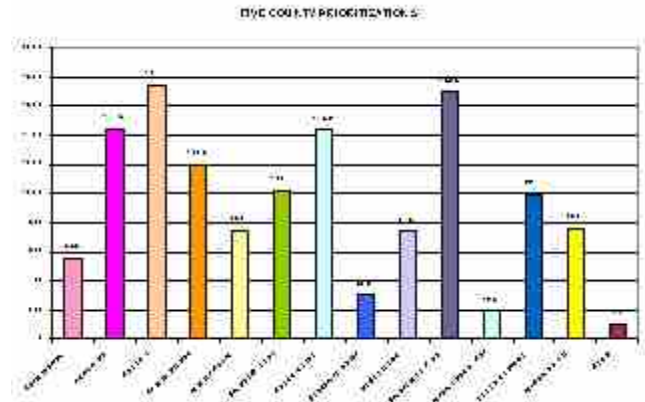
Human Services Needs Assessment Results

In a previous newsletter we discussed our FY 2001 Public Forums & Needs Assessment. We have now compiled the results from the Public Forums, Needs Assessment and Human Services Council prioritization regarding human service needs in the Five County Area (Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane & Washington). The information obtained from these three data sets will be used by the Human Services Council in making recommendations to the Steering Committee regarding Human Service Funding allocated through the Five County Association of Governments. In addition, this information is used by the Human Services Planner & Coordinator for Community Services Block Grant programming, Human Service planning and program development. The following is a brief overview of the results of the needs assessment for the Five County Area, in which a total of 1,294 surveys were completed:

In order to get an understanding of the types of programs/services respondents would prioritize spending funding on, we asked respondents if they had \$200 how would they spend the money for Human Service Programming. The following chart depicts the results for the five county area:



A second question asked respondents to prioritize their top five Human Service Needs. The following chart shows the results for the five county area:



As previously mentioned, the Human Services Council also prioritized their top Human Service needs for the Five County Area. The following is their top five priorities:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Employment/Wages & Economic Development
3. Child Care
4. Emergency Food & Shelter and Literacy/Education
5. Health Issues

Many of the same issues and priorities were discussed at the Public Forums held in each of the five counties in which participants provided input into the needs in their community and began discussion regarding possible solutions. The above information only reflects a portion of the information obtained as a result of our public forums and needs assessments. If you would like additional information, such as: demographics, narrative information, break down of the results by County or sub-population, or if you have other questions, please contact Carrie Dennis at 673-3548. (Carrie Dennis)

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM



Mayor Karen Alvey receiving plaque from Curt Hutchings, Five County Association of Governments.

Congratulations to Kanab City as the most recent community to join in the 21st Century Communities Program

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail (diamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us) 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://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, 1:00 p.m.
Five County Association of Governments,
Conference Room
906 North 1400 West; St. George, UT

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