



# FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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## Director's Dialogue



Kenneth L. Sizemore, Executive Director

Autumn brings the final pieces of our extensive annual accounting process together. The 2006-07 Annual Report was presented and accepted by the Steering Committee in October and the independent Audit Report was presented in November. No material findings or concerns were noted. Our auditors noted that established internal controls account for all revenues and

expenditures. State and federal agency program monitors continue to compliment the efforts of Association staff and policy makers.

Here are some highlights of accomplishments during the 2007 fiscal year:

- Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures were approved in January 2007
- More than 1,100 individuals received emergency shelter and meals
- 21,713 emergency food boxes were distributed
- Almost 70,000 congregate meals and more than 120,000 home delivered meals were provided to seniors
- Bus passes were provided to about 150 low income households needing transportation, along with more than 51,000 rides provided across the region
- A three-year Human Services Plan was developed and approved
- Almost 1,500 families received help finding child care
- 740 hours of child care training were provided
- 227 child care providers received more than \$160,000 for professional certification and grants for child care operations

- Planning staff was involved in more than 20 major local, regional and federal planning projects
- Community Development Block Grants totaling more than \$760,000 were awarded to five projects across the region
- More than \$15 million in Community Impact Board financing was provided to 17 projects across the district
- 57 households received weatherization assistance
- 22 households obtained home rehabilitation and repairs
- 2,497 households received home energy assistance
- 15 clients received down payment assistance
- 266 clients were provided in-home case management services
- More than 1,500 senior volunteers provided thousands of hours of assistance in schools, libraries, hospitals, museums, food banks, and community events
- A Regional Transportation Plan was completed, documenting more than \$1.5 billion in transportation needs

None of the accomplishments listed above occurred without extensive collaboration and partnering with federal, state and local agencies and groups. The Association continues to succeed by providing cost-effective, well-managed programming with minimal overhead costs. The complete Annual Report can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us/info/report/reports/annualreport2007.pdf>

As we enter into the Holiday Season, we at the Five County Association of Governments wish each of our partnering organizations and our member jurisdictions the best as we enter a new year of opportunities to serve the residents of southwest Utah.

## Staff Spotlights



Chelsea Carattini

Chelsea has been working for Child Care Resource and Referral part time through the summer and began full time in September.

She recently attended Utah State University and is finishing up a Masters degree in Political Science. She graduated from Southern Utah

University in 2004 with a bachelors degree.

Her interests include cars, music and news and she is newly married (as of early October) to David Carattini.



Doni Pack

Doni began working for the Association of Governments as the Receptionist/Secretary in September. She has lived in the St. George area for 11 years now. Doni originally came to this area for the warmth and amazing red rock. She developed a love for Southern Utah while doing archaeology and running

southwestern rivers.

The part of her job that Doni likes best is meeting so many new people, whether in the office or on the phone. She looks forward to becoming more involved in all the supportive and beneficial services that the Five County AOG provides.

Doni currently resides in Ivins City with her peach tree, Penelope, and her apricot tree, Annie.

## VOLUNTEER CENTER WELCOMES NEW AmeriCORPS and AmeriCORPS\*VISTA MEMBERS

The Volunteer Center of Washington County has only been able to grow and succeed because of the efforts of countless volunteers in national service. Currently, the Volunteer Center is pleased to have three AmeriCorps\*VISTA members and one AmeriCorps member.



Marilyn Bigelow

Marilyn Bigelow served two years with the Southwest Behavioral Health Center as an AmeriCorps member through the Youth Volunteer Corps before signing up for a third year of national service as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA member. Although she is housed at the Volunteer

Center of Washington County, Marilyn actually serves under the direction of Beth Cottam, Director of the Aging and Human Services program, with a special focus on supporting area food banks, including co-chairing CanStruction, a witty and competitive twist on a food drive! With the encouragement of brothers who lived in nearby Mesquite, Marilyn moved to the St. George area more than 20 years ago and worked in the Ivins City Treasurer's office for several years.



Kathleen Flood

Kathleen Flood first served in the Volunteer Center of Washington County as a VISTA Summer Associate. When the opportunity to stay on presented itself, Kathleen jumped at the chance to sign on as a fulltime AmeriCorps\*VISTA member. Born and reared in California,

Kathleen is #8 in a family of ten children. She has been a student at Dixie State College, and hopes to return to school as soon as possible. In her off hours, Kathleen enjoys sports, singing, dancing, acting, reading, watching old movies, crocheting and helping people. She has an affinity for Bobby Darin, laughing and making one-of-a-kind facial expressions. If you want to get on her good side, all you have to do is buy her ice cream.

Winy Van Gils served two years as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA - one with the Learning Center for Families and a second year for the Erin Kimball Foundation - before signing up for a third year at the Volunteer Center of Washington County. Recently named America's #1 VISTA volunteer, she is enrolled in the Be Ready Utah Homeland Security VISTA project. As such she will coordinate efforts at the community garden, recruit senior volunteers for service in the Medical Reserve Corps and the Southwest Utah Regional Citizen Corps Council. She will also be involved in fundraising projects.



Clint Cottam

Clint Cottam is the only AmeriCorps member and the token male at the Volunteer Center of Washington County. Beth Cottam's oldest son coordinates Youth Court of Washington County and keeps the VC's website up-to-date, carries 19 hours of credit at Dixie State College on a fullride scholarship, plays the bassoon, ran in - and finished - the recent St.

George Marathon, is active in his church and community and hardly ever sleeps!

Clint aspires to a career in European studies / international relations and he has a particular fondness for raspberry cheesecake and enjoys the surprise of finding small gifts on his desk.

## **Five County Region Consolidated Plan Available for Public Comment**

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. HUD also requires that an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Plan be completed. The Plan identifies impediments to fair housing choice for all persons regardless of age, sex, source of income, age, disability, familial status or national origin.

The Consolidated Plan for the Five County Association of Governments non-entitlement jurisdictions is now available for public comment. FY 2008 marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the consolidated planning process. The update includes a 2008 Action Plan along with updated Capital Improvements Lists, Community Assessments, FY 2008 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 2008. 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 2008 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 for the next five years (2009-2013).

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

The Draft 2008 Consolidated Plan is available for review at the Five County Association of Governments offices located at 1070 West 1600 South, Building B., St. George, Utah, and 88 East Fiddlers Canyon Road, Suite H, Cedar City, Utah. The Plan is posted on our website at [www.fcaog.state.ut.us/consolidatedplan.html](http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us/consolidatedplan.html)

Comments will be accepted verbally or in writing through December 20, 2007. For more information contact Diane Lamoreaux, 435-673-3548, [diamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us](mailto:diamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us)

## **2007 Meeting Schedule**

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee will meet in regular session in 2008 on the following schedule:

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 16, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 West 1600 South Building B St. George, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 13, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Kane Co. Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg. Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 9, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Parowan Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 14, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Panguitch Library Council Chambers 15 South 200 East Panguitch, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 11, 2008</b>	<b>Kane Co. Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 13, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Panguitch Library Council Chambers 15 South 200 East Panguitch, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 17, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg. Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 8, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Parowan Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, UT</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 19, 2008 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 West 1600 South Building B St. George, UT</b>

There are no regularly scheduled Board meetings in July or December. Any necessary location changes will be published one week prior to meetings.

## HEAT (Home Energy Assistance Target)

Beginning Thursday, November 1, 2007, HEAT began accepting applications for assistance. HEAT assists households in paying winter heating bills by making a one-time payment directly to the utility company. To apply for HEAT assistance in the Five County area, residents may call the following numbers to schedule an appointment:

<b>Beaver County</b>	<b>435-421-9307</b>
<b>Garfield County</b>	<b>435-467-8597</b>
<b>Iron County</b>	<b>435-586-0858</b>
<b>Kane County</b>	<b>435-644-3803</b>
<b>Washington County</b>	<b>435-652-9643</b>

After applying for the HEAT program, applicants will receive notification in the mail about the status of their application. If the application is approved, they will also be notified of the benefit amount and how payments will be made.

For additional information, please contact Susan Long at the Five County Association of Governments office in St. George (435-652-9643).

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail ([dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us](mailto:dlamoreaux@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>

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Five County Association of Governments  
Conference Room - 1070 W. 1600 S., Building B; St. George, UT

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