



FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW



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Director's Dialogue

Autumn brings the final pieces of our extensive annual accounting process together. The 2007-08 Annual Report was presented and accepted by the Steering Committee in October and the independent Audit Report was presented in November. No findings or questioned costs were noted. 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 2008 fiscal year:

- Position descriptions were updated and approved
- An employee intranet page was developed
- 24,244 emergency food boxes were distributed
- Almost 80,000 congregate meals and more than 111,000 home delivered meals were provided to seniors
- Bus passes were provided to about 230 low income households needing transportation
- More than 1,200 families received help finding child care
- 810 hours of child care training were provided
- 211 child care providers received more than \$114,000 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 \$811,000 were awarded to six projects across the region
- More than \$9 million in Community Impact Board financing was provided to 14 projects across the district
- 54 households received weatherization assistance
- 31 households obtained home rehabilitation and repairs
- 2,896 households received home energy assistance
- 15 clients received down payment assistance
- 258 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 Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for eastern Washington County was created

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/annualreport2008hi.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.

 Seasons
Greetings

Staff Spotlights



Sherri Dial

Sherri Dial is the Human Resource Planner for Five County Association of Governments, working with Beth Cottam in the St. George office.

Sherri was born in Los Angeles, California and moved to Utah 26 years ago. She is married to Jeff and has five children, Bryan, Chris, Aaron, Jennifer and Patrick. Sherri lives in Santa Clara and is working on her Master of Public Administration at SUU

(hopes to be done by May 09).

Sherri has been involved in disability advocacy for years. Her daughter Jennifer was born with Down Syndrome and therefore it was important to work on disability issues to make the world a better place for Jennifer. Sherri has two grandchildren, Roman and Portia; they are so much fun and fill much of her spare time.

New Senior Citizens Center Opens in Parowan

After a great deal of planning and preparation, the Parowan Senior Citizens Center was dedicated on October 15, 2008. A large crowd comprised of representatives from Iron County, area cities, the Five County Association of Governments, contractors & subs, local residents, and senior citizens gathered for a dedication ceremony and luncheon.



Parowan Senior Citizens Center Dedication Ceremony & Luncheon

Cooperative efforts from both Iron County and Parowan City brought the dream of a new senior citizens center in Parowan to a reality. Parowan City donated property for the center and worked with the county to lessen impact and building fees. The city and county worked together on installation of a pipeline project to provide connection to the sewer system. Without the hard work and dedication of these entities this project would not have been possible.

Community Development Block Grant funding was received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are administered by the State of Utah Division of Housing and Community Development. Additional funding was provided through a loan from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board that is being administered through the Department of Community and Culture and Iron County.



Parowan Senior Citizens Center, 685 North 300 East

The newly constructed facility consists of 3,500 square feet with a commercial kitchen, activity room, offices, accessible restrooms, and a banquet hall with a large stage. This modern, efficient facility provides abundant lighting and a delightful atmosphere for gathering. The center is located at 685 North 300 East in Parowan.

The building and site plan were designed and engineered by Robert Mercer, Mercer Architecture. Contractor on the project was Nichols Building, LLC based out of Cedar City.

The new center is much more visible in the community and the center staff is encouraging senior citizens to join in congregate meals as well as other projects and activities. The center provides needed services to the senior citizens of Parowan, Paragonah, Summit and surrounding area. Congregate meals, crafts, exercise, health screenings and other social activities can be accommodated at the new facility.

**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 2009 marks the 15th year of the consolidated planning process. The update includes a 2009 Action Plan along with updated Capital Improvements Lists, Community Assessments, FY 2009 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 2009. 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 2009 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 (2010-2014).

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

The Draft 2009 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

Comments will be accepted verbally or in writing through January 15, 2009. For more information contact Diane Lamoreaux, 435-673-3548, dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us

2009 Meeting Schedule

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee will meet in regular session in 2009 on the following schedule:

Meeting Date	Location
Wednesday, January 21, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 W.1600 S., Bldg. B St. George, UT
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Kane Co. Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, UT
Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg. Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, UT
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Parowan Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, UT
Wednesday, May 13, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Panguitch Library Council Chambers 15 South 200 East Panguitch, UT
Wednesday, June 10, 2009	Kane Co. Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, UT
Wednesday, August 12, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Panguitch Library Council Chambers 15 South 200 East Panguitch, UT
Wednesday, September 16, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg. Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, UT
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Parowan Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, UT
Wednesday, November 18, 2009 1:00 p.m.	Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 W.1600 S., Bldg. B St. George, UT

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 November 3, 2008, HEAT began accepting applications for assistance. HEAT assists households in paying heating/cooling 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:

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

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. The program runs through April 30, except in Washington County where they are participating in a trial year-round program.

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) 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, January 21, 2009, 1PM
Five County Association of Governments
Conference Room - 1070 W. 1600 S.,
Building B; St. George, UT

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!