

# RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 19, 2012  
1:30 Red Cross Building

Note:

## PRESENT:

RCRV board members: Terry Lamb, Charles Wehage, John McDonough, Jessica Link, Jim Green, Jim Klein, Bill Ellis, Don Grimm, Vern Jackson, Dick Lenth, Jack Murphy, Arlo Meyer, Jim Spencer, Keith Sutherland, Jim Vacherlon, Joe Wells and Fran Wells.

Community Service Agency Members:

Angie Ehle - WRAP

Kathy Waychoff – College Community Schools

Tracey Robertson – Heritage Agency on Aging

Heidi Soethout – Sixth Judicial District

Rockwell Collins:

Melanie Richert: – Senior Community Relations Specialist

Guest: Ann Poe, Cedar Rapids City Council member, speaking for New Bo Market

## CALL TO ORDER

President Lamb determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 22 board members were present, plus 8 guests.

## MINUTES:

Heidi Soethout moved and John McDonough seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes, with minor corrections. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

## PRESENTATION:

Ann Poe described the NewBoMarket, a year around marketplace located in the former Iowa Steel factory in southeast CR. It will offer healthy food and groceries to the community, especially to those living in new condo developments in the area. Ann is working a way to transfer any surplus foodstuffs to local charities, perhaps Green Square meals or equivalent. The Market has support from the Rotary clubs and Kirkwood CC. Three staff are on site to manage the facility. Ms. Poe stated that revenue streams are identified to make the venture sustainable. Wine and beer may be served and sold, but the market is not a bar. They have sold out of vendor space, except for a couple of spots to be held in reserve for special opportunities. The Market will be available for private parties, accommodating about 250 guests. The gourmet kitchen will be available for such events. For more information, contact Ann Poe at [ann@newbocitymarket.com](mailto:ann@newbocitymarket.com)

ROCKWELL COLLINS: Melanie Richert:

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## OLD BUSINESS:

### LOGOs:

The new logos adopted last meeting will be phased in. Existing supplies of brochures and other materials will continue to be used until exhausted.

Jim Vacherlon went over the five new styles of logo shirts available for purchase. Jim will market the shirts to the membership. The board expressed appreciation for Jim's management of this activity.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The RCI Office of Diversity is putting on an event recognizing veterans and the desire to get companies to hire them. RCI has asked if we would have RCRV people who would like to attend this event the morning of September 25 at the Marriott. It is way to show support for veterans. Attendees from RCRV in support event need to contact Terry Lamb by September 20.

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: No report

## PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton (via email)

Just a reminder of an upcoming event. On Oct 3 we will be part of the Abilities in Action Conference/Tech Expo at KTOS. Options will help RCRV at a display table to introduce professionals who work with people with disabilities to what RCRV can do. The display table will be visited during the morning conference break and at lunch time. The time commitment for the RCRV volunteer will be approximately 9:30-12:30. Thanks for your help.

RSVP Agency Report – Jessica Link:

RSVP is hosting a Call to Action breakfast on 9/20 at 7:30am with UWECI. This is to share the need for readers, tutors, and mentors. Jim Green will be speaking about America Reads. RSVP is promoting the America Reads event on October 18 and 19. For more information or to register for this volunteer opportunity, visit: <http://www.cr.k12.ia.us/aboutUs/volunteer/AmericaReads/AmericaReads.aspx>.

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RSVP is working on their federal grant. Nationally, all RSVPs are implementing changes in compliance with new federal grant requirements. More information on these changes will be shared in the future.

RSVP is looking for VITA volunteers to help with tax assistance in early 2013.

In November, RSVP will launch its bi-monthly Community Connections event. The first event will be co-hosted with Horizons Meals On Wheels on November 14. More info to come.

RSVP is in discussions to launch new partnerships with CCIA, Habitat for Humanity, Honor Flight, Kids on Course, and others.

UWECI had its campaign kickoff on September 6 and staff is busy out in the community.

RSVP is in the process of a database clean up project. Some of this clean up will affect the RCRV membership numbers as we remove inactive volunteers from our database. Thanks for Dick Lenth and Marge McChristy for their assistance in this project.

## RCRV Membership Recruiting/Retention Report Stats for 2012

- 218 volunteers
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## WRAP – Angie Ehle

16 ramps are in queue. So far this year, WRAP, RCRV and Aging Services have completed a combined total of 26 ramp projects.

## HERITAGE AGENCY ON AGING: - Tracey Robertson

Tracey reported that she will be a presenter at the Abilities in Action Conference on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at KTOS and Rockwell will have a table there. Tracey will present “How Persons With Disabilities Are More Vulnerable To Becoming Victims of Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation” from 1:30-2:30pm.

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Tracey also requested a volunteer to assist with installing a digital thermostat and a gate latch for an elderly client. Chuck Wehage offered to assist.

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: Heidi Soethout

Heidi had brief remarks noting that many programs are in flux, and her position is also changing

COLLEGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: - Kathy Waychoff

The America Reads program needs volunteers on October 19

Volunteers are also needed for the Lunch Buddy program at Prairie Crest

## RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Community Projects: - John McDonough

- RCRV insurance presentations will be presented at KTOS on Oct 8, 9, & 11th at 9, 12:30 and 3 each day. Presentations will be by James Wolfe, Harlan Hanson and Don Grimm. Inge Kaplan and Sue Nelson of RCI will attend our early presentations. Extend Health will also send someone early in schedule. St Lukes will provide copies of the presentation to attendees. We have over 900 people signed up so far with about 3 weeks still to go. Last year, we had 1800 attend our presentations.
- Shirts with our new logo have been ordered by some of us. Jim Vacherlon is in charge of shirts with our new logo over the pockets. See Jim if you would like to order a shirt. White and Black Polos, light and dark blue denim having either long or short sleeves will be available to order in various sizes for both men and women.
- The WRAP program continues to have about 11 to 14 in queue at most times. We build a ramp, and another request gets added into queue for design and build.
- We supported the RCI "Working Together Program" in the RCI parking lot recently.
- Norah Hammad of the Science Center requested that we again assist them by repairing exhibits. They have 19 exhibits that need minor/major repair. We will take on this project.

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- Bob Ocken wrote software for the St Lukes SHIIP program to schedule Part D clients online so that counselors can determine their schedule prior to getting to the hospital. Software looks good, but will require some tweaking. He also added a section of the scheduler to keep track of the people calling in for the KTOS seminars.
- Vern Jackson has started to teach a class at Jane Boyd about the "Universe" to 5th and 6th graders. Most of his students are from Jane Boyd, with a few from 4 Oaks Bridge, which discontinued the classes due to funding problems.
- Joe Wells, James Wolfe, Don Grimm and Harlan Hanson continue to present Welcome To Medicare seminars for SHIIP clients about to turn 65.
- We continue to support the EIOLC, SCORE, SHIIP, local area Honor Flights Catherine McAuley Center, Kiwanis, local food banks, Habitat for Humanity, LCTA, the REACT Center, and TRIAD.
- If you can dream it, we can do it.

## Data Base: – Jim Klein and Bill Ellis

- Database was updated for:
  - Obituaries from Wilma Shadle
  - Miscellaneous updates from phone and email messages
- RCRV mailing list was provided to United Way per our Non Disclosure Agreement with them.
- I have sorted through some of the returned newsletters and I have about 40 address changes to make yet and there are still a few more to pick up from the RCRV office.

## MEMBERSHIP: - Jessica Link

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## COMMUNICATIONS: - Jim Green

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- Banner with new logo is the next project – M. Richert will work with RC
- Thank You letters were received from the grantees – see August minutes
- R-C will mail notices of the insurance meetings at KTOS, and this letter will also announce the Annual Meeting as required by our bylaws.

## ADJOURNMENT

President Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:53. The next board meeting will be October 17, 2012 at 1:30 at the Red Cross building.

Submitted by: C. Wehage