

**Colorado Economic Recovery Accountability Board**

**Meeting Summary  
August 20, 2009  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

MEETING DATE

August 20, 2009  
Anschutz Medical Campus,  
Aurora, CO

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

**A. Board Members:**

Don Elliman (chair), Don Marostica, Senator Moe Keller, Ray Baker, Taryn Edwards, Sandy Gutierrez, Tony Hernandez, Secretary of State Bernie Buescher, Admiral Richard Truly, André Pettigrew, Eric Rothaus for Treasurer Cary Kennedy, (by phone) Reeves Brown, & Ray Baker

**B. Guests:**

Darren Duerksen, Jennifer Henry, Clif Croan, Gary Dixon, Geri Reinardy, David Warner, Dick Traystman, Russ Moore, Teresa Osborne, Michael Larson, Wade Kloos, Jacque Montgomery, Erika Matich, Ken McConnellogue, Paschal Duru, Ross Brooks, Maureen Maxwell, Randy McConnell, Jim Blair, Bruce Benson, Rob Friedman, Phyllis Albritton, Miles Moffett, George Roberson, Dean Miller, Corky Kyle

**C. Governor's Office**

Joan Henneberry, Mike Locatis, Mark Cavanaugh, Kyle Miller, Chris Smith, Myung Oak Kim, Maranda Pleau, Brenda Morrison, Linda Gallegos, Molly Bolin

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**A. Introduction**

Board Chairman Elliman welcomed board and visitors

**B. Staff Update**

As reported at the July Board meeting, Chris Smith will be in charge of reporting for the Board. The reports are due in October. He will ensure that the State's reporting requirements are in compliance.

**C. Website and Reports Update by Chris Smith**

The maps; news releases and other information are constantly being updated on the website.

In regard to reporting, they are launching a centralized reporting system. The key reporting dates are as follows: Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, the State submits reporting files, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, All reported data made public at Recovery.gov, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> the State reviews data, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> federal agencies review data, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> final data made public at Recovery.gov

A copy of this presentation can be found at [Colorado.gov/recovery](http://Colorado.gov/recovery) under Accountability Board/Meeting Information. If you have questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Chris Smith at [Chris.Smith@state.co.us](mailto:Chris.Smith@state.co.us).

**D. University of Colorado President Bruce Benson gave welcoming remarks for Board and Presenters and introduced Dr. Richard Traystman.**

CU recently announced that they set a record for research awards in the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. They received a record \$711 million dollars in research awards; \$15 mil. of which was ARRA funds. To date they have applied for more than 815 grants totaling \$423 mil. They have received 112 awards totaling more than \$40 mil.

**1. Report by Richard Traystman, PhD , Vice Chancellor for Research- University of Colorado, Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology**

University of Colorado Denver (UCD) has submitted 568 proposals to ARRA. Almost all are in scientific areas. The total dollar amount that they are applying for is \$239 mil. They have already been awarded 48 proposals.

Dr. Traystman provided a handout of his presentation that can be found at [Colorado.gov/recovery](http://Colorado.gov/recovery) under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

**2. Report by Russell Moore, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Research at University of Colorado, Boulder**

As of August 14<sup>th</sup>, CU Boulder has submitted 234 grants worth \$176 mil. Grants were submitted to among others, Dept. of Defense, Dept. of Justice, Dept. of Energy, Natl. Institute of Health, and Natl. Endowment for the Arts. As of Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, the Boulder Campus has received \$25.7 mil. Of that, \$22 mil. was awarded by the National Science Foundation. In the fall NASA will be awarding \$15 mil. for instrumentation for space exploration.

**3. Report by Mike Larson, PhD Vice Chancellor for Research at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs**

UCCD has received approximately \$1 mil. from ARRA funds. All the money has come from NSF. They've seen an increase of 20% of faculty members submitting proposals for ARRA funded projects.

**E. Report by David Warner, External Affairs, National Renewable Energy Laboratory**

As of August 14<sup>th</sup> the lab has received \$113 mil. The bulk is in construction funds of more than \$78 mil. This funding is going to two projects: One is the second phase of the research support facility. This will be a 150 thousand square foot addition that will house approximately 500-600 employees from NREL and the DOE's Golden field office. The second project is the second stage of an integrated bio-refinery research facility. This will expand the processing capabilities of the ethanol lines for testing different feedstock and processing. It will also add testing and research office space for approximately 30-40 scientists. A handout for this presentation can be found at [Colorado.gov/recovery](http://Colorado.gov/recovery) under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

**F. Ross Brooks presented on behalf of the Colorado Community Health Network**

CCHN is the primary care association in Colorado. They represent 15 community health centers. The health centers are nonprofit providers of medical, dental and mental health services. There are 4 areas where ARRA funds will be used by CCHN: Operating funds, Infrastructure and Capitol, Health Information and Technology Adoption, the Development of the Primary Care Workforce.

A PowerPoint presentation can be found at [Colorado.gov/recovery](http://Colorado.gov/recovery) under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

**G. Health IT Grant Update**

Joan Henneberry, State Director of Healthcare Policy and Financing introduced Phyllis Albritton of CORIO the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization. CORIO was designated by Governor Ritter as the statewide entity to apply for the competitive parts of ARRA on behalf of HCPF (Medicaid program specifically). CORIO will be partnering with HCPF and the Governor's Office of Information Technology with CORIO representing the private/public partnerships in the healthcare community.

Phyllis Albritton discussed shovel ready projects and presented a report called Connecting Colorado's HIT Building Blocks. CORIO's mission is to facilitate health information exchange to improve the health of all Coloradans. This report is a roadmap on how to roll out health information technology that is inclusive of everyone in the state. This report can be found at [Colorado.gov/recovery](http://Colorado.gov/recovery) under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

**H. Minority and Small Business Outreach Update- Maranda Pleau presented**

Pleau has begun the 64 county tours on August 11th. Additionally, she has visited local Denver metro organizations that include: Colorado Women's Chamber Board of Directors, the Five Points Economic Development Association, Five Points Neighborhood Association, Minority Chamber Coalition, and First Wednesday's at Blackberries. She has also visited with the agencies who are distributing the funds. Those include representatives from CDOT, CDLE, RTD and the SBA.

At the outreach meetings, Pleau tries to include citizen's groups, local officials, economic development corporations, and chambers of commerce. Among the topics discussed at these meetings, Pleau talks about the Recovery Act and the 10 impact areas that include, health, public safety, and public housing. She discusses her responsibility and the CERAB team's responsibility in terms of outreach and inreach. She provides her and the CERAB staff's contact information. At these presentations, she directs them to the [Colorado.gov/recovery](http://Colorado.gov/recovery) website and instructs them on how to use the "What it Means to Colorado" document.

As a result of these meetings, Pleau and the team have discovered three issues that citizens are encountering in regard to the ARRA funds. The first area is lending. The Recovery Act dedicates funds to ensure there is access to loans for small underrepresented rural businesses. They are in the process of addressing this challenge right now. Some of the specific loans include:

*The Business Stabilization Program*; which has \$225 million nationwide in competitive loans for small businesses that are having trouble paying their existing loans. *The Micro-Loan Program*; which will go through nonprofits for newly established or growing small businesses. Those go through community based lenders to the borrowers. *ARC loans*; businesses can borrow up to \$35,000 to make payments of principal and interest on one or more existing qualifying small business loan for up to 6 months. Those are for businesses that are facing immediate financial hardship.

The challenge is that the bank is contending with having to loan to a qualified company. They have to find a way to make that balance. Don Elliman, the CERAB team and the Governor are committed to addressing that issue.

The second challenge area is agency methodology. Due to cost reductions by large businesses, small business is unable to compete for agency business. Pleau is encouraging agencies to reach out to small business.

The third challenge is that many counties aren't applying for all of the grants. They are instead making arrangements with other counties to ensure they don't compete for the same grant. This is problematic because nonprofit programs and others are unable to apply for grants that require a county partner to qualify.

Maranda's presentation can be found at [Colorado.gov/recovery](http://Colorado.gov/recovery) under Accountability Board/Meeting Information. The document "What it Means to Colorado" can also be found here. The map of her travel can be found under the Small Business section of the website.

**I. Grants Coordination Update- Brenda Morrison Presented**

Morrison is ensuring that various agencies, including nonprofits, businesses and citizens know what grants are available. Additionally she is coordinating communication between state agencies and community partners. She is working with Chris Smith to provide grant information on the CERAB website. She will also be tracking the progress and status of agency grants.

**J. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The location is still to be determined.

With no public comment or other business, the meeting was adjourned.