Colorado Economic Recovery Accountability Board

Meeting Summary
February 26, 2010
1-4 p.m.

MEETING DATE
Feb 26, 2010
Colorado State University-Pueblo
Occhiato University Center, ASG Chambers,
Pueblo, CO

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

A. Board Members:
Don Elliman (chair), Ray Baker, Taryn Edwards, Admiral Richard Truly, Sandy Gutierrez, by phone: Secretary of State Bernie Buescher Eric Rothaus (on behalf of Treasurer Kennedy), Tony Hernandez,

B. Guests:
David Altman, Ada Clark, Jerry Pacheco, Charles Meyer, Gene Michael, Joanne Ballard, Sam Vigil, Harry Serve, Carolina Parra, Gloria Gutierrez, Brenda Broyles, Shawn Shelton

C. Governor's Office
Kyle Miller, Chris Smith, Maranda Pleau, Lindsey Tannenbaum, Linda Gallegos

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A. Introduction
Don Elliman called the meeting to order**.** It has been 1 year since the formation of the Board. CERAB has attempted during the last year to travel throughout the state to hear the local impact of ARRA and to allow citizens to ask questions of the board (without having to travel) as well as to provide outreach to the public.

B. City of Pueblo Recovery Act funds update- City Manager Jerry Pacheco presented.
Pacheco presented a summary of the grants received and an overview of the projects. He discussed the challenges they've identified in implementing those projects. He reviewed the overall impact of the ARRA funds for the city of Pueblo which included the process for improving the workflow. A PowerPoint presentation of this is available at Colorado.gov/recovery.

C. Staff Updates

1. Chris Smith presented on reporting requirements.
From Oct. 1, 2009 -Dec. 31, 2009 the State has reported 9,363 FTE working on Recovery Act programs within Colorado. They have accounted for $2.85 billion dollars awarded to the state. They've received $876 million of it and expended $754 million. The January reporting cycle compared to last October, shows that the award amount has increased by 8.5%. The amount state recipients expended increased by 80% from October to January. The infrastructure expenditures increased by 126%. This presentation can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

2. Kyle Miller presented on Risk Management.
Since the last CERAB meeting, Miller has met with state agencies to review their risk management plans. The goal of this process is to share best practices among agencies. A handout and PowerPoint presentation of what Miller discussed can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

3. Lindsey Tannenbaum presented on the Website
On the homepage, the "News" section has a few stories highlighted each month. All stories are archived. Also on the homepage there is a blog from Chairman Don Elliman. There are 2 special reports listed: *The Colorado Story* and *The Colorado County Summaries.* The former has updated descriptions of programs and contact information. It is the best place to find out about recipient reported data that is specific to Colorado. It includes the Colorado Recovery Funding map which shows funding allocations and projects. The *Colorado County Summaries* provides current information that was collected from the October reporting cycle, grants and contract announcements.
On the homepage there is a link to the Accountability Board. This is a good place to access meeting information. All documents and presentations at the board meetings are posted on this page.
In an effort to prevent the misuse of ARRA funds, the website has a 'Report a Problem" link that has contact information for reporting suspected misuse of funds. This page also provides the "whistle-blowing" policy under ARRA.

D. CSU Pueblo and CSU Fort Collins Recovery funds presentation by Joanne Ballard.
CSU Pueblo and CSU Fort Collins have received 3 types of funding: State Fiscal Stabilizations Funds, Research Grants and Capital Projects grants. The universities have received over $33 million in SFSF funds for fiscal year 2009, and over $81 million in fiscal year 2010. They are anticipating receiving over $13 million dollars in 2011. These dollars have backfilled cuts in the state general fund. A PowerPoint presentation for this can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

E. CDOT presentation on Risk Management- Charles Meyer presented.
Meyer discussed why the risk management plan was implemented and how it was developed. The responsibility to uphold the public's trust as well as to ensure continued funding prompted the plan. They had existing processes and procedures in place, but the new funding necessitated additional planning. A PowerPoint presentation for this can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

F. Healthcare Information Technology Recovery Act grants update- Phyllis Albritton, Executive Director of CORHIO (Colorado Regional Health Information Organization) presented.
Albritton discussed how ARRA impacted the area of Health Information Technology. The majority of healthcare information is on paper. The goal is to improve the electronic transfer of information. This will impact healthcare by reducing medical errors, increasing efficiencies and improving quality of care by allowing physicians to have greater access to information. Another goal is to ensure that providers are properly trained to use the technology in their office. There is also a large component in the Act that uses incentives to encourage providers to use healthcare technology in their practice. CORHIO's mission is to facilitate health information exchange to improve the health of all Coloradans. Their goal is to work as a public/private partnership around the state to ensure their mission is successful. A PowerPoint presentation for this can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

G. Public Comment

A question was asked if there was any initiative that would allow recipients to use the federal reporting forms in lieu of the state forms. Chris Smith replied that the issue was two-fold. There are separate reporting requirements for the state and for the federal government. Also, the due dates for the reports are different.

A question was asked if there was any focus on requiring the recipients of funds to provide training programs for green jobs technology. Don Elliman replied that there is funding available for job training. He asked the gentleman to contact Maranda Pleau of the CERAB staff.

H. Meeting Adjourned

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.