

## **NWCCOG Council Introduces its New Executive Director, Liz Mullen**

NWCCOG is pleased to announce that Liz Mullen has been selected as its new Executive Director. Liz has worked for NWCCOG for the last 10 years in various capacities including Member Services Director, Assistant Executive Director, Coordinator of the Northwest All Hazards Region, and most recently as Interim Executive Director since November 2011. During her tenure at NWCCOG Liz has developed a clear understanding of the purpose and potential of NWCCOG, and had developed positive working relationships with the membership, federal and state legislators, federal and state agencies, partner and peer organizations, as well as the staff. NWCCOG is extremely happy to have Liz at the helm. To contact Liz: [lmullen@nwccog.org](mailto:lmullen@nwccog.org).

## **Alpine Area Agency on Aging Seeks Nominations for Senior of the Year and/or Friend of the Seniors for Region 12**

The 24th annual Senior Awards Ceremony will be a luncheon held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at the Summit County Community-Senior Center in Frisco. The Regional Advisory Council is seeking the nominations, on both the county and regional level, for the awards categories: Senior Citizen of the Year or Friend of the Seniors. This is an open process and all nominations, including self-nominations, are permitted and encouraged to be submitted.

Please click [here](#) for a nomination form. All completed nominations are to be submitted on or before Friday, March 30, 2012 to the Alpine Area Agency on Aging

## **Rural Resort Region's Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) is Moving Forward on Developing a Regional Call Center for Transportation Coordination**

A white paper has been developed that provides details of this new program in the works, and can be found on NWCCOG's website. The Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) was formed in 2010 as a result of Rural Resort Region's focus - Seniors in Our Mountain Communities: challenges and opportunities. One of the priority gaps identified was transportation, not just within a particular county, but in the public transportation options available to travel across county boundaries to access healthcare facilities and other services. In response, the RTCC was formed to be the local coordinating council for an 8-county rural area of northwest Colorado and is charged with working to improve transportation coordination and options, especially for the veteran, disabled, older, and low-income adult populations.

The RTCC's efforts are focused on coordinating existing public and private transit providers in the region with other human services providers by promoting, enhancing and facilitating seamless access to transportation services through a coordinated system that is easily available to customers from anywhere in the region. Several grants have been secured to make this new program happen, and a work plan (including developing a job description for a mobility manager) is being formulated now. The next meeting for the RRR/RTCC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in Eagle. For more information, please contact Jean Hammes or Liz Mullen.

## **NWCCOG to Offer Elected Officials Workshop on May 4th**

NWCCOG will hold a workshop for new and existing elected officials on Friday, May 4th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Summit County Commons in Frisco. This workshop will be valuable for newly-elected officials looking to learn more about their new role, as well as seasoned elected officials looking to brush up on some core issues. The workshop will focus on topics such as liability, ethics and conflict of interest laws, roles and responsibilities, and relationships to fellow elected officials and staff. Save the date! The workshop will be FREE to NWCCOG members, and \$30 for non-members. Details of the workshop will be sent out following the April 3rd municipal elections. For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Rachel Lunney.

## **Individuals Sought to Represent the Region on Colorado Commission on Aging**

The Colorado Commission on Aging was established in 1964 to inform and advise decision makers and to advocate for the quality of life of all seniors. The Commission consists of 17 volunteer members appointed by the Governor, with consent of the Senate. The Commission is comprised of two persons from each Congressional District (one from each major political party), one person at-large, one from the Senate, and one from the House of Representatives. Appointment is for a four-year term.

The District 2-Democratic commission member position is vacant, and the term for the current District 2-Republican commissioner will expire in July 1, 2012. District 2 includes representing Eagle, Grand and Summit counties. Additionally, the District 3-Republican commissioner's term expires in July 1, 2012. District 3 includes representing Jackson and Pitkin counties.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Commission, please contact Tara Franck at the Division of Aging and Adult Services at (303) 866-5288 or contact the Governor's Boards & Commissions Office at (303) 866-6328. [Click here to go to the Commission's webpage.](#)

If you are interested in more information please contact Jean Hammes at the Alpine Area Agency on Aging at 970,468.0295.

## **NWCCOG General Counsel Barbara Green Appointed to Serve on Governor's Task Force Dealing with State and Local Regulation of Oil and Gas Development**

Barbara Green, NWCCOG General Counsel and attorney with Sullivan Green Seavy LLC, was appointed by Colorado Conservation Voters to serve on the Governor's "Task Force on Cooperative Strategies Regarding State and Local Regulation of Oil and Gas Development". The task force is charged with indicating mechanisms that would allow state and local jurisdictions to collaborate and coordinate their regulatory structures. Additional information about the task force can be found here: <http://dnr.state.co.us/taskforce/Pages/home.aspx>. There you can also listen to live audio broadcasts, or audio of previous meetings. Ms. Green recently prepared a memorandum for Colorado Counties Inc. outlining local government's authority over oil and gas operations. This memo is posted on QQ page of the NWCCOG website. For more information, contact Shanna Koenig Camuso, Co-Director, NWCCOG Water Quality/Quantity (QQ) Committee.

## **Colorado Association of Area Agencies on Aging is Hosting the N4A Conference in Denver in July - Plan to Attend!**

The Colorado Association of Area Agencies on Aging is proud to be the host of the n4a 2012 Conference & Tradeshow. Join us in Denver, Colorado on July 7-11, 2012 for the 37th Annual Conference & Tradeshow, where the most innovative policies, programs and services that assist older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers will be showcased. Share ideas and network with colleagues while we tackle some of today's most pressing issues. [Click here for more information.](#)

## **Weatherization Program Finishes Work on Holy Cross Village Apartments in Gypsum**

The NWCCOG Weatherization Team completed work on a 60-unit affordable housing apartment complex in Gypsum. Holy Cross Village was built in the early 1990's to provide affordable rental housing in Eagle County. NWCCOG Weatherization replaced the old furnaces with 95%-efficient models, sealed some leaky ductwork in the attics, insulated all the attics to higher R-values, and performed additional work as required such as providing compact fluorescent light bulbs, water heater insulating wraps, and door weather-stripping. Our success on this project is really a tribute to the team effort of NWCCOG's Weatherization staff, both at the Silverthorne and New Castle Offices, who worked together as a team and pitched in to make sure that all work was done properly and met quality standards. For more information please contact Steve Getz, Director of the Weatherization Program.

## NWCCOG Convenes Economic Development Stakeholders in the Region for OEDIT Blueprint Connects! Regional Road Tour Meeting on February 28th

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) called upon NWCCOG to assist with the convening of all economic development stakeholders in the region for the Blueprint Connects! Regional Road Tour meeting which was held on February 28th at the Summit County Commons in Frisco. The meeting had a great turnout of over 40 stakeholders. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce key OEDIT staff, and to explain how OEDIT wishes to engage all 14 planning and management regions across Colorado in its statewide economic development efforts. The state has identified six core objectives: (1) build a business friendly environment; (2) retain, grow, and recruit companies; (3) increase access to capital; (4) create and market a stronger Colorado brand; (5) educate and train the workforce of the future; (6) cultivate innovation and technology. All of these core objectives are reflected in NWCCOG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as well. For follow-up materials from that meeting, please visit NWCCOG's website. For more information, please contact June Walters.

## Grant Opportunities

For links to full announcements on these grants, visit NWCCOG's [Grant Opportunities Page](#)

### Federal Grant Opportunities:

- **USFS: 2012 Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant** - for wood energy projects that require engineering services. Deadline extended to April 2, 2012.
- **Environmental Protection Agency** - Training and Technical Assistance to Improve Water Quality and Enable Small Public Water Systems to Provide Safe Drinking Water. Deadline: April 9, 2012.
- **Dept. of Health & Human Services** - Health Resources & Services Administration. Telehealth Network Grant Program. Deadline: April 13, 2012.
- **Department of Education** - Investing in Innovation Fund, Development Grants. Deadline: April 9, 2012.
- **Department of Transportation** - Federal Transit Administration - clean fuels grant program. Deadline: April 5, 2012.
- **USDA - Rural Business Cooperative Service** -Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program. Deadline for Renewable Energy system and energy efficiency improvement grants: March 30, 2012. Deadline for guaranteed loans - June 29, 2012.
- **National Institute of Justice**- Research on Policing to Improve Criminal Investigative Processes and Promote Police Integrity in Law Enforcement Agencies - Deadline: April 25, 2012..

### State and Private Foundation Grant Opportunities with Deadline Dates:

- Gates Family Foundation, 4/1
- State Historical Fund: General Grants, 4/1
- State Historical Fund: Historic Preservation Emergency Grants, 4/1
- Dept. of Local Affairs: Colorado Private Activity Bond Program (PAB), 4/1
- Dept. of Local Affairs: Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), 4/1
- Anschutz Foundation, 4/15
- Skoll Foundation, 4/27
- Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, 4/30
- Break the Chains, 4/30
- Burt Foundation, Nathan B. and Florence R., 4/30
- Clark Fund, Lynn & Helen, 4/30
- Foundation, The Mary Kay, 4/30
- Lanyon Fund, Ray, 4/30
- Parker Charitable Trust, Herbert E., 4/30
- Target Local Store Grants, 4/30