

# Therapeutic Recreation Network Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2009  
at the Wheatridge Recreation Center  
9:00am

## I Welcome and Introductions:

Rachel Wysuph, City of Wheat Ridge  
April Rosenthal, RISE (Recreation Inclusive Services for Everyone)  
Megan Schoenbein, South Suburban

## II CTRS Update:

Jen Heilveil from the Boulder EXPAND Program was named our 2009 TR of the Year! Congratulations to Jen!

Annual Meeting and Induction of new CTRS Board on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am Fort Logan. The address is:  
Colorado Mental Health Institute @ Fort Logan  
3520 W. Oxford Avenue  
Denver CO 80236

## III Agency Updates

**South Suburban:** Trips are going well and participation numbers look good. Working on their Fundraiser Dance, “Dancing with the Stars” in which the participants will solicit donations with a pledge card! They also just finished writing a grant for Paralympic & adaptive sports programs!

**RISE** (Recreation Inclusive Services for Everyone): Lakewood is revising their name by dropping the “Above!” and working on a new logo. They also recently hired Christine Devereaux to replace Rachel Silverman’s position, now at 20 hours a week. Finally, RISE is transitioning to RecTrac for their program registration needs.

**Wheat Ridge:** Recovering from the camping trip! Programs are going well, especially one on one programs. Wheat Ridge is also looking at fundraising options with the cut of DDRC funding.

## IV Cooperative programming

**Cooperative Campout:** 7 cities were apart of this year’s Cooperative Campout at Cheley Camp in Estes Park. We had a great time! *We’ll be adding a Campout Wrap Up Discussion to November’s Network Meeting Agenda* – so please attend to add your input!

**Future Cooperative Programming** for the months of January through May include:

- **Lock-In:** Fri-Sat, March 5-6, 5pm-9am at the APEX Center.
- **Dive-In Move:** Friday, April 9, 3:00-6:30pm at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center
- **Adapted Tryathlon:** Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am, at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center. Contact Rachel for additional details at 303-231-1342
- **Anything else??** Email it to the group!

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**Any other concerns**

**FOOD!:** November's Network Meeting will be BYOB – bring your own burrito! Due to the city budget cuts, Lakewood will not be providing burritos this year. There's a great place to get a burrito in Wheat Ridge at Mercedes, located just north of the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center on the west side of the street. You'll see their "\$2.00 Breakfast Burrito" sign out front! Feel free to grab one on your way to the meeting!

**Third Party Reimbursement Concerns:** Many cities are experiencing cuts in funding for our TR programs from third party agencies such as DDRC, Denver Options, Imagine, Developmental Pathways and more. We'd like to tackle this problem head on by discussing various strategies to continue receiving funding, ie wording our programs to meet funding qualifications. In order to do this we are inviting individuals from these various agencies to our November Networking Meeting. At 11am we'll have breakout sessions with the various agencies so that people can attend the discussion that pertains to their program. So far the following individuals have volunteered to contact the agency mentioned below:

**April Rosenthal:** DDRC

**Megan Schoenbein:** Developmental Pathways

\*\*If you would like someone from your agency to be there, please call them and then inform April Rosenthal from RISE. Again, we will have these breakout sessions on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am.