

## CMT Minutes

March 9, 2011

Attending: Abel Valdez-Job Corps, Lynnette McClennahan-REO, Edna Ball-Tribal TANF, Carol Lamey-Job Service.

1. Abel introduced himself as the new Job Corps person in Havre (housed in the Job Service). He explained briefly what Job Corps is. Currently looking for youth, ages 16-24 who are low income (if they are 18 or over, they do not count family income). Recruiting for 3 Job Corps centers in Montana (Anaconda, Kicking Horse and Trout Creek) as well as 2 centers in Utah.
2. Agency Updates:
  - a. Lynnette: REO has hired 2 new employees, 1 in Billings and 1 in Miles City which is a new office site. They are currently trying to get their clients ready for the Jobs Jamboree in Billings with an Employment Boot Camp. She reminded us that she has 2 programs: 1 that they need an agriculture employment history + low income to be eligible for training and support services; the other is the Rural Montana Saves program that for every \$1 saved there is a \$3 match which can then be used for training related expenses.
  - b. Abel: Job Corps is now fully staffed as a new person started yesterday in Billings. Abel will cover the Hi-Line from Havre east as well as Rocky Boy. Plan is to visit most Hi-Line areas twice/month. Has plans to head toward Wolf Point the end of the month.
  - c. Edna: Tribal TANF is very busy. She is working on doing an orientation for all clients in the near future. She may be contacting different agencies to have speakers come and talk about what their programs do.
  - d. Carol: Job Service has been busy. Still doing the Ultimate Job Search workshops every Thursday from 9am-11am as well as doing an On-Line Application workshop on the second Wednesday of every month from 2pm-4pm. The position for the Regional Director has closed, so that hiring process should start soon.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. One Stop Certification: We received a letter that since we were scheduled to recertify sometime this year, our certification will be extended by a year, meaning we will not be required to submit the paperwork this year. Staff will be planning a visit toward the end of summer, early fall.
  - b. Safety Committee: Since Val retired we have not spent any time on this, do plan on working on.
  - c. Service Provider Meeting: We talked about doing a Service Provider Meeting in which we would invite all service providers and all programs would have an opportunity to speak about their program and we can update the information in our desk guide. We decided this would be best to do in the fall. Lynnette will chair this committee. This will hopefully also get some increased membership at the CMT Meetings as well.
  - d. Nomination Committee: Talked about needing to do nominations for chair, etc. We will establish a committee in May to come up with nominations to vote on.
4. Brown Bag Topic ideas: Chamber, County Health Nurse, Alta Care
5. Next meeting: May 11, 2011, 11am (lots of 11's ☺)

Adjourned for Brown Bag Presentation: Hill County Extension Office.