

# THE INFORMER

## COLORADO WELFARE FRAUD COUNCIL

### Message From The President

Dear Fellow CWFC Members,

Thanks to all of you who attended the 2014 conference in Colorado Springs. Without your input and suggestions, we would not know where we need to improve. It is a new year for CWFC and your President-Elect, Mark Magnuson, is already hard at work to make the 2015 conference even better.

One of my goals this year is to get out to more rural counties. After all, we represent all 64 counties. We would like

our members to know we are out there for everyone. We will be providing training to every county this year where our board meetings will be held. Check out our website for updates to our meeting locations.

I would like to remind our members that you need not to be on the board of CWFC to serve on our committees. Please consider volunteering to help with committee work.

For an organization to grow and thrive, new ideas and concepts need

to be brought to the table. Each and every member of CWFC can bring a new perspective and I encourage you to join in

Every year we try to get nominations from counties and local government for outstanding individuals in the field of fraud and Program Integrity. I'm sure you know at least one individual who deserves to be commended for their time and service. You do not have to wait until the conference to recognize these individuals!

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### Thanks For The Memories, Ivan!

The Colorado Welfare Fraud Council would like to acknowledge Ivan Rodriguez's contribution to the world of welfare fraud investigations! After more than 40 years of service to the City & County of Denver, Ivan has retired.

Ivan was involved with the Colorado District Attorney's Council and was one of the first members of the Colorado Welfare Fraud Council from its inception in 1984. Ivan was also a member of the United Council on Welfare Fraud and was certified as a National Fraud

Investigator.

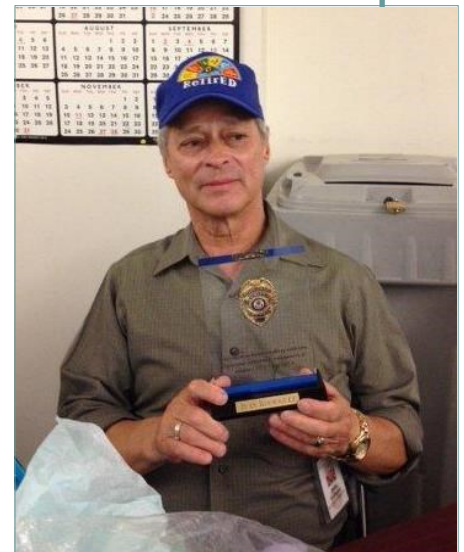
Ivan began working for the Denver Department of Human Services in the early 1970's, starting as an investigator, working on over 5,000 cases before moving on to become a lead worker and then the team's supervisor 15 years ago.

Ivan was instrumental in coordinating and developing a fraud unit tracking computer system in the mid 1990's and has assisted in coordinating numerous reporting processes still in use today. Ivan also assisted in de-

veloping and leading Denver Human Services' first City Security Force and coordinated one of the first high-tech surveillance systems within the city, all while leading the DHS Fraud Unit.

Ivan's leadership and dedication to the mission of CWFC will never be forgotten. Thank you, Ivan, for all you've done, not only for CWFC but for Denver County as well.

Thanks to Denver County for contributing to this article.



Contact the CWFC Board at [cwfcboard@gmail.com](mailto:cwfcboard@gmail.com)!

## Looking Ahead to 2015

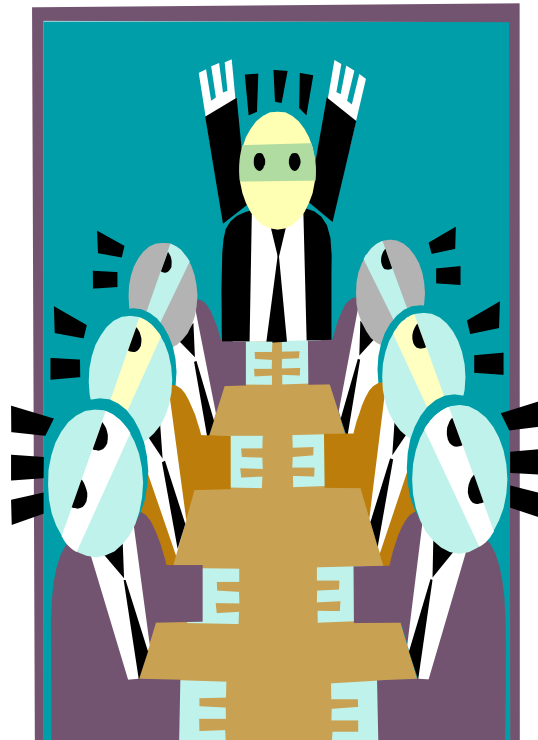
Mark Magnuson

It's never too late to plan ahead! Save the date of May 6th through the 8th of next year for our annual training conference, which will be held at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Loveland. We will be having a joint conference with SSTABS as we believe that it is in the best interest of all, Program Integrity and Eligibility, to have a joint conference.

Your conference committee is looking forward to working with SSTABS to put on the conference. The benefits are passed on to the attendees to have a larger selection of classes to attend and to share our knowledge within the membership of both groups. Please make sure you take advantage of the networking opportunities you will have with the other organization's members.

If there are specific workshops you have really enjoyed in the past and want

repeated or if there is a specific topic you would like to be covered, please send an email to the Conference Agenda Committee Chair, Mark Magnuson at



[magnusma@co.weld.co.us](mailto:magnusma@co.weld.co.us)

## 2014-2015 Board Meetings

The Board of CWFC meets almost every month on the third Friday of the month. Guests and CWFC members are always welcome to join the meeting.

Here are the meeting dates and locations for the current year's term:

9/19/2014: Alamosa County

10/17/2014: El Paso County

11/21/2014: Arapahoe County

1/16/2015: Larimer County

2/20/2015: Routt/Summit Counties (Exact location to be determined)

3/20/2015: Baca/Prowers County

4/17/2015: Mesa County

## 2014-2015 Board Members

The board of CWFC is comprised of members who are dedicated to the mission of CWFC. The board members volunteer their time to serve the needs of the membership.

If you are interested in serving on the board, contact a board member. The Officer/Board Nomination Committee is always looking for perspective members for the next year.

**PRESIDENT:**

Tammy Frey  
Clear Creek County

**PRESIDENT-ELECT:**

Mark Magnuson  
Weld County

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Shawn Southard-Nielsen  
El Paso County

**SECRETARY:**

Sonia Salas  
Larimer County

**TREASURER:**

Colette Kreger  
Colorado Department of Human Services

**Board Members:**

Jeff Bonadies, Alamosa County  
Samorreyan (Sam) Burney, 4th Judicial District, Office of the District Attorney

Patricia (Trish) Heese, Colorado Department of Human Services

Melissa Ingalls, Douglas County  
Doreen Smith, Aspen Family Services

**Alternate Board Members:**

Shelley Poole

Jenn Parrilli-Cole, Boulder County Housing & Human Services

## Committees of CWFC

There are many committees on which to serve. Currently, only officers and board members are assigned to each of the committees and we need your help!

Please contact the committee chair if you are interested in serving on one of the committees. Board Member contact information can be found on our website at [www.cwfc.us](http://www.cwfc.us).

### Financial Plan and Budget Committee—Colette Kreger, Chair

- \* *This committee reviews and plans the finances for the upcoming year based on related expenditures in the past and projects/plans for the future. This committee is traditionally chaired by the CWFC Treasurer.*

### Membership Committee—Shawn Southard-Nielsen, Chair

- \* *This committee solicits involvement from various levels of government agencies and the local populous to become members. Activities include an annual membership drive and providing new members with information about the organization. This committee is chaired by the CWFC Vice President.*

### Legislative Committee—Sam Burney, Chair

- \* *This committee works with various legislative bodies to sponsor or propose changes in fraud related statutes.*

### Officer/Board Nominations Committee—Melissa Ingalls

- \* *This committee seeks out those persons interested and committed to being an officer or board member. The individuals nominated for officers are presented to the general membership by ballot for voting purposes.*

### By-Laws Committee—Jeff Bonadies, Chair

- \* *This committee received comments from the general membership and reviews the Constitution and by-laws of the CWFC. The committee also makes recommendations and/or proposals for the change based on issue, content and legalities.*

### Training Committee—Sonia Salas, Chair

- \* *This committee was formed to meet the training needs of members throughout the year. The committee is available to meet needs by providing or direction to expertise and arranging onsite training sessions.*

### Public Relations/CWFC Awareness Committee—Shelley Poole, Chair

- \* *Promotes the mission and goals of CWFC to outside agencies and individuals.*

### Newsletter/Website Committee—Jenn Parrilli-Cole, Chair

- \* *This committee is responsible for identifying deadlines and gathering, writing, reviewing and proofing articles and/or pictures to be published in the newsletter, *The Informer*, on a quarterly basis. This role is also responsible for maintaining the CWFC website.*

### Poster Committee—Trish Heese, Chair

- \* *This committee works with the Conference Agenda committee in the development and design of the poster to coincide with the theme for the annual training conference.*

### Resource Guide Committee—CWFC Board

- \* *This committee is responsible for revisions to the CWFC Resource Guide based on the needs of the membership.*

### CDHS Liaison Committee—Trish Heese, Chair

- \* *This committee is responsible for obtaining answers on CBMS and policy issues related to Program Integrity.*

### Awards Committee—Jeff Bonadies, Chair

- \* *This committee seeks nominees and designs appropriate plaques/awards for the recognition of outstanding contributions and/or excellence in the field of fraud investigation, prevention and detection.*

### Historian—Trish Heese

- \* *This position creates and assists in the preservation of the CWFC archives.*

### Conference Agenda Committee—Mark Magnuson, Chair

- \* *This committee plans the agenda for the annual training conference. This includes, but is not limited to: workshops, social activities, demonstrations and meals, along with a variety of duties pertaining to the training conference.*

### Conference Site Committee—Doreen Smith, Chair

- \* *This committee scouts sites for upcoming training conferences.*

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## The Only Available Training Is Conference

Jeff Bonadies

Have you ever heard that before? “The only available training is at the CWFC conference.” I’ve heard it and am happy to bust that myth. CWFC members have access to the comprehensive and recently revised CWFC Resource Guide. But wait—there’s more!

Monthly CWFC board meetings are held throughout the state, hosted by county departments and partner agencies. The board is happy to present training to all workers, before and after the meeting, whenever asked. Your CWFC officers and board members have a wealth of knowledge that they are ready to share.

For instance, the September board meeting is being held at Alamosa County Department of Human Services.

The five San Luis Valley counties have requested fraud prevention training geared toward eligibility staff. Consequently, a very popular workshop from the 2014 conference, Determining True Eligibility, will be presented to a large group of eligibility workers before the board meeting. That’s almost like a second bite of the conference apple!

The current schedule for board meetings has been set for 2014-2015, but can be flexible with enough notice. If your agency has a specific training need, please contact the Training Committee or [cwfcboard@gmail.com](mailto:cwfcboard@gmail.com). After all, there’s no reason to wait for conference for “the only available training.”

The Colorado Welfare Council’s Resource Guide has been updated for 2014!

Go to [www.cwfc.us](http://www.cwfc.us) and sign in on the **Members Only** page in order to access the new guide!

### Message From The President

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We accept these nominations over the entire year, to be presented at the conference. If you are not sure which award best suits your employee, send us a nomination and the reason that you this this employee should be singled out and we will find an award which best fits the nomination.

I am looking forward to a year of changes and growth. Please help us out with your ideas and suggestions.

Thank you,

Tammy Frey

CWFC President

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## Thank You To Our State Program Partners!

CWFC would like to show our gratitude to our state program staff for including CWFC members and program integrity workers in the various rule re-writes occurring throughout the state.

State staff have reached out to fraud investigation and recovery workers in various counties, seeking assistance in the rule re-writes for Food Assistance, Colorado Child Care Assistance Program and the Adult Financial programs. This input has been invaluable for those who deal with fraud investigations, IPV’s and claims in all program areas.

The board of CWFC would like to send a thank you out to those state program staff who served as presenters at our conference in June. We are grateful to have a partnership which benefits not only our membership, but eligibility and fraud workers throughout the state.

A special thanks to Levetta Love, Director of the Office of Economic Security, for taking the time to be the keynote speaker at our conference this past June.

**Have you read the CWFC Bylaws lately? You can find a copy on the website under Members Only.**

**Do you have any recommendations for change? If so, contact Doreen Smith at [dsmith@aspensfamilyervices.com](mailto:dsmith@aspensfamilyervices.com).**