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The Informer

Message From The President

On behalf of all Colorado Welfare Fraud Council officers and board members, we'd like to thank all of you who attended our annual training conference at the Sheraton Steamboat Resort. I want to thank the Adult Financial Program and Colorado Credit Union for their monetary contributions to the conference. I also want to thank Colorado Works for providing 25 scholarships, Brad Burton, the keynote speaker, and the two additional sessions of the Oz Principal: Taking Greater Individual Accountability for Key Organizational Results, which was a big hit. I want to give a special thank you to Marsa Williams and Doreen Smith of Aspen Family Services for their continued contributions to our conferences. Without all of your contributions and assistance CWFC would not be able to provide quality training conferences.

CWFC wanted to continue the tradition of giving back to the community. Last year we gave to the Joplin Missouri tornado relief, and this year we wanted to give back to the victims of the High Park fire in Larimer County. CWFC member Linda Huerta-Acker brought to our attention

that the Ronald McDonald Sky High Hope Camp Buckhorn Ranch had been impacted by the High Park fire. Those of you in attendance contributed \$1,000.00 to that charity to help rebuild the facility after the devastating fire. We want to thank Brad Burton, our keynote speaker, who donated 20 books that were raffled off with all the proceeds going to this worthy cause.

This coming year looks like an exciting one with new program rule rewrites and the implementation of the Colorado Works rewrite that Katie Griego enthusiastically outlined in sessions at the conference. There is new legislation regarding Medical assistance fraud in house bill 11-60 that will be implemented, house bill 10-1384 regarding eligibility in the OAP program will also be implemented soon, not to mention all the Continuous Controls Monitoring reports that Charissa Hammer and Adam Blach have been working on so diligently to bring to the counties to assist in fraud prevention. Also, CWFC has an active interest in getting Welfare Fraud laws implemented and will continue to work towards that goal this year.

Now is the time for members to get involved in CWFC. Please review the list of committees located on page 3 of this issue and contact the chairperson to let them know you have an interest to serve. If you don't participate you can't make a difference.

If you are not a member of CWFC, please contact any officer or board member and find out what CWFC can do for you. Our membership committee chair is Jenn Parrilli-Cole, and she can be reached at jparrilli-cole@bouldercounty.org or (303) 682-6792.

CWFC is already planning next year's CWFC training conference, which will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Loveland, May 8-10, 2013. For more information on the location site please go to our website at www.cwfc.us. If you have any requests or suggestions for the 2013 Conference please contact Bridget Convey at Bridget.Convey@state.co.us or (303) 866-2676.

Best Wishes,
Sharon Beckers

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The Newsletter/
Website Committee
will be working on
updating the
CWFC website this
year. Please send
any suggestions to
jparrillicole@bouldercounty.org



2013 Conference Planning

We hope you enjoyed the 2012 CWFC Conference in Steamboat Springs. The Council is already beginning to plan for the 2013 conference and are asking for your help. If you come across a topic that you feel would be relevant to the CWFC conference attendees, or know of a trainer that can knock it out of the park, I would like to hear from you. Please send an email detailing your conference session request to Bridget Convey

at bridget.convey@state.co.us. Within the email let me know who you think the target audience would be for this type of session:



The Embassy Suites in Loveland.

Investigators, technicians or both.

As we begin to pull together agenda topics and requesting speakers, we know that the success of our conference and the organization as a whole relies heavily on your input and satisfaction levels. Please join us in planning the success of the 2013 CWFC Conference, which will be held at the Loveland Embassy Suites.

Computer Matching System Could Limit Safety Net “Double Dipping”

...Under PARIS, states submit information to the federal government, which matches the records against federal databases and other state reports and then tells the states about individuals who may warrant further investigation. States still have to probe any discrepancies on their own. They can consult PARIS for free, but there's cost involved in researching the discrepancies and the program can increase workload at the state level.

Here's how it worked in a case in Ohio. A PARIS match indicated that a mother and child living in that state had received benefits at the same time from California and Nevada. Ohio's investigation revealed that the child was getting disability benefits under Supplemental Security Income mailed to a California address. Working with Nevada, Ohio then moved to prosecute the woman for fraud. Another case involved an individ-

ual who had been on Medicaid in New York since 2010 and who was receiving food stamps in Tennessee when he applied for benefits in Oklahoma in 2011. Working with Tennessee investigators, Oklahoma also determined that the same individual was getting food stamps in Georgia. The person was disqualified from the program.

The incidents that a PARIS match can detect don't always involve deliberate fraud. Sometimes recipients simply forget to notify officials in one state when they move to another. But the duplication still costs a lot of money. Many states use managed care for Medicaid and pay a fixed amount for each person on the rolls. If a person changes residence and doesn't promptly notify authorities, the state will still be paying the same amount even if the person doesn't use that state's Medicaid card any more.

Mark Zaleha, a fraud control specialist for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, figures that states collectively could save up to \$1.5 billion by fully using PARIS. That estimate is extrapolated from Ohio's experience, which in 2011 saved \$7.6 million, and was described at a recent PARIS conference in Washington, D.C...*

*Prah, P. (2012) Computer Matching System Could Limit Safety Net 'Double Dipping'. Stateline. Retrieved from <http://www.pewstates.org/projects/stateline/headlines/computer-matching-system-could-limit-safety-net-double-dipping-85899381176>



The officers and board of CWFC are seeking your help! Please volunteer a little bit of your time to help out on one of the following committees:

- Financial Plan and Budget: Reviews and plans finances for the upcoming year
Shelley Poole, Chair poolexx1@gmail.com
- By-Laws: Makes recommendations and/or proposals to make changes to the bylaws
Doreen Smith, Chair dsmith@aspenservices.com
- Conference Agenda: Plans the agenda for the annual training conference
Bridget Convey, Chair Bridget.Convey@state.co.us
- Conference Site : Plans and executes potential conference site visits
Tammy Frey, Chair Tammy.Frey@state.co.us
- Membership: Solicits interest and involvement in CWFC
Jenn Parrilli-Cole, Chair jparrilli-cole@bouldercounty.org
- Public Relations/CWFC Awareness: Promotes CWFC to outside agencies/individuals
Shelley Poole, Chair poolexx1@gmail.com
- Resource Guide: Revisions based on membership need/requests
Tammy Frey, Chair Tammy.Frey@state.co.us
- Legislative: Works with various legislative bodies to sponsor new welfare-related laws and propose changes to existing statutes
Rogelio Segura, Chair Rogelio.Segura@state.co.us
- Officer/Board Nomination: Seeks interest/commitment in serving on the CWFC board
Liz Toledo, Chair Liz.Toledo@state.co.us
- Awards: Seeks nominations and designs awards for individuals to be recognized
Jeff Bonadies, Chair gjbon@gojade.org
- Training: Arranging and providing training for members year-round
Jeff Bonadies, Chair gjbon@gojade.org
- Newsletter/Website: Publishing the quarterly newsletter and maintaining the CWFC website
Jenn Parrilli-Cole, Chair jparrilli-cole@bouldercounty.org
- Poster: Assist with Conference Agenda committee in designing the annual conference theme and poster
Shawn Southard-Nielsen, Chair ShawnSouthard@elpasoco.com
- CDHS/HCPF: Responsible for facilitating communication between CDHS/HCPF (among other state agencies) and CWFC
Staci Morley-Young, Chair Staci.Morley-Young@state.co.us
- Historian: Creates and assists in the preservation of CWFC archives
Shawn Southard-Nielsen, Chair ShawnSouthard@elpasoco.com





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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Colorado Welfare Fraud Council is to uphold the integrity and spirit of public assistance programs' rules and regulations as they relate to fraud.

Officers:

- President, Sharon Beckers
- President Elect, Bridget Convey
- Vice President, Jennifer Parrilli-Cole
- Secretary, Laura Smith
- Treasurer, Shelley Poole

Board:

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| Jeff Bonadies | Rogelio Segura |
| Michael Bradbury | Doreen Smith |
| Tammy Frey | Shawn Southard-Nielsen |
| Staci Morley-Young | Liz Toledo |

Alternate:

Brandi Gallegos

Past President Board Member:

Mark Magnuson

Need Training?



The CWFC Board meets almost every month at different locations throughout the state. We are able to provide fraud detection and prevention training catered to your needs!

Please contact Jeff Bonadies, Training Committee Chair, at gjbon@gojade.org if you are interested in the Board of the CWFC providing training to your group while we're in your area!

Board meeting dates/locations:

- 8/17/12, Boulder County
- 9/21/12, Morgan County
- 10/12/12, Mesa County
- 11/16/12, El Paso County
- 1/18/13, CDHS Denver
- 2/15/13, Aspen Family Services, Lafayette
- 3/15/13, Alamosa County
- 4/19/13, Adams County
- 5/8/13-5/10/13, Annual Training Conference, Loveland

CWFC Memberships for 2013 are now being accepted

The Colorado Welfare Fraud Council has been in existence since 1984 and is still going strong! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the officers, board and general membership over the years, the Council has been able to maintain a strong presence in human services agencies throughout the state. There are currently over 140 members of CWFC and we want to add to that number for 2013! I encourage you to share information about our organization with others and help the Membership Committee increase our numbers. The annual dues remain an affordable \$20.00 per year.

CWFC memberships cover the year from January 1st through December 31st. The membership affords you access to the CWFC newsletter, *The Informer*, and the website www.cwfc.us. In addition, you'll have access to the Council's resources to support you in maintaining program integrity and the fight against welfare fraud.

Please be sure to spread the word about CWFC and all of the good work our members do every day to detect, investigate and prosecute those guilty of welfare fraud!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Parrilli-Cole

Vice-President and Membership Committee Chair, CWFC, 2012-2013

Please Print Legibly and Complete Membership Form in its Entirety

2013 CWFC Membership Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Agency: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail _____

New Member Returning Member Renewal Change of Contact Information Only

2013 Annual Membership is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to CWFC and mail with completed Membership Form to:

CWFC, P.O. Box 890, Canon City, CO 81215

****Please report any changes to your contact information as soon as possible****

Congratulations to our CWFC award winners!

The following individuals were honored at the 2012 conference in Steamboat Springs:

Ted Cole Memorial Award:

Sharon Beckers, Adams County

Outstanding Group of the Year:

Investigation Unit, Weld County Department of Human Services

Outstanding Individual of the Year:

Jennifer Parrilli-Cole, Boulder County

Investigator of the Year:

Kristina Gonzalez, Boulder County

Recovery Technician of the Year:

Crystal Chase, El Paso County



Fresh Promotions