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Message From the President - Gerald Garcia

Special points of interest:

- www.cwfc.us is Colorado Welfare Fraud Council's web page
- www.ucowf.org is the website for the United Council on Welfare Fraud
- www.ccionline.org is the website for CCI-Colorado Counties, Inc.
- www.sstabsinc.org is the website for SSTABS-Social Services & Technical Business Staffs

The 2008 – 2009 Colorado Welfare Fraud Council (“CWFC”) has been meeting and preparing for the upcoming CWFC 25th Anniversary Conference on May 13th, 14th, and 15th 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Rocky Mountain Park Inn, 101 South St. Vrain, Estes Park, CO 80517. All CWFC committees are busy preparing their special contributions to this upcoming conference. The CWFC committees are having a paradigm shift and thinking in different ways to provide you, our members/guests, the tools and networks that are essential to your job. We are also extending our sessions to bring in our partners in Food Assistance, Colorado Works/Temporary Assistance Needy Families, Old Age Pension, Child Care Assistance, Medicaid, and all the other program areas we interact with daily. We are attempting to se-

cure four to five vendors at this conference. We are planning to give those vendors a session to present a short presentation regarding their products and services that would benefit or assist us in doing our jobs more efficiently.

I would like you all to start considering your peers, co-workers, or anyone in our business industry who has made a contribution or has dedicated themselves in preventing and/or detecting fraud and nominate those individuals/group for an award in each category. Those categories are The Ted Cole Award, Outstanding Individual/Group Awards, Investigator Award, Legal Recovery Specialist Award, Income Technician Award, and Resource Technician Award. All Award Nominations will be sent directly to the CWFC President. The President will disseminate copies of each

nomination to all Award Committee members. Each member will review and vote for the individual/group who has exhibited exceptional performance and/or service. After the Award Committee members have voted on the different categories, the votes will be tallied and the individual/group who receives the largest number of votes will receive the Award in each category.

If you have any request or suggestions for workshop ideas for the upcoming conference please contact Mark Magnuson at magnusma@co.weld.co.us Please check out the conference site by logging on to www.rockymountainparkinn.com Lastly, for any updated information regarding the CWFC Conference please visit our website cwfc.us

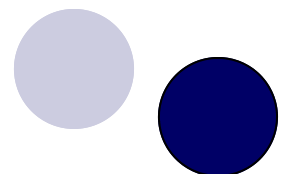
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CWFC Board and Elected Positions

If you are interested or know someone who is interested in becoming a Board Member or an Elected Officer with CWFC, please contact

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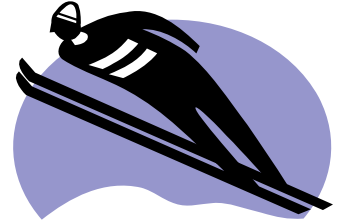
What is the FS-36A and What Is It Used For? - Lori Duffy

The FS-36A form is used to record the Food Stamp Fraud/ activities of each of the county offices. This includes the number of pre and post certification investigations conducted by each county, potential dollar value lost to agency, cases pursued through Administrative Disqualifications and prosecutions. New instructions were sent out in Agency Letter FA-0804-A. This report is **required** to be completed by each County under Volume IV, 4.4428.2 (10 CCR 2506-1). The report should be sent to the Colorado Department of

Human Services; 1575 Sherman Street, 3rd Floor; ATTN: Lori Duffy; Denver, CO 80203. The report is due by January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 of each year.

This information is used to report to the USDA, Food and Nutrition Services the activity that Colorado has with IPV claims and disqualifications.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact me at lori.duffy@state.co.us or 303-866-5915.



Colorado Works QA/QC - Paula Lujan

The Colorado Works Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) unit is now up and running. We are pleased to introduce our reviewers- Theresa Abeyta, David Powell, and Michelle Sykes. The unit is supervised by Paula Lujan.

The primary objective for the QA/QC Team is to assure compliance with all applicable regulations of the TANF program. As outlined in the Work Verification Plan, the unit will focus on conducting Tier I reviews which will include

monitoring county QA activities for county compliance with the terms of their county policies and all federal and state statutes and regulations. The case reviews will be conducted based on a random sample and will pull a percentage of active TANF cases for the month of review. The QA/QC Reviewers will conduct ongoing quality assurance secondary stage supervisory reviews to assure accuracy at the county level and state supervisory reviews to verify the county Tier II activi-

ties. This will include reviews of county case files and work processes, work eligible indicators, review of data and verifications to ensure there are no data inconsistencies, control for data errors including transcription and coding errors, data omissions, computational errors, and compilation errors. The team will also incorporate fraud prevention and detection methodologies in their case reviews to enhance the integrity of the Colorado Works Program.

CDHS Wins National Award - Lori Duffy

Colorado Department of Human Services, Food Assistance Unit won a national award for the most improved collection for the Treasury Offset Program. Colorado collected over

\$2.25 million in tax intercepts, and government issued checks such as SSA and Economic Stimulus Package checks. Thanks to everyone for your hard work.

Membership Committee - Jim Steadman

As Vice President I am also the chair of the Membership Committee and CWFC Board Members, Geri Romero, Denver County, Dan Rhoden, Douglas County and Shelly Poole, Fremont County have graciously agreed to service on the membership committee.

In the coming year the committee's goal is not only to retain the current 200 plus members but also increase the CWFC membership by at least 10%.

We realize this is a lofty goal and also realize it will take the **entire current membership's** help to reach this goal. Therefore, we are asking everyone for ideas and ask that

you actively sign up as many new members as possible. I encourage each of you to contact me or any other officer or board member of CWFC with any questions regarding membership.

Membership for the year 2009 is now being accepted. The membership year is January 1 through December 31, inclusive and dues remain at \$20.00 a year. Please consider renewing or re-establishing your membership. Also talk to your co-works and stress the importance of them becoming a member of CWFC.

We sent out a 2009 renewal statement on December 15, 2008. A copy of the cur-

rent Membership form is also attached to this newsletter.

NOTE: In order to vote in the 2009-2010 Officer Election and on any recommended By-Law changes you must be a current member as of March 25, 2009 as the ballots must be mailed out not later than March 28, 2009 and returned NLT May 11, 2009 to be counted.

Thanks for all your support. See you at the May conference in Estes Park.



Web Cam Identification - Mark Magnuson

Here in Weld County we started taking a person's picture via a web cam every time we (investigations) conduct an interview at our office. We advise the person that we are taking a picture of them so that we can identify who we inter-

viewed. We have NOT had any problems with this new procedure since we implemented it about 6 months ago. The main reason we started this procedure was that when criminal cases are filed in court, one of the first questions the Investigator

is asked is "if we can identify the person". Now we are able to provide a picture of the person we interviewed and not just a DMV picture that might be up to 10 years old.

Radonna's Kitchen

Beef Soup

TIME: Prep: 10 min. Cook: 55 min.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 4 celery ribs, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, coarsely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups reduced-sodium tomato juice

- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons reduced-sodium beef bouillon granules
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cans (16 ounces each) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 cups coarsely chopped cabbage

Directions:

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, cook the beef,

celery, onion, green pepper and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the water, tomato juice, tomatoes, tomato sauce, bouillon, chili powder and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

Stir in kidney beans; return to a boil. Stir in cabbage. Reduce heat; cover and cook 12 minutes longer or until cabbage is tender. **Yield:** 8 servings.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

1/16/09

Denver County
DHS

2/20/09

Weld County
DHS



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CWFC Board Members

2008 - 2009 Officers

Gerald Garcia	President
Mark Magnuson	President Elect
James Steadman	Vice President
Shelley Poole	Treasurer
Tammy Frey	Secretary

2008 - 2009 Board Members

Lori Duffy	Board Member
Brandi Gallegos	Board Member
Charissa Hammer	Board Member
Angelita Juarez	Board Member
Paula Lujan	Board Member
Dan Rhoden	Board Member
Cindy Rice	Board Member
Geri Romero	Board Member
Rayna Jefferson	Alternate Board Member
Doreen Smith	Alternate Board Member

CWFC Membership Form

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Agency: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ (Ext) _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

New member ___ Renewal ___ Returning Member ___ (Missed Last Year) ___ Change of Information ___

2009 Annual Membership is \$20.00. Membership is from January 1, through December 31. If you are joining or renewing your membership, please make check payable to CWFC and mail to CWFC, P.O. Box 890, Canon City, CO 81215.

If you are reporting a change of information, enter the former information here: