



August 27, 2008

## Message From The President – Jeff Bonadies

### Thanks

Well, members, here we are. Just a few weeks from the beginning of the CWFC / UCOWF Joint Training Conference. The organizations have been working at the trite, but true “fever pitch.” Speakers have been procured, then had to cancel. New and just as knowledgeable speakers have been obtained. The menu is set, and the entertainment put into place. You surely can’t imagine the degree of coordination that is necessary to put such an event together. Congratulations to the Conference Committee members of both organizations. They deserve your respect, so when you see them at conference, give ‘em a pat on the back.

It seems like every quarter I pen a message that highlights the accomplishments of various Board Com-

mittees. You’ve learned about how much has been done, on many fronts, this past year. Well I’d like to take a moment to highlight the committee (person) that is the vehicle for giving you all that information. For several years, our primary information asset has been *The Informer*. It brings you the information necessary to stay, well, *informed* about your organization. Cindy Rice continues to produce one of the most aesthetic and well-created newsletters I’ve seen in a very long time. If you get a chance, compare the finished product *Informer* with newsletters of other organizations, whether public or private sector. *The Informer* is consistently a publication in which we can take pride. And it’s often taken for granted. Thank you Cindy, for a continually fine document.

And now my personal thanks, to all of you. This is obviously my last President’s Message. I have had no greater honor than that of working with you, the Officers, Board Members, and members of the Colorado Welfare Fraud Council. Throughout these many years I’ve worn many hats in this organization, and come to know pretty well what it takes to serve CWFC: knowledge; dedication; the desire to do what’s right, no matter how difficult the challenge. All of you demonstrate those qualities. I wish you continued success in the next board year, and I’m confident that you will achieve it. Thank you for the opportunity to be associated with such professionals.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- [www.cwfc.us](http://www.cwfc.us) is Colorado Welfare Fraud Council’s web page
- [www.ucowf.org](http://www.ucowf.org) is the website for the United Council on Welfare Fraud
- [www.ccionline.org](http://www.ccionline.org) is the website for CCI-Colorado Counties, Inc.
- [www.sstabsinc.org](http://www.sstabsinc.org) is the website for SSTABS-Social Services & Technical Business Staffs

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## FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - JIM STEADMAN

As of August 11, 2008 we have signed up 183 returning and/or new members for the 2008 membership year..

**THANKS** to those who have sent in their renewal and/or became new members for 2008. .

Everyone is looking forward to the joint CWFC, United Council on Welfare Fraud (UCOWF) conference in Snowmass CO in September 2008. As we mentioned in the last newsletter one of the training tracks will specifically address the training needs of eligibility staff.

Thanks to Pauline Burton, State of Colorado Department of Human Services, and her staff additional funding was made available

to assist in sponsoring eligibility staff to the September 2008 joint UCOWF\CWFC conference in Snowmass. A total of sixty-eight (68) scholarships, **worth \$15,980.00**, were provided. We would appreciate if these individuals also became CWFC members.

Remember the membership year is January 1 through December 31, inclusive and dues remain at \$20.00 a year. After October 1, 2008 please consider renewing or re-establishing your membership for **2009**. Also talk to your co-workers and stress the importance of them becoming a member of CWFC. The Membership form is included with this newsletter

The committee's goal is not only to retain the current 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

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any current member or the membership committee at [james.steadman@denvergov.org](mailto:james.steadman@denvergov.org) 720.944.1222, [geraldne.romero@denvergov.org](mailto:geraldne.romero@denvergov.org) 720.944.2012 or [shelly.poole@state.co.us](mailto:shelly.poole@state.co.us) 719.275.2318

Become an Associate Member of Colorado Welfare Fraud Council for only \$10 per year. With an associate membership you will receive *The Informer*, CWFC's quarterly newsletter, which will keep you updated on CWFC's news and events.



*I would like to thank those of you who have supported me during my time as Historian for CWFC. As of September 14, 2008, I have resigned that position. I have enjoyed being the Historian and will miss it. Angelita Juarez, Broomfield County, will be the new Historian*

*Radonna Vinger*

## COME AND CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

CWFC'S 25TH ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN ESTES PARK IN MAY 2009.

LODING WILL BE AT THE HOLIDAY INN AND THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT ESTES PARK CONFERENCE CENTER WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE HOLIDAY INN.

THE HOLIDAY INN IS ONLY A FEW BLOCKS FROM DOWNTOWN ESTES PARK .

ESTES PARK OFFERS LOTS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY SUCH AS WILDLIFE, HIKING, BIKING, BOATING, AND FISHING.



SO, MARK YOUR CALENDAR. THIS IS SURE TO BE A MEMORABLE CONFERENCE

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - CHARISSA HAMMER & GERALD GARCIA

The Legislative Committee continues to make progress on exploring what The Work Number can do for not only investigative activities, but potential eligibility activities in Colorado as well.

For those of you not acquainted with The Work Number, it is a payroll information data service. About 35% of all employers in the United States submit real time payroll information electronically to The Work Number. The information maintained by this company tends to be more current than the information currently available through the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. In addition, The Work Number maintains some additional information that CDLE does not have, namely number of hours worked which could be beneficial for TANF work partici-

pation information. For more about The Work Number, go to: <http://www.theworknumber.com/AboutUs/SocialServices/index.asp>

Adams County has offered to pilot The Work Number information service. Initially only limited Adams County client data will be matched with current Work Number data to determine what percentage of active clients currently show employment. This will give an indicator of how useful the service may potentially be. A claims file of clients who owe Adams County money, but are not paying the claim will also be sent in for locate purposes. For a nominal fee, The Work Number will return employment information to Adams County. One additional thing to point out is that human services employees can

currently use the limited Work Number information without any charge. Information is usually returned back to the agency within a day or so by fax. The intent of this pilot is to see how beneficial the real time/on-line enhanced version will be to Colorado, and to be able to use it as a locate tool for investigators.

The Workers Compensation match has so far resulted in a whopping \$175,581 in potential recoveries from being able to garnish workers compensation benefits. Way to go counties! The goal is to maximize every available avenue for recoveries. As always, if you want more information on how your county can participate, do not hesitate to call either Gerald Garcia (303) 227-2121 or Charissa Hammer (303) 866-7324.



CHECK OUT THE UPDATED BY-LAWS ON OUR WEB PAGE **CWFC.US**

CWFC IS HONORED TO HAVE THE HONORABLE TIJANI COLE PRESENT THE TED COLE MEMORIAL AWARD AGAIN THIS YEAR!

## CATCHING UP WITH CCAP—DOREEN SMITH

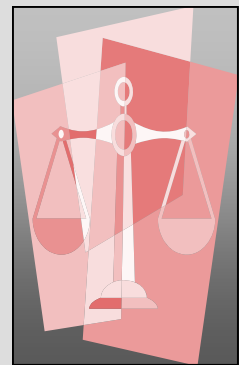
The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) is having their annual training conference October 21-23, 2008 at the Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast. There is not a conference website yet, but it should be forthcoming. The CCAP portion of the conference runs concurrent with the Child Care Licensing portion.

Obtaining a vendor for the CHATS replacement data system is ongoing. CDHS DCC can not release the name of the selected vendor

yet until after the appeal rights have expired for those not chosen. So we should all know soon!

The Child Care Division is working on an extensive rule change packet to be submitted to State Board later this year. Many of the changes were prompted by the federal audit observations and some by recommendations from the Office of Appeals. Since fraud disqualification for child care is supported in state statute, an IPV fraud disqualification process for CCAP will be

included in this rule packet. It's been a long time coming and we look forward to this additional program accountability tool. State staff informed us that a draft of the rule package will be going out to the stakeholders for review and comment prior to the first hearing of State Board. First Hearing will be during the TANF conference on October 3, 2008 and Second Hearing should be November 7, 2008. The new rules would be effective January 1, 2009.



## CWFI PROGRAM

UCOWF is committed to assisting our members with their professional advancement by providing a desirable and effective certification program. We are equally committed to maintaining the public trust through vigilance of the Public Assistance programs and the vigorous prosecution of those attempting to defraud our society.

The confluence of these commitments is the Certified Welfare Fraud Investigator (CWFI) Program. To be eligible for certification under this program you must:

be a current and full time investigator;  
have a minimum of two years of ongoing, continuous experience in public assistance fraud investigations; in the case of employment by a state or province whose welfare delivery system is state-supervised and locally administered, spend 50% or more

of your time in fraud investigation activities (i.e. FPI or back-end fraud investigations). Other duties must be fraud control related. It is required that you have worked in that capacity continuously for two years at the time of application; agree to perform all professional duties in accordance with applicable government standards (e.g. Government Auditing Standards as published by the U.S. Comptroller General); complete the CWFI Certification Exam;  
be a UCOWF member in good standing, and;  
agree to obey all federal, state and local laws and the UCOWF Code of Ethics.  
All complaints regarding conduct and performance of Certified Welfare Fraud Investigators are subject to investigation by the UCOWF Ethics Committee.

Certified Welfare Fraud Investi-

gators must obtain a minimum of twenty (20) hours of approved continuing education yearly or sixty (60) hours of approved continuing education over the last 3 year period. Verification of the training attended must be provided to UCOWF annually for recertification. An online CWFI Study Guide is posted in the Member Area.

How to Apply for Certification: Complete and mail the CWFI application with a check for the non-refundable \$15.00 examination fee, payable to UCOWF, to the following address: Certification Board, United Council on Welfare Fraud, P.O. Box 778, Benton, Arkansas 072018-0778. To complete an application click the link below - [http://www.ucowf.org/print-CWFI\\_application.htm](http://www.ucowf.org/print-CWFI_application.htm)

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UCOWF  
take Snowmass,  
Colorado by  
storm at the  
joint conference  
5/14/08—5/18/08**

**Register at:  
[http://  
www.ucowf.org](http://www.ucowf.org)**



## RADONNA'S KITCHEN

<b>Peanut Butter Jumbos</b>	2 tsp baking soda	Stir in chips and M&M's.
1-1/2 cups peanut butter	1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips	Drop by heaping tablespoons 2 in. apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-14 minutes or until edges are browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.
1 cup sugar	1 cup miniature M & M's	<b>YIELD:</b> 9 dozen. <b>NOTE:</b> this recipe does not contain flour.
½ cup butter or margarine, softened	In a large mixing bowl, cream peanut butter, butter and sugars. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in Vanilla. Combine oats and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture.	
1 cup packed brown sugar		
3 eggs		
1 tsp vanilla extract		
4-1/2 cups quick-cooking oats		

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#### 2007 - 2008 Officers

Jeff Bonadies	President
Gerald Garcia	President Elect
James Steadman	Vice President
Donna Ashlock	Treasurer
Tammy Frey	Secretary

#### 2007 - 2008 Board Members

Lori Duffy	Board Member
Brandi Gallegos	Board Member
Charissa Hammer	Board Member
Shelley Poole	Board Member
Cindy Rice	Board Member
Geri Romero	Board Member
Rogelio Segura	Board Member
Doreen Smith	Board Member
Angelita Juarez	Alternate Board Member
Mark Magnuson	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 \_\_\_

2008 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 2473, Englewood, CO 80150.

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

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