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Mn/DOT.....	800-657-3774
MN Office of Volunteer Services.....	800-234-6687
MN Ag Statistics Services.....	651-296-2230
Attorney General.....	800-657-3787
Health Department.....	651-215-5800
Office of Rural Health.....	651-282-3838
MN Housing Finance Agency.....	800-657-3769
Department of Human Services.....	651-297-3933
Minnesota Board on Aging.....	800-882-6262
Department of Natural Resources.....	800-766-6000
Pollution Control Agency.....	800-657-3864
Trade & Economic Development.....	800-657-3858
Office of Tourism.....	800-657-3700
Legislative Comm. on MN Resources...	651-296-2406
Association of Minnesota Counties.....	651-224-3344
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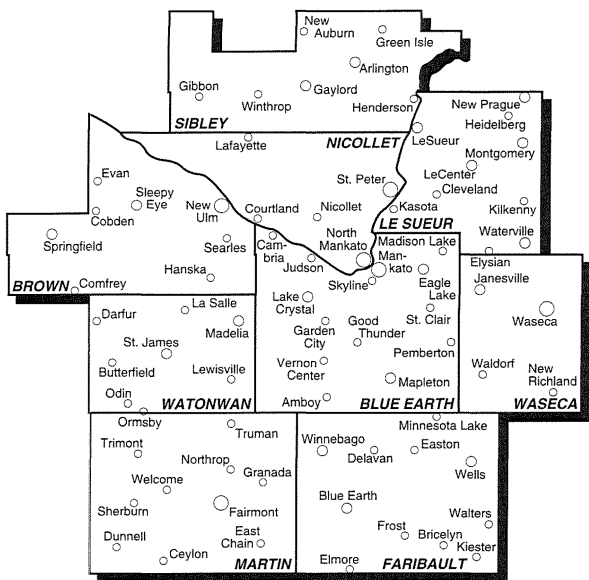
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John Dorn.....	651-296-3248
Mankato .....	507-388-3649
Bob Gunther .....	651-296-3240
Fairmont .....	507-235-6154
Elaine Harder .....	651-296-5373
Jackson .....	507-847-3550
Henry Kalis.....	651-296-4240
Walters .....	507-294-3147
Carol Molnau .....	651-296-8872
Chaska .....	612-448-3513
Doug Reuter.....	651-296-5368
Owatonna .....	507-444-0466
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Nicollet .....	507-246-5125
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Northfield .....	507-663-0013



## MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the Region Nine Development Commission is to promote the development of the region through intergovernmental cooperation,

community and human development, long-range planning and technical assistance.”

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The Region Nine Development Commission, authorized by the Regional Development Act of 1969, was organized by local officials in 1972 “to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of state, federal and local comprehensive planning and development programs for the solution of economic, social, physical and governmental problems of the state and its citizens.”

*(Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.383; Subdivision 2)*

The 40 elected officials serving on the Commission represent nine counties, 72 cities, 147 townships, school districts, and the Minnesota Valley Council of Governments. Representatives of six special interest groups are also on the Commission. They include: Health & Human Welfare; Business & Commerce; Agriculture; Tourism & Recreation; Environmental Quality; and Transportation.

The Region Nine area is comprised of nine south central Minnesota counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan. Their combined population is 222,882 of the state’s 4,735,830 people according to the 1997 Census estimate. Fairmont, North Mankato, New Ulm and Mankato are the four largest cities with populations respectively from 11,339 to 31,850.

## REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

### BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Kip Bruender	Eagle Lake	507-257-3561
Stan Christ	Mankato	507-388-8226
Quentin Marsh	Mankato	507-387-4943
Alvis More	Mapleton	507-869-3222
Dan Reuter	Mapleton	507-245-3844

### BROWN COUNTY

Jim Berg	Janesville	507-359-2685
Jim Broich	Sleepy Eye	507-794-4791
Charles Griebel*	New Ulm	507-359-4564
Jim Hanson	Comfrey	507-877-3631
Frederick Juni	New Ulm	507-354-4322
Bert Schapekahm	New Ulm	507-354-5299

### FARIBAULT COUNTY

Larry Anderson	Frost	507-878-3106
Gordon Benson	Kiester	507-294-3293
Dennis Nelson	Winnebago	507-893-4451
Roger Oldfather	Kiester	507-294-3440
Darwin Olson	Winnebago	507-464-3491
Donald Toppin*	Winnebago	507-893-4278
Donald Ziegler*	Blue Earth	507-943-3377

### LE SUEUR COUNTY

Alvin Dietz	New Prague	612-758-4682
Clarence Mager*	LeCenter	507-357-4338
Mick McGuire	Montgomery	612-364-8066
Terry Overn	LeCenter	507-388-5302
Bill Stangler	St. Peter	507-931-1219
James Stangler	Kilkenny	507-595-3549

### MARTIN COUNTY

Nathan Behne*	Sherburn	507-764-2147
Harlan Gorath	Fairmont	507-235-3555
Leighton Hugoson	Fairmont	507-773-4259

<b>Bob Roesler</b>	Sherburn	507-764-5907
<b>Roland Thiesse</b>	Fairmont	507-235-5343

## **NICOLLET COUNTY**

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<b>Nancy Knutson</b>	North Mankato	507-388-6509
<b>John Prosch</b>	Nicollet	507-225-3758
<b>Cletus Schroepfer*</b>	St. Peter	507-931-3656
<b>Jim Stenson</b>	St. Peter	507-931-6633

## **SIBLEY COUNTY**

<b>Leo Bauer</b>	Gaylord	507-237-2164
<b>Jory Isakson</b>	Gibbon	507-834-6581
<b>Norbert Kaufmann</b>	Belle Plaine	507-326-7711
<b>Don Schwecke*</b>	Gibbon	507-834-6778

## **WASECA COUNTY**

<b>Wendell Armstrong</b>	Waseca	507-835-4459
<b>Eldo Brandenburg</b>	Pemberton	507-239-2494
<b>Jack Fitzsimmons</b>	Waseca	507-835-5479
<b>Alvin Grams*</b>	Janesville	507-234-6495
<b>Gary Owens</b>	Waseca	507-835-5446
<b>Russ Wiebold</b>	Janesville	507-234-6394

## **WATONWAN COUNTY**

<b>Candace Fenske</b>	Madelia	507-642-8937
<b>Janet Froslan</b>	St. James	507-375-3078
<b>Harry Hanson</b>	Butterfield	507-956-2004
<b>Vernon Koerselman</b>	Madelia	507-642-3260
<b>Wilton Sulflow*</b>	Lewisville	507-435-4041

\* Commission member replaced since July, 1998.

## **COMMISSION CHAIRMEN**

<b>Daniel Keasling</b>	1972-75	<b>John King</b>	1987-91
<b>Terence Stone</b>	1975-76	<b>Marlin Gratz</b>	1991-94
<b>Carl Wyczawski</b>	1976-79	<b>Ken Albrecht</b>	1994-95
<b>Ken Albrecht</b>	1979-83	<b>Leighton Hugoson</b>	1995-99
<b>James Stangler</b>	1983-87	<b>Larry Anderson</b>	1999-



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**DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**



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During the past year, the Region Nine Development Commission (RNDC) has experienced changes in leadership with a new Executive Director and Chairman. Russ Wille was named Executive Director in 1999. Russ brings several years of southern Minnesota city and county government administrative experience to the position. His background complements the R9 staff, who are well trained and committed to delivering the best possible programs and services to all of Region Nine.

We extend a special thanks to Leighton Hugoson who completed his second term as Commission Chairman this past year. His leadership has helped the Commission provide new levels of service to the residents of our nine counties during the past four years. We appreciate his leadership and look forward to his continuing service as a member of the Commission.

I would also like to thank the RNDC's 40 Commissioners for their dedication and service. These Commission members are all local leaders. They are connected to the issues and the people of Region Nine. Their close community ties provide a constant, vital and direct link between the people of Region Nine and their Development Commission.

RNDC members and staff share a common vision for the future of our rural area. We collectively embrace the goals in the Commission's Mission Statement: "to promote the development of the region through intergovernmental cooperation, community and human development, long-range planning and technical assistance."

For 27 years, the RNDC has continued to be a valuable resource with programs that benefit the citizens of Region Nine. Our programs include: aging, emergency medical services, prevention and healthy communities, transportation, finance, planning, grant writing, conferences, small business, economic and community development.

Region Nine has earned a national reputation for providing efficient and innovative service. In this report you will find specific details on how the RNDC is making a positive difference in your community, county or township.

As rural America continues to face great economic challenges, intercommunity cooperation is imperative. You may depend on the RNDC to continue its respected leadership role in helping our communities work together to meet both the known and unknown challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity and honor to serve as Chairman of the Region Nine Development Commission.

Larry Anderson, Chairman

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I have always been a big fan of the Region Nine Development Commission (RNDC). As a student in the Urban and Regional Studies Institute at Mankato State University, I first learned of the programs and services delivered by the RNDC. As an employee of the city of Wells and Martin County I had the opportunity to work with many Commission employees. Today, I am truly honored to serve as the Executive Director of such an accomplished organization.

After serving just over six months I share these observations:

The individual programs within the organization are each successful. Many serve as models within their particular profession. Services or methods of service delivery developed by Region Nine are often successfully replicated in other areas of the state or country.

The staff is dedicated, both to the organization, and to the client. RNDC employees are committed to professionalism and personal development. Employees are encouraged to be innovative and to question the status quo. The combined experience of the staff members is impressive and irreplaceable. My predecessors must be credited with assembling such a talented staff.

The RNDC promotes flexibility and is highly adaptable - we must be able to respond rapidly to

changing conditions. We have responded effectively to natural disasters in 1993 and again in 1998. We are able to respond to changes imposed by the legislative or executive branches of government. Region Nine services make a difference in peoples' lives.

Although we share a common citizenry with other local units of government, our interests are truly of regional concerns. We are committed to inter-governmental cooperation and the elimination of duplication, yet we respect the sovereignty of our companion units of government. We have successfully formed partnerships with township, county, municipal, state, federal and private interests.

The reputation of the organization has developed over the course of 27 years. The programs of R9 are highly respected by our partners and clientele. Much of the credit for past success goes to the current and former members of the Commission and Board of Directors. These dedicated individuals provide countless hours of service to the region in addition to their duties as township, county, city or school district elected officials. Other members diligently serve on the Commission representing various interests that are common to the entire nine-county area.

Our work is directed by our common values of accountability, professionalism, adaptability, communications, diversity and teamwork.

As the new Executive Director of R9, it is tempting to initiate change for the sake of putting my own mark on the organization. I will do my best to resist this urge.

I am reminded that one of the doctrines of the Hippocratic oath is "to first do no harm."

With that said, there will always be issues that must be addressed and operational barriers to be eliminated. The efficient utilization of human, financial and natural resources will be sought. Changes will undoubtedly occur, although they will be gradual and implemented with the sole purpose of providing services that meet the needs of the region and its citizens.

The RNDC is obligated by state statute to address the economic, social, physical and governmental concerns of the region. We take this obligation very seriously.

I look forward to meeting you all in person. If in the meantime, I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 507-389-8872.

Respectfully,

Russ Wille  
Executive Director

## REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION STAFF

<b>Russ Wille</b>	Executive Director
<b>Veronica Alba</b>	Community Prevention Planner - PHC
<b>Joyce Allard</b>	Public Information Director / Conferences
<b>Gina Borchardt</b>	Bilingual Health Promotion Specialist - Saludando Salud
<b>Jo Cattrysse</b>	Community Prevention Planner - PHC
<b>Dena Nundahl Colemer</b>	New Projects and Grants Director, Statistics, Census
<b>Becky Farber</b>	Administrative Planner - PHC
<b>Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg</b>	Aging Planner / Grants Manager / SENIOR LINKAGE LINE® Coordinator
<b>Linda Fox</b>	Adm. Assistant - Prevention & Healthy Communities
<b>Anne Ganey</b>	Director - Prevention & Healthy Communities
<b>Linda Giersdorf</b>	Area Agency on Aging Director
<b>Lisa Hoffman</b>	Resource Development Planner
<b>Sue Jaeger</b>	Finance Director
<b>Kathie Johannsen</b>	Emergency Medical Services Director, South Central MN EMS Joint Powers Board
<b>Byron Jost</b>	Community Development Director
<b>Wes Judkins</b>	Planning, Development & Finance Director
<b>Nicole Kast</b>	SAIL/Aging Planner
<b>Bob Klanderud</b>	Consultant - Small Business Development Center
<b>Sonya Koplin</b>	Disaster Recovery Coordinator - Comfrey, MN
<b>Barb Lamson</b>	Regional Prevention Specialist - PHC
<b>Missy Manderfeld</b>	Adm. Assistant - Area Agency on Aging
<b>Melissa May</b>	Community Prevention Planner - PHC
<b>Gregorio Mendez-Ortega</b>	Community Coordinator - Saludando Salud
<b>Karen Meyer</b>	Bookkeeper
<b>Jill Miller</b>	Regional Director - Small Business Development Center
<b>Tina Neary</b>	Community Prevention Planner - PHC
<b>Mary Oudekerk</b>	Consultant - Small Business Development Center
<b>Eileen Roesner</b>	Secretarial Assistant
<b>Brenda Routh</b>	Bookkeeper
<b>Craig Shirk</b>	Planner - Recreation, Transportation / Cartographer
<b>Tammy Son nabend</b>	Program Manager - Minnesota Rural Futures
<b>Kim Spiess</b>	Administrative Planner
<b>Paul Stelter</b>	Emergency Medical Services Planner
<b>Jennifer Tews</b>	Adm. Assistant - EMS, Executive Director, New Projects, Public Information, Mid-MN SAIL
<b>Cheryl Weston</b>	Adm. Assistant - Planning, Development & Finance
<b>Peggy Wiese</b>	Housing Project Coordinator - Rural Housing
<b>Doug Yentsch</b>	Loan Officer / Accountant

Note: PHC stands for Prevention & Healthy Communities

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## **Governing Body:**

Region Nine Development Commission

## **Program Objectives:**

- The primary objective of the Region Nine Community Development Program is to provide assistance to local units of government in the areas of planning, financing and general technical assistance. For the most part, this effort has been to assist communities in obtaining state and federal funding for various infrastructure, housing and community development needs. The assistance provided by the Community Development staff takes many forms, including strategic planning, financial resource identification, grant and loan packaging and program administration. Without this assistance, many communities in the region would be unable to successfully compete for scarce federal and state funding for local projects.

## **Fiscal Year 1999 Projects:**

- Continued project administration assistance for on-going projects in these communities:
  - **Gibbon** (public facilities & housing)
  - **Winnebago** (public facilities - water tower)
  - **Truman** (public facilities - water tower)
  - **Frost** (public facilities - wastewater collection and treatment)

**Budget:** Levy & Project Income                      \$66,128

**Staff:** Byron Jost

# **HOUSING**

## **Governing Body:**

Region Nine Development Commission

## **Program Objectives:**

Without competing directly with other housing service providers in the Region, the objective of the Region Nine Housing program is to provide technical and administrative assistance to communities as they seek to address a wide variety of housing needs.

## **Fiscal Year 1999 Projects:**

- Continued to provide housing program administration assistance in the communities of **Gibbon, Montgomery and St. James**. When these programs are complete, we will have assisted in the rehabilitation of 50 single family owner-occupied houses, 62 rental units and 51 commercial properties within these three communities.
- Region Nine continues to be very active in the Community Housing Awareness Information Network (C.H.A.I.N.) regional housing organization. In addition to providing fiscal agent services for the Home Stretch Home Buyer training program, staff also assisted with securing tax-exempt status for this young non-profit group. In June, staff were instrumental in packaging an application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for additional (FY '99) Home Stretch funds.
- Conducted a comprehensive Housing Study for **Sibley County** which will help local elected officials in each of the communities make decisions regarding critical housing needs.

**Budget:** Federal

\$78,027

**Staff:** Byron Jost  
Peggy Wiese



## **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

### **Program Objectives:**

The primary objective of the Region Nine Disaster Assistance program is to provide technical assistance to individuals and communities so that they might recover completely from natural disasters. Region Nine has committed staff and financial resources to this effort since the rain and flooding disaster of 1993 and continues today by helping in the recovery from the 1997 flooding disaster and most recently the March 29, 1998, tornados disaster.

### **Fiscal Year 1999 Projects:**

- Staff continue to work on closing out 1993 disaster assistance projects in:
  - **Comfrey**                      • **Gaylord**                      • **East St. Peter**
- The Region Nine Disaster Recovery Coordinator also continues to work with the cities of **St. Peter** and **New Ulm** as well as **Nicollet** and **Brown** counties on 1997 flooding disaster issues.
- Because the 1998 tornado disaster included major portions of **Brown**, **Nicollet** and **LeSueur** counties, a regional response was required, and Region Nine accepted the challenge from the MN Recovers Task Force to coordinate that response. The Region Nine Disaster Assistance Team helped the communities of **St. Peter**, **Comfrey** and **LeCenter** and households in the rural areas with their applications for assistance. Region Nine also placed a full-time staff person in **Comfrey** City Hall almost immediately after the tornadoes to help with disaster assistance issues. In addition, three new staff persons were brought on board and consultants hired to develop and administer a regional housing assistance program. That effort includes nearly \$3 million for the rehabilitation or replacement of damaged or destroyed housing

including historic preservation. Region Nine helped the city of **Comfrey** with a comprehensive land use planning effort and then worked on helping the city find the gap financing required to replace their 26 units of subsidized housing as well as the new Municipal Facility.

<b>Budget:</b> Federal	\$ 3,836
State	195,582
Levy	21,545
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	\$220,963

**Staff:** Byron Jost  
Peggy Wiese  
Sonya Koplin

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Program Objectives:**

- The primary objectives of the Economic Development Program are to stabilize and increase the number of jobs and income within the Region. Working with state and federal agencies, local government bodies and businesses, three primary means are used to accomplish these objectives.

- Assistance to Businesses

Through the Small Business Administration, Six County Revolving Loan Fund, Nine County Revolving Loan Fund, Disaster Revolving Loan Fund, Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, and other programs, the

Region Nine staff helps businesses secure low interest, long-term loans for start-up and expansion. The staff prepares the application forms for these funding sources and provides other assistance to businesses to help qualify them for loans. Within the past year, 14 loans totaling \$1.4 million were approved. Since the inception of the RLF program, 77 loans totaling \$5.1 million have been approved. When required, staff refers businesses to other agencies who are in a better position to assist them.

- Assistance to Communities

At times, a community has difficulty with economic development activities because of lack of adequate sewer, water or road systems. The Region Nine staff can assist with state/federal grants and loans to put those facilities into place, thus making economic expansion possible. Staff can also assist communities secure funding for industrial park creation or expansion if conditions within a community are favorable and federal funding is available.

At other times, communities need other assistance to make economic development projects become a reality. Such assistance may come in the form of surveys, special studies, organizational assistance or assistance with land use planning. Within the last year, staff assisted the cities of **Blue Earth, Montgomery, St. James and Courtland** with local planning implementation activities. Region Nine staff members are always ready to assist communities in their efforts to improve the number of jobs within the Region.

The Economic Development staff also assists communities in times of crisis. In FY '99 the Commission assisted in the administration of disaster funds in **LeCenter** - \$1.1 million and **Comfrey** - \$450,000. Also in FY '99, the EDA funded Disaster Coordinator worked with the communities of **LeCenter, St. Peter, Comfrey and Nicollet** as well as **Blue Earth, Brown and LeSueur** counties on recovery efforts.

- Areawide Cooperation

Improving the economy of the Region is a challenge which requires the cooperation and coordination of many agencies and organizations. Region Nine staff work closely with all providers of economic development services to insure that the businesses and communities within the Region get the best assistance possible, including local economic development authorities, the Southeast Minnesota Initiative Fund, utilities and special interest groups.

### **Major Thrusts:**

- Economic Development Administration

Since 1985, the Commission has been designated as a Development District by the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). This designation is based upon the Region meeting certain distress indicators and the completion of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS states the Region's economic development goals and lists strategies that will be used by the Commission to reach those goals. The CEDS is updated every five years with an annual review.

District designation makes the Commission eligible for grants of \$52,000 per year to do economic development planning and to assist local units of government in their economic development efforts. Designation also makes distressed communities within the Region eligible for certain economic development grants.

In the past, the Commission has used EDA funding for infrastructure improvement projects to assist businesses in distressed counties, for the funding of revolving loan funds, and to pay the costs of a Disaster Coordinator to assist communities harmed by flooding (1993 and 1997) and tornadoes (1998).

- Revolving Loan Funds

- Six County Revolving Loan Fund

With funding from the Economic Development Administration and the counties of **Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Sibley** and **Watonwan**, the Commission established the original Five County RLF. The purpose of this \$600,000 fund is to make low interest gap financing loans to businesses in those counties. The goals of the program are job retention and creation and economic diversification.

Within the last year, **Brown** and **Waseca** counties were declared eligible for the RLF. **Waseca County** paid the \$40,000 initiation fee and is now a full-fledged member of the updated Six County RLF. Businesses in **Waseca County** now have access to this pool.

To date, the fund has made 25 loans totaling \$1,262,640. In FY '99, three loans totaling \$235,440 were made.

- Nine County Revolving Loan Fund

After the flooding and high waters of 1993, the EDA, state of Minnesota and all of our counties contributed to the establishment of the Disaster Revolving Loan Fund. The original purpose of this fund was to assist businesses which were damaged by the weather disasters of 1993 with low interest gap financing loans. Since that time, the Commission has been able to use the fund to make loans to most businesses. To date, this fund has made 53 loans totaling \$3,825,097. In FY '99, 18 loans totaling \$1,517,000 were made.

- DRLF Recapitalization

With the tornadoes of March 29, 1998, there was an increased need for disaster lending. By working with the EDA and the state of Minnesota, the Commission was able to secure an additional \$666,666 for disaster funding.

These funds will be used to make loans to tornado damaged businesses, primarily located in the communities of **St. Peter**,

**Comfrey and LeCenter.** Again, the purpose of the fund is to retain and create jobs and to diversify the economy. Once the tornado disaster loans have been made, the money will be used throughout the Region for economic development loans.

In 1998, the state approved a \$1,000,000 fund to assist rural businesses that lost outbuildings in the March, 1998 tornado. Zero interest loans are available to farmers and other businesses. Once repaid, the funds will be available for economic development lending in **Brown, Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Nicollet, Nobles and LeSueur** counties.

- Micro-loans

In 1998, the Commission began work on the establishment of a Micro-loan fund. Once established, this fund will be able to make very small (\$5,000 to \$10,000) loans, primarily for start-up businesses. A fund of \$100,000 is anticipated.

• Railroads

In 1998, two railroad-related developments occurred within the Region. The Minnesota Central Railroad which runs through **Sibley County** and the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern which runs through **Waseca, Blue Earth and Brown** counties, announced improvement plans. The Commission assisted local units of government in their efforts to improve rail service and protect the environment.

<b>Budget:</b> Federal	\$52,000
Levy	18,146
Project Income	62,423
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	\$132,569

(Part of the federal and levy income is budgeted for Land Use / Technical Assistance / Outdoor Recreation)

**Staff:** Doug Yentsch, Wes Judkins

# RLF/DRLF Loan Review Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>County</u>
Pat Stallman	Lender	Blue Earth
Jim Broich	Mayor	Brown
Jack Quinlivan	Economic Developer	Faribault
Don Hayden	Economic Developer	LeSueur
Dean Lotter*	City Administrator	Martin
Doug Miller	Lender	Nicollet
Steve Renquist	County EDA Director	Sibley
Larry Thompson	Lender	Waseca
Vern Koerselman	County Commissioner	Watonwan

\* Committee member replaced since July, 1998.

## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

### Governing Body:

Region Nine Development Commission  
Minnesota Dept. of Trade and Economic Development  
Small Business Administration

### Advisory Body:

Small Business Development Center Advisory Committee

### Program Objectives:

• The Small Business Development Center provides free consulting services to businesses within the nine-county region. Services, which are offered to both start-up and existing businesses include: business planning, marketing planning, market research, financial analysis, loan packaging, assistance with advertising and promotions, human resource issues and financial record keeping. The staff also provides general information to businesses, such as industry statistics, trade association

listings, business directory listings and information on regulatory and tax requirements.

- The Small Business Development Center staff is required each year to:

- complete 3,000 hours of consulting
- complete 50 loan packages
- deliver 8 seminars and workshops

In addition, the staff is required to raise approximately one-half of the annual budget through local sources.

### **Calendar Year 1998 Projects:**

- In 1998, 349 clients were served throughout the region, 50 loan packages were completed and 13 training seminars were attended by 236 people. The majority of the clients came to the SBDC seeking assistance in the areas of business planning, finance and marketing. Of the 1998 clients, 21% were service businesses, 9% were retail, 8% were manufacturing, 56% were start-up companies and the balance were wholesale and construction firms.

### **SBDC consulting hours by county**

<b>County</b>	<b>1998 Clients</b>	<b>1998 Hours</b>
Blue Earth	106	965.75
Brown	50	368.75
Faribault	26	238.00
LeSueur	32	250.50
Martin	34	245.75
Nicollet	44	360.00
Sibley	14	139.00
Waseca	16	82.50
Watonwan	16	136.25
Other	11	83.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>2,870.00</b>



- The Small Business Development Center was successful in raising approximately \$100,000 to support the program. In 1998, contributors included banks, utility companies, cities, counties, economic development authorities, and private foundations within the Region. In addition to local financial support, the SBDC receives \$135,000 in federal and state funding.

<b>FY '99 Budget:</b>	Federal	\$68,510
	State	40,500
	Levy	25,000
	Local Fundraising	38,750
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		\$172,760

**Staff:** Jill Miller, Regional Director  
 Mary Oudekerk, Consultant  
 Robert Klanderud, Consultant  
 7 specialized independent consultants

- marketing
- human resources
- record keeping
- tax issues

## **LAND USE / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE / OUTDOOR RECREATION**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

### **Program Objectives:**

- Local units of government are sometimes faced with problems or issues and they lack the staff or expertise to adequately address these issues. Often these concerns are in the area of

land use – making the best use of land within their jurisdictions or providing adequate environmental safeguards. At other times the issues may be as far ranging as capital improvement programming, recreational trail funding or park planning.

The goal of this program area is to be able to respond to local units of government in a manner that allows for maximum assistance to the community for the least cost. An additional goal is to allow communities to learn from one another when faced with new issues.

**Fiscal Year 1999 Projects:**

- Established a regional Trails Council which will work on an areawide plan for recreational trails.
- Assisted the cities of **St. James, Blue Earth, New Ulm** and **Mankato** with trail planning and funding efforts.
- Initiated a Shared City Administrator program. Worked with a number of interested communities. Three cities – **Courtland, Nicollet** and **Lafayette** – have hired a professional city administrator to serve all three communities. Other cities continue to be interested.
- Completed a comprehensive plan for the city of **Courtland**.
- Prepared capital improvement plans for **LeSueur** and **Nicollet** counties.
- Provided numerous consultations and assistance to communities in the Region Nine area.

<b>Budget:</b> Federal	\$52,000
Levy	18,146
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	\$70,146

(Part of the federal and levy income is budgeted for Economic Development)

**Staff:** Wes Judkins  
Craig Shirk

# **TRANSPORTATION**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Advisory Body:** Transportation Advisory Committee

## **Program Objectives:**

- The overall goal of the Region Nine Transportation Program is to maintain and improve the transportation network in Region Nine. The transportation network includes highways, railroads, transit, trails and aeronautics.
- By contractual agreement, Region Nine assists the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) with sub-state transportation planning and programming. It accomplishes this by actively participating in the Area Transportation Partnership, and contributing to Mn/DOT District 7 plans and programs.
- TEA-21, the federal transportation program, calls for input by local elected officials and citizens. Region Nine helps provide opportunities to accomplish this.
- Region Nine is very active in educating the public and legislators on the need for increased highway funding for rural areas.
- Region Nine has been increasingly active coordinating and advocating for recreational trails in the Region. With TEA-21 there is an increased emphasis on transportation enhancements which include recreational trails.
- Region Nine assisted Mn/DOT's Office of Transit by monitoring area 5310 Programs and their vehicles. These programs provide for the special transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities to provide them with a degree of greater mobility. Coordination of the vehicles between area agencies and groups is a prime function of this activity.

### **Fiscal Year 1999 Projects:**

- Prepared the Regional Significance ratings for projects submitted to the ATP for federal funding for the years 1999-2002.
- Coordinated the funding for local transit programs.
- Established a regional Trails Council to plan and coordinate trails in the Region Nine area.
- Actively participated in the Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) which programs the allocation of federal transportation funding in Region Nine.
- Served on the ATP's Transportation Enhancement Committee for District 7.
- Served on the Mn/DOT Interregional Corridors Technical Committee.
- Served on the Mn/DOT committee looking at Minnesota River crossings all along the Minnesota River.
- Coordinated public information meetings on Mn/DOT's District 7 Long Range Plan.
- Worked with Mn/DOT and the Region Nine counties on the Functional Classification System.
- Assisted highway interest groups including the Minnesota Transportation Alliance and the Highway 14 Partnership.
- Worked with the National Association of Development Organizations to increase federal funding for transportation in rural areas.
- Served on the statewide Mn/DOT Transportation Revolving Loan Fund Committee.
- Monitored the request of the DM&E railroad to construct a high-speed rail line through the Region.

<b>Budget:</b> Mn/DOT Allocation	\$57,186
Levy & Project Income	9,433
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	\$66,619

**Staff:** Wes Judkins  
Craig Shirk

## **Region Nine Transportation Advisory Committee**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Representation</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>
<b>Lin Barnes</b>	Blue Earth Co.	Mankato
<b>Leo Bauer</b>	Sibley County	Gaylord
<b>Dick Bautch</b>	Dept. of Transp.	Mankato
<b>Nathan Behne</b>	Martin County	Sherburn
<b>Jim Broich</b>	Brown County	Sleepy Eye
<b>Jack Fitzsimmons</b>	Waseca County	Waseca
<b>Leighton Hugoson</b>	Ex-Officio	Fairmont
<b>Greg Isakson*</b>	County Engineer	Blue Earth
<b>Vern Koerselman</b>	Watonwan County	Madelia
<b>Clarence Mager*</b>	LeSueur County	LeCenter
<b>Quentin Marsh</b>	Blue Earth Co.	Mankato
<b>Greg McDonald</b>	County Engineer	Blue Earth
<b>Brian Miller*</b>	Consulting Engineer	St. Paul
<b>Richard Petersen</b>	At-Large	Springfield
<b>John Prosch</b>	Nicollet County	Nicollet
<b>Don Schwecke*</b>	Sibley County	Gibbon
<b>Bill Stangler</b>	LeSueur County	St. Peter
<b>James Stenson</b>	Nicollet County	St. Peter
<b>Wayne Stevens</b>	County Engineer	St. James
<b>Mike Wagner</b>	County Engineer	N. Mankato
<b>Donald Ziegler*</b>	Faribault County	Blue Earth

\* Committee member replaced since July, 1998.

## **AGING**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Advisory Body:** Region Nine Advisory Council on Aging

### **Program Objectives:**

- Persons involved with the Region Nine Area Agency on Aging, whether as its staff, volunteers, or professional service providers, work to establish a strong leadership role as an advocate for the dignity, rights and status of older people. They want to assure access to a number of services supporting wellness, independent living, long-term and acute care.
- The variety of activities the Agency is involved in allows for the coordination of services to older people. Program outcomes include: prudent stewardship of funding allocations; providing informational and educational opportunities to older adults, caregivers, service providers, etc.; increasing the means by which agencies are able to meet the needs of older adults; enhancing the ability of communities to be aware of the needs and issues of their older population; working with businesses to enable their employees who are caregivers to continue to be productive employees and serving as a point of access through the SENIOR LINKAGE LINE®.

### **Fiscal Year 1999 Projects:**

- Awarded nine grants to projects which provided supportive, in-home health promotion and disease prevention services to 3,367 older adults.
- Awarded performance-based contract to congregate and home delivered meals programs which provided hot, nutritious meals to 3,154 older adults.
- Provided training and technical assistance to nine grantees and one contractor.
- Involved 22 area citizens as members of the Advisory

Council on Aging.

- Provided information, assistance and referral through SENIOR LINKAGE LINE®.
- Provided training and technical assistance on issues related to cultural diversity and aging.
- Held the 20th Annual “Learning is for Life” regional conference, which provided a keynote presentation and 12 workshops to 300 older adults and service providers.
- Solicited nominations and selected three older adults to receive recognition for outstanding volunteer service to their communities.
- Facilitated quarterly meetings of the Region Nine Area Senior Center Directors’ Association.
- Developed and presented a variety of educational events for agencies/organizations and older adults.
- Advocated for older adults and aging issues through participation in state and local boards, committees and councils.
- Facilitated the Region Nine Area Aging Education Co-op.
- Conducted “Eldercare and the Workplace” presentations.
- Coordinated the third year of the Nutrition Intervention Project.
- Held the second annual “Caregivers Recognition and Renewal” Conference with 340 persons attending.
- Served as Lead Agent for Phase II of the Mid-MN SAIL Project (13-county area).
- Hosted Minnesota Board on Aging’s October Board and committee meetings in New Ulm.
- State funding awarded to serve as lead agent in development/enhancement of caregiver support / respite care services in 20-county area.

## **1999 Older Americans Act Title III Grantees**

Legal Advocacy for Older Americans Project (Regionwide)

LSS Guardianship/Conservatorship Project (Regionwide except Faribault Co.)  
 Checkmate / Health Insurance Counseling (Regionwide)  
 SENIOR LINKAGE LINE® (Regionwide)  
 V.I.N.E. (**Blue Earth** and **Nicollet** counties)  
 CARE Connection (**LeSueur County**)  
 LeSueur Adult Day Services (**LeSueur, Nicollet** and **Sibley** counties)  
 Peer Counseling (**Blue Earth, Brown, Nicollet** and **Waseca** counties)  
 Interfaith Caregivers (**Faribault County**)

### 1999 Contract

Senior Nutrition, Inc. Congregate Dining  
 Senior Nutrition, Inc. Home Delivered Meals

### Budget:

Older Americans Act (OAA)	
Federal AAA and	
Program Development/Coordination	\$160,990
State	56,000
Levy & Project Income	55,525
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	\$272,515

### Staff:

Linda Giersdorf, Director  
 Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg, Planner / Grants Manager,  
 SENIOR LINKAGE LINE® Coordinator  
 Missy Manderfeld, Administrative Assistant  
 Nicole Kast, Mid-MN SAIL / Aging Planner  
 Jennifer Tews, Mid-MN SAIL Administrative Assistant



## Region Nine

### Advisory Council on Aging

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Address</u>
Wilbur Adema	Sibley County	Winthrop
Deborah Barnes*	Pub/Private Agency	Blue Earth
Kip Bruender	RNDC Liaison	Eagle Lake
Ila Carlson*	Blue Earth County	Lake Crystal
Margaret Chicos	Waseca County	New Richland
Mary Colbenson	Co. Social Service	St. James
Kathryn Elliott	At-Large	Mankato
Harold Fenske	Brown County	New Ulm
Sherry Fisher*	At-Large	St. Peter
Linda Galston	Pub/Private Agency	Mankato
Rosalie Grams*	Co. Social Service	Janesville
Charlie Griebel*	RNDC Liaison	New Ulm
Paul Groskreutz	Martin County	Sherburn
Cathrine Hagen	At-Large	Wells
Phyllis Harrison	LeSueur County	LeCenter
John Howard	At-Large 60+	St. Peter
David Janovy	Blue Earth County	Mankato
Denise Billington-Just	Pub/Private Agency	LeCenter
Carol Mader	At-Large	Arlington
Richard Markiewicz, Sr.	Nicollet County	St. Peter
Dori Mutch	Pub/Private Agency	LeSueur
Marvel Prafke*	At-Large 60+	Blue Earth
Kiyo Suyematsu	At-Large	Madelia
Maureen Tanis	Co. Public Health	St. Peter
Denise Thomas	Business	Mankato
Jodi Thomas	Co. Social Service	North Mankato
Ken Traen*	Pub/Private Agency	LeCenter
Mariann Trembl	Watonwan County	Comfrey
Patricia Vaughan	At-Large	Madison Lake
Doris Wigand*	Sibley County	Henderson
Jerome Wray*	LeSueur County	St. Peter
Esther Ziemer	Faribault County	Bricelyn

\* Member replaced since July, 1998

## **SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Governing Body:** So. Central MN EMS Joint Powers Board

**Advisory Body:** So. Central MN EMS Advisory Committee

### **Program Objectives:**

- To plan and coordinate emergency medical services throughout the nine-county area by providing technical assistance; collecting and distributing data; identifying gaps in the EMS system; advocating for improved emergency medical services at all levels of government; and by providing a variety of training opportunities.

### **Fiscal Year 1999 Projects:**

- Trained more than 1,000 EMS providers through staff inservices and training sessions.
- Maintained a regional ambulance run reporting system.
- Maintained a regional first responder run reporting system.
- Provided technical assistance in purchasing emergency medical services vehicles and equipment.
- Provided technical assistance in the coordination of ambulance primary service areas.
- Provided disaster drill planning.
- Provided Critical Incident Stress Debriefing program.
- Conducted surveys.
- Monitored legislative activities.
- Provided Training and Equipment Grant program.
- Conducted ambulance assessments.
- Provided communications technical assistance.
- Provided educational materials for school programs.
- Provided promotional materials to services for "National Emergency Medical Services Week."
- Updated and maintained regional reference library including CPR manikins and videotapes.
- Developed Medical Director Consortium.
- Developed Drug Variance training program.

## **Fiscal Year 1999 Activities by County:**

### **- Blue Earth County**

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 7/98

Safety Camp - Blue Earth County - 7/98

Defibrillation Training - Vernon Center First  
Responders - 9/98

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 12/98

Drug Variance Training - Lake Crystal Ambulance - 1/99

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 3/99

### **- FY '98 Training Grants**

Lake Crystal Police Dept.

Mankato Police Dept.

Mankato Fire Dept.

Lake Crystal Ambulance

Good Thunder First Responders

Madison Lake First Responders

Eagle Lake First Responders

Amboy First Responders

Blue Earth County Rescue Squad

### **- FY '99 Equipment Grants**

Amboy First Responders

Good Thunder First Responders

Madison Lake First Responders

Mapleton First Responders

Pemberton First Responders

Gold Cross Ambulance - Mankato

Lake Crystal Ambulance

Lake Crystal Police Dept.

### **- Brown County**

Combi-tube Training - Sleepy Eye Ambulance - 7/98

Primary Service Area Meetings - Countywide - 8/98

Fire Prevention Activity - Sleepy Eye - 10/98

Defibrillation Training - New Ulm Police Dept. - 12/98

Drug Variance Training - New Ulm Medical  
Center Ambulance - 2/99  
Driver's Training - Sleepy Eye Fire Dept. - 3/99  
Drug Variance Training - Sleepy Eye Ambulance - 4/99

- FY '98 Training Grants

Brown County  
Lafayette Fire Dept.  
New Ulm Medical Center Ambulance  
Sleepy Eye Ambulance  
Comfrey First Responders

- FY '99 Equipment Grants

Comfrey First Responders  
Hanska First Responders  
Springfield Ambulance  
New Ulm Police Dept.  
Sleepy Eye Police Dept.

- **Faribault County**

Ambulance Assessment - Minnesota Lake - 11/98  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 1/99  
Drug Variance Training - Minnesota Lake  
Ambulance - 3/99  
Variance Training - Winnebago Ambulance - 3/99  
Scene Safety Training - Bricelyn Ambulance - 5/99  
Drug Variance Training - Blue Earth - 5/99  
Combi-tube Training - Delavan First Responders - 5/99  
Drug Variance Training - Winnebago Ambulance - 6/99

- FY '98 Training Grants

Elmore Fire Dept.  
Blue Earth Fire Dept.  
Elmore Ambulance  
Wells Ambulance  
Winnebago Ambulance  
Easton First Responders

Walters First Responders  
Delavan First Responders

- FY '99 Equipment Grants  
Delavan First Responders  
Bricelyn Ambulance  
Kiester Ambulance  
Minnesota Lake Ambulance  
Winnebago Ambulance

- **LeSueur County**

Disaster Drill - New Prague - 8/98  
Ambulance Spec Writing - LeSueur - 8/98  
Ambulance Assessment - New Prague - 9/98  
Disaster Drill - LeCenter - 9/98  
Driver's Training Class - New Prague - 9/98  
Defibrillation Training - LeCenter - 9/98  
PECC Class - LeCenter - 10/98  
PECC Class - New Prague - 10/98  
Driver's Training - LeCenter - 10/98  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 10/98  
Drug Variance Training - New Prague - 12/98  
Drug Variance Training - LeSueur - 12/98  
Ambulance Assessment - LeSueur - 1/99  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 1/99  
Drug Variance Training - New Prague - 2/99  
Variance Training - Montgomery - 2/99  
Variance Training - New Prague - 3/99  
Drug Variance Training - LeSueur - 4/99  
Ambulance Re-Assessment - New Prague - 5/99  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 6/99

- FY '98 Training Grants  
New Prague Police Dept.  
LeCenter Fire Dept.  
New Prague Ambulance  
LeSueur Ambulance

Elysian First Responders  
Waterville First Responders  
Kilkenny First Responders  
Cleveland First Responders

- FY '99 Equipment Grants
  - Cleveland First Responders
  - Elysian First Responders
  - LeSueur Ambulance
  - New Prague Ambulance
  - Cleveland Police Dept.
  - LeCenter Police Dept.
  - LeSueur County Sheriff's Dept.

- **Martin County**

Primary Service Area Meetings - Countywide - 8/98  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 8/98  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 10/98  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 1/99  
Driver's Training - Truman Ambulance - 3/99  
Disaster Drill - Fairmont - 4/99  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 4/99

- FY '98 Training Grants
  - Truman Ambulance
  - Granada First Responders
  - Dunnell First Responders

- FY '99 Equipment Grants
  - Dunnell First Responders
  - Granada First Responders
  - Northrup First Responders
  - Welcome First Responders
  - Ceylon Ambulance
  - Trimont Ambulance
  - Trimont Police Dept.
  - Sherburn/Welcome Police Dept.

- **Nicollet County**

Primary Service Area Meetings - Countywide - 8/98

Drug Variance Training - Lafayette Ambulance - 4/99

Combi-tube Training - Lafayette Ambulance - 4/99

- FY '98 Training Grants

St. Peter Ambulance

Nicollet First Responders

- FY '99 Equipment Grants

St. Peter Ambulance

St. Peter Police Dept.

Nicollet County Sheriff's Dept.

- **Sibley County**

Documentation Training - Gibbon First Responders - 12/98

Documentation Training - Arlington Ambulance - 4/99

Defibrillation Training - Green Isle First Responders - 2/99

- FY '98 Training Grants

Gaylord Ambulance

Arlington Ambulance

Green Isle First Responders

Gibbon First Responders

- FY '99 Equipment Grants

Henderson First Responders

New Auburn First Responders

Arlington Ambulance

Gaylord Ambulance

Winthrop Ambulance

Arlington Police Dept.

- **Waseca County**

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 11/98

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - 6/99

- FY '98 Training Grants
  - New Richland Ambulance
  - Waseca County Sheriff's Dept.
  - Waldorf First Responders
- FY '99 Equipment Grants
  - Janesville First Responders
- **Watsonwan County**
  - Oxygen Therapy Training - Butterfield First Responders - 4/99
  - Defibrillation Training - Butterfield First Responders - 4/99
  - Defibrillation Training - Lewisville Ambulance - 6/99
- FY '98 Training Grants
  - Ormsby First Responders
- FY '99 Equipment Grants
  - Butterfield First Responders
  - Odin First Responders
  - Ormsby First Responders
  - Darfur First Responders
  - Madelia Ambulance
  - St. James Ambulance
  - St. James Police Dept.
  - Watsonwan County Sheriff's Dept.
  - Madelia Police Dept.

### **Fiscal Year 1999 Activities Regionwide:**

- Legislative Outreach Meeting - 7/98
- PECC Instructor Update - 9/98
- MEMSA Conference - 10/98
- Emergency Warning System Meeting - 10/98
- Trauma Nursing Core Course - 11/98
- Developed Drug Variance Training Program - 11/98



Developed Medical Director Consortium - 11/98  
 Gift of Life Program - 12/98  
 Annual Spring Conference - 5/99  
 Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Workshop - 5/99  
 Trauma Nursing Core Course - 6/99

**Budget:**

Federal Preventative Block Grant	\$ 22,950
State Trunk Highway/General Fund Grant	126,908
Levy	3,500
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	\$153,358

**Staff:** Kathie Johannsen, Director  
 Paul Stelter, Planner  
 Dr. Mike Wilcox, Medical Director  
 Jennifer Tews, Administrative Assistant

## **So. Central MN EMS Joint Powers Board**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Address</u>
<b>Wendell Armstrong</b>	Waseca County	Waseca
<b>John Baerg</b>	Watsonwan County	Butterfield
<b>Jim Berg</b>	Brown County	New Ulm
<b>Al Bennett</b>	Blue Earth County	Lake Crystal
<b>Gordon Benson</b>	Faribault County	Kiester
<b>Bud Bruhjell</b>	Sibley County	Arlington
<b>Bob Culhane</b>	LeSueur County	Waterville
<b>Steve Donnelly</b>	Martin County	Fairmont
<b>Al Grams*</b>	Waseca County	Janesville
<b>Charles Griebel*</b>	Brown County	New Ulm
<b>Jack Kolars</b>	Nicollet County	North Mankato
<b>Todd Voigt*</b>	Sibley County	Arlington
<b>Clifford Wenner*</b>	Nicollet County	St. Peter
<b>Don Ziegler*</b>	Faribault County	Blue Earth

## So. Central MN EMS Advisory Committee

<b>Steve Anderson</b>	Citizens	Waterville
<b>Tony Bennett</b>	Dispatchers	LeSueur
<b>Paul Berg</b>	Rescue Squads	Odin
<b>James Broich</b>	City Government	Sleepy Eye
<b>Lori Burkhart</b>	Nurses	New Ulm
<b>Terry Campbell*</b>	Law Enforcement	Blue Earth
<b>Steven Cole</b>	Fire Departments	Easton
<b>Carol Etter</b>	BLS Ambulances	Madelia
<b>James Felmlee</b>	BLS Ambulances	LeSueur
<b>Joan Glisczinski</b>	Nurses	New Prague
<b>Grace Guse</b>	Citizens	Waseca
<b>Anita Hoffmann</b>	CHS Agency	New Ulm
<b>Floyd Kent</b>	Rescue Squads	Gibbon
<b>David Lundquist</b>	ALS Ambulances	Mankato
<b>Marcia Musser</b>	BLS Ambulances	Fairmont
<b>Randy Musser</b>	City Government	Fairmont
<b>Tom Phillips</b>	Fire Departments	Henderson
<b>Dr. Bill Shores</b>	Physicians	St. Peter
<b>Jim Sinkbeil</b>	Training Programs	North Mankato
<b>Jacki Sticha</b>	State Patrol	Mankato
<b>Scott Thoreson</b>	Hospitals	Springfield
<b>Larry Thornhill</b>	Law Enforcement	Waseca
<b>Randy Tiegs</b>	Law Enforcement	Henderson
<b>Rick Walters</b>	ALS Ambulances	Fairmont
<b>Dr. Michael Wilcox*</b>	Physicians	New Prague
<b>Pam Williams</b>	Nurses	LeSueur
<b>Patricia Zumwalt*</b>	Emergency Mgmt.	St. James

\* 1998 Joint Powers Board / Advisory Committee Members

## **PREVENTION & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Advisory Body:** Region Nine Healthy Communities  
Advisory Committee

### **Program Objectives:**

- To prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- To build strong and healthy rural communities.
- To develop a strong regional network.
- To celebrate community diversity.

### **Fiscal Year 1999 Projects:**

#### **Community Coalition Activity** - by county

##### **- Blue Earth County**

• Mankato Area Healthy Youth (MAHY): funds out-of-school enrichment grants; youth asset building plan for ISD 77; Mankato Mardi Gras (4,000 people); annual Intergenerational meeting; summer arts program. Receives \$24,100 from regional grants.

• Maple River Community Network: parenting classes such as “Parents in the Know”; multi-town community building events; Family Fun Day in Minnesota Lake; Halloween celebration in Good Thunder; planted Peace Trees and hosted other events focused on non-violence; hosted asset building/art activities; summer arts program in all focus communities. Receives \$24,100 from regional grants.

##### **- Brown County**

• New Ulm Voices of Change: after school activities for youth; Youth Blast; Voices of Change newsletter; Asset of the Month; speakers’ bureau; “The Couch” (youth drop-in center); summer arts program. Receives \$19,100 from regional grants.

- **Faribault County**

- **United South Central Community Prevention Committee:** high school anger management program; summer arts program; financial support for Chemical Dependency Court in school; asset building activities including quarterly “I Care” breakfasts. Receives \$24,100 from regional grants.

- **LeSueur County**

- **LeSueur-Henderson Healthy Communities, Inc.:** active mentoring program; summer arts program; asset building campaign; recognize “asset-builders”; provide education and training to day care providers; distribute Asset Building newsletter. Receives \$19,100 from regional grants.
- **Montgomery Safe and Friendly Environment (SAFE):** after school activities; community based prevention/asset building planning; summer arts program; sponsored “Turn off TV” week; co-sponsored the “Yellow Ribbon Program”; completed search survey. Receives \$19,100 from regional grants.

- **Martin County**

- **Martin County Networking:** after school and summer activities for youth; open gym for roller skating during summer months; parenting classes; Family Fun Fair; summer arts program. Receives \$24,100 from regional grants.

- **Nicollet County**

- **St. Peter Healthy Community Alliance:** youth center; summer arts program; sponsored After School Arts Club and Swing Dance programs; Asset Building campaign; Asset of the Week in the St. Peter Herald; asset promotion in the workplace and congregations. Receives \$24,100 from regional grants.

- **Sibley County**

- **Sibley County Healthy Communities:** School to Work project. Receives \$5,000 from regional grants.

- **Waseca County**

- **Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton TEAM Task Force**: summer arts program; donated money to after prom activities and displayed a crashed car in conjunction with prom; hosted “Focusing on the Future” community meeting where MN Student Survey results were presented and community members gave input to an action plan for TEAM; community based prevention / asset building planning. Receives \$24,100 from regional grants.
- **Waseca Healthy Youth Healthy Kids**: after school activities and involve youth in the art center; active speakers’ bureau; work with JWP TEAM Task Force on the county-wide Asset of the Month media campaign; summer arts program. Receives \$24,100 from regional grants.

- **Watonwan County**

- **Madelia Community Drug Prevention Task Force**: hosted a town forum to present the results of the Search Survey of Youth Assets to 650 people – Spanish language interpretation was provided by Saludando Salud trained interpreters; hosted Family New Year’s Eve Carnival, after school activities; received a grant from MN Join Together to produce materials in English/Spanish on the consequences of selling or giving alcohol to a minor and/or a minor with possession; summer arts program. Receives \$24,100 from regional grants.

**Regional Projects**

- Joint fundraising
- Regional prevention/asset building strategic planning by the regional advisory committee.
- Regional leadership development
- Won a PEW award.
- Regional policy of norms regarding youth alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse (ATODA).

## **Conferences**

- Rock the Region: A Youth Leadership Gathering
- Building the Future: A State-of-the-Art Conference on Youth Asset Building
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Conference
- Two-day conference retreat for coalitions

## **Grants Received**

- DHS Regional Prevention Grant
- DHS Summer Arts Program Grant
- CFL Regional Prevention Grant
- Mankato Area Healthy Youth Contract
- Star of the North Prevention Coalition Contract
- Justice Grants

## **Budget:**

Federal	\$ 59,298
State	102,015
Star of the North	35,602
Robert Wood Johnson	139,098
Levy	70
Other	7,535
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	\$343,618

## **Staff:**

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# SEPTEMBER

MON	TUES	WED
		1
6	7	8
LABOR DAY		
13	14	15
20	21	22
27	28	29



# 1999

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
2	3	4
		5
9	10	11
		12
16	17	18
		19
23	24	25
		26
30		

# OCTOBER

MON	TUES	WED
4	5	6
11	12	13
<i>COLUMBUS DAY</i>		
18	19	20
25	26	27

# 1999

**THURS****FRI****SAT/SUN****1****2****3****7****8****9****10****14****15****16****17****21****22****23****24****28****29****30****31***HALLOWEEN*

# NOVEMBER

MON	TUES	WED
1	2	3
8	9	10
15	16	17
22	23	24
29	30	

# 1999

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
4	5	6
		7
11  <i>VETERANS DAY</i>	12	13
		14
18	19	20
		21
25  <i>THANKSGIVING DAY</i>	26	27
		28

# DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED
		1
6	7	8
13	14	15
20	21	22
27	28	29

**1999**

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
2	3	4
		5
9	10	11
		12
16	17	18
		19
23	24	25 <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>
		26
30	31	

# JANUARY

MON	TUES	WED
3	4	5
10	11	12
17	18	19
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY		
24	25	26
31		



# 2000

**THURS****FRI****SAT/SUN****1***NEW YEARS DAY***2****6****7****8****9****13****14****15****16****20****21****22****23****27****28****29****30**

# FEBRUARY

MON	TUES	WED
	1	2
7	8	9
14	15	16
VALENTINE'S DAY		
21	22	23
PRESIDENT'S DAY		
28	29	

**2000**

**THURS**

**FRI**

**SAT/SUN**

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# MARCH

MON	TUES	WED
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6	7	8
13	14	15
20	21	22
27	28	29

# 2000

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
2	3	4
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9	10	11
		12
16	17	18
		19
23	24	25
		26
30	31	

# APRIL

MON	TUES	WED
3	4	5
10	11	12
17	18	19
24	25	26

# 2000

**THURS**

**FRI**

**SAT/SUN**

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**23**

*GOOD FRIDAY*

*EASTER*

**27**

**28**

**29**

**30**

# MAY

MON	TUES	WED
1	2	3
8	9	10
15	16	17
22	23	24
29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31



2000

THURS

FRI

SAT/SUN

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MOTHER'S DAY

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# JUNE

MON	TUES	WED
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19	20	21
26	27	28

2000

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
1	2	3
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		11
15	16	17
		18 <i>FATHER'S DAY</i>
22	23	24
		25
29	30	

# JULY

MON

TUES

WED

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*INDEPENDENCE DAY*

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**2000**

**THURS**

**FRI**

**SAT/SUN**

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# AUGUST

MON	TUES	WED
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**2000**

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# SEPTEMBER

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*LABOR DAY*

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*COLUMBUS DAY*

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*HALLOWEEN*

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# 2000

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9	10 <i>VETERANS DAY</i>	11
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16	17	18
		19
23 <i>THANKSGIVING DAY</i>	24	25
		26
30		

# DECEMBER

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CHRISTMAS DAY

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**2000**

**THURS**

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