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Office of Rural Health.....	800-366-5424
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 .....	888-646-6367
Legislative Comm. on MN Resources... 651-296-2406	
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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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The Region Nine Development Commission, authorized by the Regional Development Act of 1969, was organized by local officials in 1972 “to facilitate inter-governmental 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)*

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Forty-two leaders from across the Region serve on the RNDC. This includes 34 elected officials representing nine counties, 72 cities, 147 townships, school districts and the Minnesota Valley Council of Governments. The eight representatives of special interest groups include: agriculture; commerce; crime prevention; environmental quality; health and human welfare; minority populations; tourism and recreation; and transportation.

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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 224,936 of the state’s 4,838,398 people according to the 1999 Census estimate. St. Peter, Fairmont, North Mankato, New Ulm and Mankato are the five largest cities with populations respectively from 10,038 to 32,347.

## REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

### BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Kip Bruender	Eagle Lake	507-257-3561
Stan Christ*	Mankato	
Jeff Kagermeier	Mankato	507-388-5670
Quentin Marsh	Mankato	507-387-4943
Alvis More	Mapleton	507-869-3222
Mario Quintero	Mankato	507-388-4885
Dan Reuter	Mapleton	507-245-3844

### BROWN COUNTY

Jim Berg	New Ulm	507-359-2685
Jim Broich	Sleepy Eye	507-794-4791
Jim Hanson	Comfrey	507-877-3631
Frederick Juni	New Ulm	507-354-4322
Bert Schapekahn*	New Ulm	

### FARIBAULT COUNTY

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Gordon Benson	Kiester	507-294-3293
Dennis Nelson	Winnebago	507-893-4451
Roger Oldfather	Kiester	507-294-3440
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<b>Jory Isakson</b>	Gibbon	507-834-6581
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## **WASECA COUNTY**

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<b>Eldo Brandenburg</b>	Pemberton	507-239-2494
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<b>Russ Wiebold</b>	Janesville	507-231-6394

## **WATONWAN COUNTY**

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<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

\* Commission member replaced since July, 1999.

## **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-



Change has become a major factor for all organizations delivering services to rural Minnesota.

The Region Nine Development Commission staff and commissioners understand that changes in state and federal policies will change the way we meet our mission of “promoting the development of the region through intergovernmental cooperation, community and human development, long-range planning and technical assistance.”

The commissioners who represent school districts, townships, cities, counties and special interest constituencies on the Region Nine Development Commission provide a vital link between local concerns and needs and the Commission. To more effectively utilize the expertise of Commission members, the Commission has revamped its committee structure to give each commissioner an opportunity to work more closely with Commission staff and programs.

The work of the Region Nine Development Commission also depends upon a close working relationship with many state and federal agencies. The Region Nine staff has developed a strong

reputation for efficiently assisting these agencies in delivering services to local communities and in providing information requested by these agencies in establishing programs to serve our area.

The Region Nine area is served by a total of 19 state legislators. We are fortunate to have a very strong legislative delegation which works well with the Region Nine staff and commissioners.

As we prepare to help our communities meet the challenges that lie ahead, we know that only the cooperation of leaders at all levels will make us successful. We are grateful for the commitment of cooperation we have enjoyed in the past and look forward to working together to make our region's future even stronger for the next generation.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the past year successful for Region Nine and the communities we serve.

Larry Anderson  
Chairman

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Time marches on and before you know, it is time to prepare another letter for the Region Nine Development Commission's annual report. I have been Executive Director for nearly 18 months and continue to be amazed by the number of different programs and services provided by the organization.

During recent internal planning sessions, the program directors and I worked to identify the "stakeholders" of our services. A stakeholder was identified as any person, group or organization that can place a claim on Region Nine's attention, resources, or output or is affected by that output. We were able to conservatively recognize more than 150 such persons, groups or organizations.

The listing included the cities, counties, townships and school districts of the region as well as the numerous nonprofit entities with which we partner to provide services. The listing also included the various state and federal agencies which provide funding and technical assistance to help us serve our clientele. There are many others, too numerous to mention in the space allotted for this letter.

Many stakeholders are our clients or recipients of our services. Other stakeholders are agencies or

entities with which we compete for resources. Still others are partners which work in cooperation with Region Nine to deliver necessary services. There are a number of organizations which fit all three categories.

What is the purpose of compiling such a roster? The task was undertaken to give us a clearer vision of how the stakeholders are impacted by our activities and decisions.

If you are a client, what services do you need and what is the best method of service delivery? If you are a partner, are there opportunities to expand the relationship that would be mutually beneficial or provide greater efficiency? Finally, the competitive relationships must be assessed to look for common interests or clientele that would be best served through cooperation and collaborative efforts.

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. We cannot accomplish this mission purely on our own, as if we exist within a vacuum. We must continue to rely upon the talents, resources and assistance of our stakeholders to help us get our jobs done.

Respectfully,

Russ Wille  
Executive Director

## REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION STAFF

Russ Wille	Executive Director
Veronica Alba	PHC - Chicano-Latino Youth Leadership Institute Specialist
Joyce Allard	Public Information Director / Conferences
Gina Borchardt	PHC - Bilingual Health Promotion Specialist, Saludando Salud Coordinator
Dena Nundahl Colemer	New Projects and Grants Director, Statistics, Census
Becky Farber	PHC - Administrative Planner
Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg	Aging Planner / Grants Manager / Senior LinkAge Line® Coordinator
Anne Ganey	Prevention & Healthy Communities Director
Linda Giersdorf	Area Agency on Aging Director
Susan Jaeger	Finance Director
Gayle Jones	Loan Officer / Economic Development Planner
Wes Judkins	Planning, Development & Finance Director
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Robert Klanderud	Small Business Development Center Director
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Kim Spiess	Resource Development Planner
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Cheryl Weston	Adm. Assistant - Planning, Development & Finance
Peggy Wiese	Community Development Planner
Lisa Hoffman Wojcik	Resource Development Planner

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.

#### **- Housing**

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

#### **- Disaster Assistance**

The primary objective of this service 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, tornadoes disaster.

### **Fiscal Year 2000 Projects:**

- Continued project administration assistance for ongoing projects in these communities:
  - **Frost** (public facilities - wastewater collection and treatment)
  - **Dunnell** (public facilities - wastewater collection and treatment)
- Completed housing program administration assistance in the communities of **Gibbon, Montgomery** and **St. James**. Assistance included 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 involved 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 nonprofit group.
- Completed a comprehensive Housing Study for **Sibley County** which will help local elected officials in each of the communities make decisions regarding critical housing needs.
- Because the 1998 tornado disaster included major portions of **Brown, Nicollet** and **LeSueur** counties, a regional response was required. 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 rehabilita-

tion 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> State	\$ 74,950
Levy	10,657
SE Minn. Initiative Fund	15,500
Project Income	43,510
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	\$144,617

**Staff:** Peggy Wiese, Community Development Planner

## **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 and quality of jobs in the region. To accomplish this, the staff works with local units of government, businesses and state and federal agencies.

- Assistance to Businesses

The Commission administers four revolving loan funds: the Six County RLF, the Nine County (formerly Disaster) RLF,

the Tornado RLF and the Rural Outbuilding RLF. The intent of these loan pools is to provide a source of long-term, low interest loan funds for business expansion and start-up. All loans have the participation of a local lending institution, and owner equity as well as Region Nine funds.

Since the inception of the RLF program in 1989, the Commission has made more than 125 loans lending in excess of \$7,373,044.

Within FY 2000, the Commission approved 42 loans valued at \$1,897,307. The breakdown of loans is as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>FY 2000 Loans</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>1989-2000 Loans</u>	<u>Value</u>
9 County RLF	11	\$720,400	64	\$4,545,497
6 County RLF	0	0	25	1,327,640
Tornado	5	300,000	10	623,000
Rural Outbuilding	26	876,907	26	876,907
Totals	42	\$1,897,307	125	\$7,373,044

The Commission also assists businesses by helping them gain access to state and federal funds through the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, the Small Business Administration and other sources.

- 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, Courtland, Montgomery** and **St. James** 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 2000, the Commission continued to assist in the administration of disaster funds in **LeCenter** - \$1.1 million and **Comfrey** - \$450,000.

- 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. The providers include local economic development authorities, The Initiative Fund of south-eastern and south central Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, utilities and special interest groups.

**Major Thrusts:**

• Economic Development Administration

Since 1986, the Commission has been designated as an economic development district by the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). This designation is based on the region meeting certain distress thresholds and submitting an annual plan. The Commission is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Economic

Development Strategy that will state the Commission's overall economic development goals and strategies.

- Rural Outbuilding Revolving Loan Fund Program

In FY 2000, the Commission administered a Rural Outbuilding RLF to assist farmers and other rural businesses who lost outbuildings in the tornado of 1998. It was found that most of the lost buildings were either not insured or severely underinsured. With assistance from DTED and the EDA, the Commission was able to secure close to \$1,000,000 to make zero interest loans to replace lost buildings. A total of 26 loans were made.

- RLF Expansion

There is always more demand for the Commission's RLF funding than there are funds available to lend. Therefore, the Commission is always looking for ways to expand the program. Currently the Commission is considering the following:

- Micro-loans

The Commission is seeking ways to fund a loan pool which would make small (\$5,000 - \$10,000) loans to very small and start-up businesses.

- RLF Recapitalization

The Commission is seeking ways to expand its available funds. Possibilities include an EDA recapitalization or selling off some existing loans on the secondary market.

<b>Budget:</b> Federal	\$ 52,000
Levy	17,333
Project Income	66,012
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	\$135,345

**Staff:** Wes Judkins, Planning, Development & Finance  
Director  
Gayle Jones, Loan Officer / Economic Development  
Planner

## **RLF Loan Review Committee**

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

## **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

### **Governing Body:**

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

### **Program Objectives:**

- The Small Business Development Center provides free customized 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, e-commerce, 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 1999 Projects:**

- In 1999, 358 clients were served throughout the region, 52 loan packages were completed and 16 training seminars were attended by 268 people. The majority of the clients came to the SBDC seeking assistance in the areas of business planning, finance and marketing. Of the 1999 clients, 16% were service businesses, 5% were retail, 10% were manufacturing, 65% were start-up companies and the balance were wholesale and construction firms.

• The Small Business Development Center has been successful in its fundraising efforts. In 1999, 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.

• Seminars:

- SBA Low Doc Training
- SBA Lender Training
- Business Tax Overview (2)
- S-Corporation Overview
- Employment Tax Overview (2)
- Basic Sales and Use Tax (2)
- Going Into Business (3)
- Capital Equipment / Industrial Production
- Minnesota Sales Tax Workshop for Contractors
- E-Commerce Forum

### SBDC consulting hours by county

County	1999 Clients	1999 Hours
Blue Earth	118	1,055.25
Brown	34	214.75
Faribault	18	198.50
LeSueur	41	316.75
Martin	38	340.75
Nicollet	43	289.00
Sibley	20	308.25
Waseca	16	106.25
Watonwan	12	101.25
Other	18	155.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>3,086.25</b>

**FY 2000 Budget:**

Federal	\$ 82,885
State	25,000
Levy	25,000
Local Fundraising / Other	67,690
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	\$200,575

**Staff:** Robert Klanderud, Regional Director

Mary Oudekerk, Consultant

Four specialized independent consultants:

- marketing
- human resources
- record keeping
- tax issues
- web page development
- e-commerce

## **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 2000 Projects:**

- Applied for a Minnesota Planning Grant to assist local units of government with land use planning.
- Assisted the cities of **Courtland, Nicollet** and **North Mankato** and **Nicollet County** with land use issues related to highway 14 expansion.
- Established a regional Trails Council which will work on an areawide plan for recreational trails.
- Initiated a Shared City Administrator program. Worked with a number of interested communities. Three cities – **Courtland, Lafayette** and **Nicollet** – have hired a professional city administrator to serve all three communities. Other cities continue to be interested.
- Provided park planning information and assistance to a number of Region Nine communities.
- Worked on recreational trail development with the Trails Council and local units of government.
- Provided numerous consultations and assistance to communities in the Region Nine area.

<b>Budget:</b> Levy	\$4,000
Project Income	<u>10,750</u>
	\$14,750

**Staff:** Wes Judkins, Planning, Development & Finance  
Director  
Craig Shirk, Planner

## **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 work with Mn/DOT and local units of government to maintain and improve the transportation network in Region Nine. The transportation network includes highways, railroads, transit, trails and aeronautics. In Region Nine, most of the concern is with highways.
- By contractual agreement, Region Nine assists the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) with substate transportation planning and programming. It accomplishes this by actively participating in the Area Transportation Partnership, contributing to Mn/DOT District 7 plans and programs, and preparing its own planning document.
- 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 assists local highway improvement organizations seeking to upgrade specific highways.
- 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.

### **Fiscal Year 2000 Projects:**

- Prepared the Regional Significance ratings for projects submitted to the ATP for federal funding years 2000-2003.

- Participated in the review and ranking of local transit programs' vehicle applications.
- 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 \$25 million in annual federal transportation funding in District 7 which includes Region Nine.
- Served on the ATP's Transportation Enhancement Committee for District 7 which resulted in the funding of several recreational trails.
- Served on the Mn/DOT Interregional Corridors Study which identified highways of statewide importance and worked for funding to improve them.
- 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 **Blue Earth** and **Nicollet** counties on updating improvements to the Functional Classification System. Also worked with the rest of the counties in Region Nine to coordinate these improvements with their own changes resulting in a regionwide Functional Classification System upgrade.
- Assisted highway interest groups including the Minnesota Transportation Alliance and the Highway 14 Partnership.
- Assisted a local committee working to upgrade Highway 14 to a four-lane between Mankato and New Ulm.
- Served on a committee to secure access to Highway 14 in **North Mankato / Nicollet County**.
- Worked with the National Association of Development Organizations to increase federal funding for transportation in rural areas.
- Worked with other regional development commissions on statewide planning issues.

<b>Budget:</b> Mn/DOT Allocation	\$50,000
Levy	8,824
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	\$58,824

**Staff:** Wes Judkins, Planning, Development & Finance  
 Director  
 Craig Shirk, Planner

## Region Nine Transportation Advisory Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Address</u>
Lin Barnes	Blue Earth Co.	Mankato
Leo Bauer*	Sibley County	Gaylord
Dick Bautch*	Dept. of Transp.	Mankato
Nathan Behne*	Martin County	Sherburn
Gordon Benson	Faribault County	Kiester
Jim Broich	Brown County	Sleepy Eye
Jack Fitzsimmons	Waseca County	Waseca
Alan Forsberg	County Engineer	Mankato
Doug Haeder	Dept. of Transp.	Mankato
Leighton Hugoson*	Ex-Officio	Fairmont
Norbert Kaufmann	Sibley County	Belle Plaine
Vern Koerselman	Watonwan County	Madelia
Quentin Marsh	Blue Earth Co.	Mankato
John McDonald	County Engineer	Blue Earth
Richard Petersen	At-Large	Springfield
John Prosch	Nicollet County	Nicollet
Pat W. Smith, Jr.	LeSueur County	LeCenter
Bill Stangler*	LeSueur County	St. Peter
James Stenson*	Nicollet County	St. Peter
Wayne Stevens	County Engineer	St. James
Roland Thiesse	Martin County	Fairmont
Mike Wagner	County Engineer	N. Mankato
Russ Wiebold	Alternate - Waseca Co.	Janesville

\* Committee member replaced since July, 1999.

## **AREA AGENCY ON 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 (AAA), 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 work to assure access to a number of services supporting wellness, independent living, acute and long-term care.
- The AAA is involved in a variety of activities. Program outcomes include: maximizing service effectiveness; serving as a central point of access to information and services for and about older persons, their families, agencies that serve them and their communities; increasing local and regional capacity to meet the needs of an aging population; and promoting awareness of older persons as an invaluable resource in the community.

### **Fiscal Year 2000 Projects:**

- Awarded nine grants to projects which provided supportive, in-home, and health promotion / disease prevention services to 4,347 older adults.
- Awarded performance-based contract for congregate and home delivered meals programs which provided 248,624 congregate and 71,677 home delivered meals.
- 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 21st 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 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.
- Held the third annual “Caregivers Recognition and Renewal” Conference with 325 persons attending.
- Served as Lead Agent for Phase II of Mid-MN SAIL (Seniors Agenda for Independent Living - 13 county area).
- Served as Lead Agent for Project ROSE (Reaching Out to Support Elders - 20 county area).
- Initiated development of volunteer-based respite in **Brown** and **Watsonwan** counties.

### **2000 Older Americans Act Title III Grantees**

Legal Advocacy for Older Americans Project (Regionwide)

LSS Guardianship/Conservatorship Services (Regionwide)

Region Nine Senior LinkAge Line® (Regionwide)

V.I.N.E. - Blue Earth County Expansion (**Blue Earth County**)

LeSueur Adult Day Health Center (**LeSueur, Nicollet, Sibley** counties)

Checkmate / Health Insurance Counseling - Integration & Expansion Phase II (Regionwide)

Interfaith Caregivers Telephone Reassurance Project (**Faribault County**)

Telephone Reassurance Project (**Watonwan County**)

Substance Abuse Prevention for Older Adults (**Blue Earth, Nicollet** counties)

### **2000 Contract**

Senior Nutrition, Inc. Congregate Dining (Regionwide)

Senior Nutrition, Inc. Home Delivered Meals (Regionwide)

### **Budget:**

Older Americans Act (OAA)	
Federal Administration and	
Program Development/Coordination	\$157,665
State	109,667
Levy & Project Income	54,419
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	\$321,751

### **Staff:**

Linda Giersdorf, Director

Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg, Planner / Grants Manager,  
Senior LinkAge Line® Coordinator

Elaine Spain, Project ROSE Coordinator

Missy Manderfeld, Administrative Assistant

Nicole Kast, R9 Mid-MN SAIL Planner

Jennifer Tews, R9 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
Kip Bruender*	RNDC Liaison	Eagle Lake
Jo Cattrysse	At-Large 60+	North Mankato
Sharon Chader	Business	Madison Lake
Margaret Chicos	Waseca County	New Richland
Mary Colbenson	Co. Social Service	St. James
Hashi Egal	At-Large 60+	Mankato
Kathryn Elliott	At-Large	Mankato
Candace Fenske	RNDC Liaison	Madelia
Harold Fenske*	Brown County	New Ulm
Linda Galston	Pub/Private Agency	Mankato
Charlie Griebel	Brown County	New Ulm
Paul Groskreutz	Martin County	Sherburn
Cathrine Hagen	At-Large 60+	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
Barb Max	Sibley County	Gaylord
Dori Mutch	Nursing Home	LeSueur
Sylvia Perron	Co. Social Service	St. Peter
Etta Poole	Blue Earth County	Mankato
John Raymer	Pub/Private Agency	St. Peter
Kiyo Suyematsu*	At-Large	Madelia
Maureen Tanis*	Co. Public Health	St. Peter
Denise Thomas*	Business	Mankato
Jodi Thomas	Co. Social Service	North Mankato
Mariann Trembl	Watsonwan County	Comfrey
Patricia Vaughan	At-Large	Madison Lake
Esther Ziemer	Faribault County	Bricelyn

\* Member replaced since July, 1999

## **PREVENTION & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:** **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES NETWORK**

**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 2000 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 \$13,000 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 nonviolence; hosted asset building/art activities; funds police liaison officer in school; Baby Think It Over dolls; fatal vision goggles; summer arts program in all focus communities. Receives \$13,000 from regional grants.

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

• **Healthy Communities / Healthy Youth: New Ulm Area (HC/HY)**: after school activities for youth; Youth Blast;

Voices of Change newsletter; Asset of the Month; speakers' bureau; Youth Council; summer arts program. Receives \$13,000 from regional grants.

**- Faribault County**

• United South Central One Healthy Community: summer arts program; financial support for chemical dependency counselor in school; asset building activities including quarterly "I Care" breakfasts; puppet troupe; summer festivals. Receives \$13,000 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 \$13,000 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; provide financial support for "The Place" youth center. Receives \$13,000 from regional grants.

• Waterville, Elysian, Morristown Drug Prevention Coalition (just forming): mini grant; FAS project.

**- 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 \$13,000 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 Month in the St. Peter Herald; asset promotion in the workplace and congregations. Receives \$13,000 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 \$13,000 from regional grants.
- Waseca Healthy Community / Healthy Kids Initiative: 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 \$13,000 from regional grants.

**- Watonwan County**

- Madelia Coalition for Healthy Life Choices: 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; puppet troupe; ATOD education in school; after prom party; 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 \$10,650 from regional grants.
- St. James Drug Prevention Coalition (just forming): provide technical support; grant to purchase Pond Puppets; grant to fund Yellow Ribbon Campaign.

**Regional Projects**

- Joint fundraising

- Regional prevention/asset building strategic planning by the regional advisory committee
- Regional leadership development
- Participation in PEW Partnership - Wanted: Solutions for America
- Regional policy of norms regarding youth alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse (ATODA)
- Regional workshops
- On Applebee Pond Puppets – 32 scripts, puppets, stage and training provided free of charge to all nine counties
- Fatal Vision Goggles – Used to demonstrate how quickly impairment can turn fun into devastating consequences for anyone who drives while impaired by alcohol. Available on loan free of charge to all Region Nine communities.

### **Conferences**

- Annual network training

### **Grants Received**

- DHS Regional Prevention Grant
- DHS Summer Arts Program Grant
- Mankato Area Healthy Youth Contract
- OJJDP Regional Grant
- State Incentive Grant

### **Budget:**

Federal	\$ 81,595
State	260,558
Levy	21,020
Other	126,000
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	\$489,173

### **Staff:**

Anne Ganey, Director

Barb Lamson, Healthy Communities Network Coordinator

Becky Farber, Administrative Planner

## Region Nine Healthy Communities Network Advisory Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representation</u>
<b>Jeanell Aadahl</b>	Waterville, Elysian, Morristown Coalition
<b>Carol Anderson</b>	St. James Taskforce
<b>Latrice Brua</b>	Montgomery's SAFE
<b>Kip Bruender*</b>	At Large
<b>John Brady*</b>	Mankato Area Healthy Youth
<b>Roni Dauer</b>	Martin County Network
<b>Sue Goecke</b>	Maple River Community Network
<b>Harlan Gorath</b>	At Large
<b>Rosalie Grams</b>	JWP T.E.A.M. Taskforce
<b>Pat Friedner*</b>	Montgomery's SAFE
<b>Dina Hennen</b>	LeSueur-Henderson Healthy Communities, Inc.
<b>Sandi Lorenz</b>	USC One Healthy Community
<b>Joe McCabe</b>	Madelia Coalition For Healthy Life Choices
<b>Phyllis Murilla*</b>	Maple River Community Network
<b>Margie Nelson</b>	St. Peter Healthy Community Alliance
<b>Barbara Penny</b>	Waseca Healthy Community Healthy Kids Initiative
<b>Becky Bequette</b>	Mankato Area Healthy Youth
<b>Steve Schneider</b>	At Large
<b>Caryn Stone*</b>	MSU - At Large
<b>Susan Ward</b>	Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth - New Ulm Area
<b>Julie Wilfahrt*</b>	At Large

\* 1999 Prevention & Healthy Communities Advisory  
Committee Members

# **PREVENTION & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: CHICANO-LATINO YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (ChYLI)**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Advisory Body:** Chicano-Latino Youth Leadership Institute  
Advisory Committee

## **Program Objectives:**

- To prevent alcohol and other drug abuse in Chicano-Latino youth by offering hope, and broader horizons and opportunities.
- To foster positive connections to the community through youth planned and implemented service projects.
- To build culturally-based leadership skills in Chicano-Latino youth.
- To build a network of young leaders in the Chicano-Latino youth in community decision making and vision setting in Region Nine.

## **Fiscal Year 2000 Projects:**

### **- Blue Earth County**

#### **- Mankato/North Mankato**

• Youth planned and hosted the 1999 ChYLI Reunion. Youth were also awarded the "Picture it Painted" award of \$700 worth of paint from the Initiative Fund. Youth will work with local artists to design and paint a mural that will represent the importance of the Chicano-Latino community.

#### **- St. Clair**

• Youth planned a Cinco de Mayo celebration for all elementary students. Approximately 400 students participated. Students had the opportunity to learn the meaning of Cinco de Mayo, break piñatas and learn a new dance.

- Lake Crystal

- Youth have been active in the planning of the grand opening of the community center in Lake Crystal. A youth lock-in will be part of the activities planned by ChYLI youth.

- **Brown County**

- Sleepy Eye

- Youth helped plan and host the International Festival in the high school. Youth gave a presentation on the symbolism of the piñata and its history. They also provided a piñata to break and candy for all the children that attended.

- **Faribault County**

- Blue Earth

- Youth researched and wrote articles about their culture. These articles will be distributed in the fall to all teachers and service providers in the Blue Earth area to teach people about specific cultural traditions like Quinceañeras, Las Posadas, Cinco de Mayo, Dia de los Muertos and more.

- **LeSueur County**

- LeCenter

- Youth recruited new students for the Adult ESL community class, they volunteered in the class and assisted adults to get their GED and pass the citizenship tests and also donated bilingual dictionaries and school supplies to the adult ESL class.

- LeSueur

- Youth will begin to plan a Dia de los Muertos celebration in the fall. Youth will teach the meaning of this day and its importance in the Latino culture.

- **Martin County**

- Fairmont

- Youth organized and hosted a dance contest for high school students on May 13th.

- **Sibley County**

- Gaylord

- Youth organized a Cesar Chavez Memorial to teach the community about the importance of his work to help migrant farm workers.

- **Watonwan County**

- Madelia and St. James

- Youth will begin their planning of service projects in fall 2000.

**Regional Projects**

- Collaborated with LA-MANO (Latin American Mexican Association for Networking and Opportunity) on planning and implementing the two-day, culturally specific leadership training.
- Collaborated with MSU Cultural Diversity Program to provide an informative college visit for ChYLI participants about financial aid, admission requirements and housing. Youth also engaged in a series of leadership initiatives like the rappelling tower and the high ropes course to work on team building, trust, communication and confidence.
- Youth participated in the Chicano, Mexicano & Latino Education Career Fair. Youth received information specifically about post-secondary education and career choices.
- Youth participated in a student panel discussion about school violence at the Chicano, Mexicano & Latino Symposium. Youth provided the audience with possible solutions to the current problems in our Region Nine schools.
- Trained youth and adult bilingual facilitators and trainers for the two-day Institute.
- Provided follow-up technical assistance to youth from the ChYLI in their communities on service projects.

**Staff:** Anne Ganey, Director  
Veronica Alba, ChYLI Specialist

## **ChYLI Advisory Committee**

**Jose Avendaño**  
**Eustolio Benavides**  
**Mario Quintero**  
**Gregorio Mendez-Ortega**  
**Jessica Gonzalez**  
**ChYLI youth**

## **PREVENTION & HEALTHY** **COMMUNITIES: SALUDANDO SALUD**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission  
**Advisory Body:** Saludando Salud Advisory Committee

### **Program Objectives:**

- To increase access to and utilization of healthcare services by the Latino population.
- To improve the health status of the Latino population in Region Nine.

### **Fiscal Year 2000 Projects:**

- Conducted Chicano/Latino Health Survey 1999 (**Brown, Nicollet, Sibley and Watonwan** counties).
- Provided outreach training service for Community Health Advisors.
- Provided technical assistance to providers regarding the Community Health Advisor model.
- Provided cultural competence training through regional conference.

- “¡Saludos!” quarterly newsletter to providers.
- Provided culturally and linguistically appropriate health promotion/education and disease prevention resource information.
- Created Latino prenatal health awareness campaign Mi Mamá Me Cuida.
- “Su Salud” (Your Health) weekly radio show in Spanish on KMSU to reach the Latino population.
- Provided medical interpreter training.
- Provided outreach and technical assistance for MinnesotaCare.

**Budget:** Federal \$70,000

**Staff:** Anne Ganey, Director of Prevention and Healthy Communities  
 Gina Borchardt, Saludando Salud Coordinator  
 Sylvia Peña, Health Promotion Specialist, MnCare

## Saludando Salud Advisory Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Kathy Anderson	Mankato
Candace Fenske	Madelia
Teresa Hernandez	St. James
Marta Reyes	Madelia
Brown County representative	
LeSueur County representative	

## **PREVENTION & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME CONSORTIUM**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Advisory Body:** Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Consortium of South Central Minnesota

The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Consortium (FASC) of South Central Minnesota is a voluntary association of individuals and agencies interested in preventing fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and fetal alcohol effects (FAE), and also assisting families of FAS/FAE children through referral services.

The FASC was established in the fall of 1992 out of need identified by area service providers. The service area includes the following 11 counties: **Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Meeker, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan.** Consortium members include parents, service providers, media representatives, state and local government agencies and instructors.

The FASC has four committees that work to prevent FAS/FAE:

- The Speaker's Bureau includes parents of FAS/FAE children, service providers and professionals who diagnose the disease. Upon request, a Speaker's Bureau member will give a presentation on FAS/FAE prevention depending upon availability.
- The Youth Committee is responsible for coordinating FAS/FAE prevention events with the assistance of area youth. The committee members are currently working on a youth conference and a television public service announcement.
- Media Committee members also assist with public service announcements. The committee is working on a billboard

campaign that will run prior to and through the month of May in conjunction with Mother's Day. Also, through the use of the FASC library, items such as posters, brochures, videos, books, flyers and other information can be distributed to community members within the FASC service area.

- Members of the Conference Planning Committee are responsible for coordinating the annual FAS/FAE conference for professionals. Approximately 300 individuals are trained at the conference each year. Topics include an introduction of FAS/FAE, working with children and families after diagnosis.

In addition:

- FAS/E prevention materials are available to check-out from the FAS Resource Library. The library includes books, videos, slides, professional journal articles, brochures and three "Baby Think It Over" simulators (one FAS-affected, one drug-affected, and one normal simulator).
- There have been an average of three FAS presentations per month from the FASC Speaker's Bureau members within the last fiscal year.
- FAS/E information written in Spanish has been provided to Latino populations throughout the FASC service area.
- The annual FAS conference was held November 10, 1999, at SCTC in North Mankato. The conference was titled "Restless Journey: Living with Alcohol-Related Birth Defects." Approximately 300 youth, parents and professionals were trained by doctors and other leaders from the industry.
- In the spring of 2000 the FASC established a billboard campaign to run the months of May and June to complement Mother's Day and Father's Day. One billboard with an FAS prevention message was placed in each of the 11 counties served by the FASC.
- Information written in Spanish about FAS/E prevention has been continuously provided to Latino populations within the service area through local outreach efforts.

There are also legislative efforts with local and state officials to emphasize the importance of FAS/FAE prevention. The FASC has an established work plan that is reviewed annually to insure the prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome/fetal alcohol effects. The consortium meets on a quarterly basis.

## Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Consortium

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Vicki Berdan	Waseca High School
Mary Berner	Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial High School
Joan Bindner	Blue Earth County Human Services
Gina Borchardt	R9 Prevention & Healthy Communities
Betty Jo Braun	Cleveland Schools
Barbara Carlson	Brown County Evaluation, student
Laurie May Carnahan	Camp Fire Boys & Girls
Jo Cattrysse	Chair, MN Org. on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
<b>Committee Against Domestic Abuse</b>	
Betsy Domeier	Lutheran Social Service of MN
Dr. Nancy Fenrick	MSU-M, Psychology Dept.
Rhonda Friesen	Early Childhood Ed, Waterville, Morristown, Elysian
Eric Heimkes	ISJ-Mayo Health System
Joyce Holl	MN Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
Lenora Hudson	MN State University, Mankato
John Huisman	Blue Earth Area High School
Keith Juliar	MN Valley Action Council Head Start
Cindy Kimble	Parent
Morgan Kinross Wright	Life Work Planning Center
Dr. Lon Knudson	Mankato Clinic, Ltd.
Linda Kraus Waggie	Nicollet County Public Health
Cheryl Kroeber	Blue Earth County Community Health
Barb Lamson	R9 Prevention & Healthy Communities
Susan Larson	Family Resource Center
Kathryn Larson	Waseca Public Schools
Bev Lee	ISJ-Mayo Health Systems
Joan Lee	MN Dept. of Health
Judy Mathiowetz	Brown County Public Health
Mike McGinnis	Addiction Recovery Technologies

Ron Meyer	Janeville, Waldorf, Pemberton High School
Connie Miller	Madelia Schools
Carolyn Nafstad	Alternative High School, Mankato
Monica Neubauer	Meeker, McLeod, Sibley Community H.S.
Paul Nolting	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Tammie Odland	Nicollet Public Schools
Elisa O'Malley	LeSueur County Public Health
Al Pearson	Gustavus Adolphus College
Rebecca Pierce	MSU-M, Dept. of Biological Sciences
Dr. Donald Putzier	Mankato Clinic, Ltd.
Darcy Reed	Janesville Waldorf Pemberton High School
Martha Robinson	March of Dimes
Kathy Ruhland	LeSueur County Public Health
Catherine Sandmann	Planned Parenthood
Sandie Schuette	ISJ Family Recovery Program
Kristin Schultz	Sibley County Public Health
Denise Schumacher	Child Care Resource & Referral
Julie Snow	LeSueur Henderson High School
Danielle Snyder	Janesville Waldorf Pemberton High School
Linda Stevens	New Ulm Medical Center
Nadine Taylor	MN Children With Special Health Needs
Kate Tohal	First Call For Help
Dave Wendt	Additions & Assessment Center
Pam White	Early Childhood Family Education
Anne Willaert	Community Assistance For Refugees
Joanne Willson	Waseca County Collaboration
Cindy Yess	Waseca County Interagency Early Interv. Com.

## **NEW PROJECTS & GRANTS OFFICE**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

### **Program Objectives:**

The New Projects and Grants Office was established in order to respond to emerging regional issues beyond the Commission's current program areas. New Projects staff also pro-

vides grant writing and other technical assistance on a contractual basis to Commission programs and other organizations across the region. Areas of technical assistance expertise include: grant searches and grant writing; qualitative, quantitative and evaluation research/analysis; strategic planning; census and other data dissemination; project development and staffing; and conference planning.

### **Fiscal Year 2000 Projects:**

- Managed Region Nine Data Center and responded to 377 requests for data across the region.
- Coordinated and facilitated meetings of the Region Nine Rural Health Council.
- Provided grant search and/or grant writing services for:
  - Region Nine Healthy Communities Network
  - Region Nine Saludando Salud
  - Region Nine ChYLI
  - **Madelia** Community Hospital
  - Open Door Health Center
  - **Owatonna** Human Relations Center
  - City of **Arlington**
  - Healthcare Education-Industry Partnership
  - Christian Concern, Inc.
  - Interfaith Caregivers
- Provided staffing and planning assistance for the LeSueur Board of Government Innovation and Cooperation (BOGIC) grant.
- Provided collaborative staffing, implemented focus groups and compiled final report on Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) recipients and service providers for the Southern Minnesota Educational Collaborative.
- Coordinated data entry and analysis for Region Nine Community Development surveys.
- Provided survey research administration including data collection, data entry, analysis and reporting for Region Nine Healthy Communities Network annual evaluation survey.
- Finalized reporting for Saludando Salud Health Profile con-

- ducted in **Brown, Nicollet, Sibley** and **Watonwan** counties.
- Provided general program assistance to the Healthcare Education-Industry Partnership including staffing assistance, newsletter coordination, conference coordination and logistics, group facilitation and grant writing.
  - Facilitated strategic planning activities for Open Door Health Center, VINE, Harry Meyering Center, Inc. and the Region Nine Development Commission.
  - Provided project development staff and coordination for the Region Five Colleagues in Caring Project.
  - Coordinated and managed reconstruction and maintenance of the Region Nine Development Commission web site.
  - Organized, coordinated logistics, recruited participants and administered six monthly leadership training sessions in two locations across Minnesota for the Grassroots Leadership Development program.
  - Staffed and coordinated the annual **Mankato** Area Healthy Youth Mardi Gras community event.
  - Coordinated Commission's data collection, analysis and reporting needs for presentation at USDA regional meeting.
  - Provided project development and data collection assistance for the Robert Wood Johnson funded Region Nine Community Care Partnership.
  - Provided survey development and structured interviews for the Multicultural Resource Center.
  - Coordinated data collection and research activities measuring the economic impact of Latino residents in the region for the Center for Rural Policy and Development.
  - Conducted evaluation research activities for **Mankato** Area Healthy Youth including establishing grantee evaluation plan, conducting site visits, coordinating reporting needs and providing technical assistance.
  - Coordinated evaluation requirements for the Region Nine Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Consortium project including evaluation design, instrument adaptation, data collection, data entry, analysis and reporting.

**Successful Fiscal Year 2000 Grants:**

• ChYLI State Incentive Grant (3 years)	\$673,908
• Healthy Communities Network State Incentive Grant (3 years)	687,453
• Healthy Communities Network Drug-Free Communities (reapplication) (1 year)	99,839
• Blue Earth County Child & Maternal Health (Saludando Salud) (2 years)	5,000
• Rural Hospital Capital Improvement Grant (Madelia Community Hospital) (1 year)	34,000
• Healthy Communities Network Government Cooperation Award, no monetary award	
• ChYLI/Saludando Salud Youth Tobacco Prevention Grant (1 year)	100,000
• Saludando Salud Minnesota Rural Health Association Award, no monetary award	
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	\$1,600,200

<b>Budget:</b>	Levy	\$ 53,630
	Project Income	61,750
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		\$115,380

**Staff:** Dena Nundahl Colemer, Director  
Kim Spiess, Resource Development Planner  
Lisa Hoffman Wojcik, Resource Development Planner  
Sonya Koplin, New Projects Planner  
Jennifer Tews, Administrative Assistant

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION / MARKETING / CONFERENCES**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

### **Program Objectives:**

- Develop and implement public information and marketing efforts for the RNDC and its program areas. This includes: newsletters, news releases, brochures, the annual report, news conferences, position advertisements, public hearing notices and other public information efforts.
- Provide advertising, marketing and public relations services for clients (local units of government, nonprofit organizations, business leaders and citizens) on a contractual basis.
- Represent Region Nine to legislators by planning, coordinating and implementing the annual day at the Capitol for Commissioners to discuss regional issues and concerns with legislators. Also represent Region Nine to state agencies, state, regional or local task forces and committees; local elected officials, other organizations and individuals.
- Plan, organize and implement special events and conferences to promote Commission programs or meet identified needs in the region.
- Coordinate and implement new Commissioner orientation.
- Serve the nine-county area specifically, and at times statewide, in providing educational training sessions. Specific topics are identified by the units of government and nonprofit organizations, business leaders and citizens.
- Serve as a leadership team member to South Central Plus by coordinating, organizing and staffing monthly meetings for the 26 agency/member groups.

### **Fiscal Year 2000 Events:**

- March 25, 2000 - A Listening Post/public meeting in **Nicollet** with leaders from the Office of Minnesota Planning and USDA Rural Development on planning for the future of communities in the region.
- Feb. 9, 2000 - Region Nine trip to the state Capitol.
- Jan. 21, 2000 - The 17th Annual Legislative Farm Forum sponsored by South Central Technical College's Farm Management Program, MN Rural Futures, MN Agri-Women, University of MN Extension Service Rural Response Fund and the Region Nine Development Commission.
- Dec. 21, 1999 - South Central Plus Eggs & Issues Legislative Breakfast
- Sept. 1, 1999 - The State Emergency Board of the United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) meeting to examine the impact of the farm economy on Minnesota's farm families and the communities and businesses which serve them.

**Public Information staff implement a number of activities for the Commission and RNDC program areas. Following are highlights from activities during Fiscal Year 2000.**

### **Commission projects:**

- Spearheaded efforts to develop an updated logo and design for letterhead, folders, business cards and the R9 newsletter.
- Summarize all Commission meetings for RNDC members, mayors, city clerks and administrators, county board chairs, county administrators, legislators and the media.
- Planned, organized and implemented orientations for new and existing Commission members.
- Developed a new marketing card that explains the RNDC, its history, member composition and program highlights.

- Responsible for writing, editing, layout and design of the bimonthly Commission newsletter.
- Promoted the RNDC's new web page.
- Oversee updates to the Region Nine commissioner and staff resource guide.
- Promote and coordinate the Region Nine speaker's bureau.
- Schedule annual county board visits and assist with scheduling and promoting annual city council and township visits.
- Promoted Region Nine and Southwest Regional Development Commission's presentation to Sen. Paul Wellstone and Rep. David Minge with the National Association of Development Organizations' (NADO) Congressional Partnership Award, April 9, 2000.

**Area Agency on Aging:**

- 21st Annual Learning is For Life Conference
- Alzheimer's Memory Walk
- Availability of Title III Older Americans Act Funds
- Caregiver Recognition & Renewal Conference
- Eldercare and the Workplace promotional campaign
- Governor Ventura appoints David Janovy to Minnesota Board on Aging
- New Advisory Council on Aging members announced
- Project ROSE (Reaching Out to Support Elders) and its services
- Outstanding senior volunteers recognized at the 21st Annual Learning is For Life Conference
- Senior Drug Program, Qualified Medicare Beneficiary/Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary
- Senior LinkAge Line® marketing/awareness campaign

**Planning, Development & Finance:**

- Availability of tornado recovery funds
- Community Development promotion - "Lending a Hand

with Infrastructure Financing”

- Cost of Development Methodology availability
- Minnesota Office of Technology Community Development Grant to city of Comfrey
- National Small Business Week promotion
- Revolving Loan Fund Program brochures
- Revolving Loan Fund client success stories brochure
- Shared City Administrator program
- Small Business Development Center client success brochures
- Small Business Development Center seminars

#### **Prevention & Healthy Communities (PHC):**

- Announcement for receipt of State Incentive Grant (SIG)
- Availability of Out-of-School Enrichment Grants
- Governor Ventura’s commendation to the Prevention & Healthy Communities Network
- “How to Work With the Media” workshop presented to the HCN Advisory Committee
- MinnesotaCare Public Service Announcements
- News conference on January 26, 2000, announcing the HCN’s selection to participate in Wanted: Solutions for America, directed by the Pew Partnership
- Spirit of Youth Awards
- Write and edit copy for the quarterly HCN newsletter

#### **Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI):**

- Announce all participating students in their local newspapers and schools.
- Attend the annual ChYLI and promote it on a local and regional level.
- Editorial assistance with brochures and the ChYLI newsletter.

#### **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS):**

- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day
- FAS Conference

**Mankato Area Healthy Youth (MAHY):**

- Editorial assistance with the MAHY newsletter
- Monthly radio public service announcements for the Developmental Assets
- Out-of-school enrichment grant funds available
- Task force and steering committee openings

**Saludando Salud:**

- Editorial assistance with the newsletter

**New Projects and Grants Office:**

- Census 2000 promotions
- Research, writing and editing for the Health Care Education-Industry Partnership newsletter
- Responsible for approval of all Region Nine Web page content.

**Internal development projects:**

- “A Call For Courtesy” telephone skills workshop
- Associated Press Stylebook adaptation for Region Nine publications
- “How to Work With the Media” workshop
- “Seven Habits of Highly Effective Writers” workshop

**Marketing Contracts:**

- Minnesota Regional Development Organizations’ (MRDO) brochure with a target audience of the Minnesota Legislature and other MRDO partners

<b>Budget:</b>	Levy	2,282
	Project Income	10,000
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		\$12,282

**Staff:** Joyce Allard, Director  
 Jennifer Tews, Administrative Assistant

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	Actual FY99	Budget FY00	Approved FY0
Federal	\$561,420	\$467,095	\$473,067
State	570,521	625,442	514,237
Tax Levy	340,409	343,572	353,879
Other Sources	157,204	219,901	152,591
Conference Revenue	35,334	4,000	5,250
Charges for Services	145,692	153,665	194,675
Interest	60,980	65,437	82,042
Miscellaneous	8,091		
Carryover Reserve			24,148
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,879,651</b>	<b>\$1,879,112</b>	<b>\$1,799,889</b>

## EXPENSES

Personnel	\$1,091,353	\$1,103,479	\$1,048,569
Fringe	261,293	295,498	325,206
Copying/Printing	34,071	38,732	40,076
Public Notice	7,680	2,880	1,600
Postage	37,672	29,134	30,163
Telephone	24,136	26,774	24,221
Travel - Staff	70,913	71,412	61,980
Travel - Other	70,694	46,114	42,120
Registration	19,554	22,950	21,288
Supplies	58,924	37,381	35,748
Publication/Subscr/Memb	19,327	18,100	19,310
Miscellaneous	2,620	1,500	713
Consultant	5,982	3,000	6,600
Insurance	6,268	7,468	3,918
Errors & Omissions Ins	5,948	7,100	7,000
Maintenance	11,927	12,400	10,400
Legal	1,587	2,250	2,000
Audit	8,895	9,450	9,650
Equipment / Depreciation	49,651	20,500	18,300
Office Space	86,802	85,157	91,027
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,875,297</b>	<b>\$1,841,279</b>	<b>\$1,799,889</b>
<b>Rev. over Exp.</b>	<b>4,354</b>	<b>37,833</b>	

## BUDGETED REVENUES BY PROJECT - FY '00

	Agencywide	General Gov't	Community Development	Economic Development
Federal	467,095			52,000
State	625,442		74,950	50,000
Tax Levy	343,572	138,936	10,657	30,157
Other Local	219,901		15,500	
Services	157,665		43,510	27,325
Interest	65,437	16,000		49,437
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,879,112</b>	<b>154,936</b>	<b>144,617</b>	<b>208,919</b>

	SBDC	Aging	EMS	HRA Contract
Federal	82,885	157,665	22,950	
State	25,000	109,667	105,267	
Tax Levy	25,000	50,419	11,471	
Other Local	67,690		10,711	
Services		4,000		11,080
Interest				
<b>Total</b>	<b>200,575</b>	<b>321,751</b>	<b>150,399</b>	<b>11,080</b>

	Prevention & Hlthy Comm.	New Projects	Public Info / Marketing Contracts
Federal	151,595		
State	260,558		
Tax Levy	21,020	53,630	2,282
Other Local	126,000		
Services		61,750	10,000
Interest			
<b>Total</b>	<b>559,173</b>	<b>115,380</b>	<b>12,282</b>

## BUDGETED REVENUES BY PROJECT - FY '01

	Agencywide	General Gov't	Community Development	Economic Development
Federal	473,067			52,000
State	514,237		66,598	
Tax Levy	353,879	129,036	12,912	29,174
Other Local	152,591	500		
Services	199,925		77,256	3,020
Interest	82,042	18,000		64,042
Carryover Reserve	24,148	24,148		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,799,889</b>	<b>171,684</b>	<b>156,766</b>	<b>148,236</b>

	Transportation	SBDC	Aging	HRA Contract
Federal		105,520	169,379	
State	50,000		117,846	
Tax Levy	8,857	25,000	45,614	
Other Local		26,021		
Services			4,000	8,921
Interest				
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,857</b>	<b>156,541</b>	<b>336,839</b>	<b>8,921</b>

	Prevention & Hlthy Comm.	New Projects	Public Info / Marketing Contracts
Federal	146,168		
State	279,793		
Tax Levy	16,722	67,654	18,910
Other Local	126,070		
Services		102,478	4,250
Interest			
<b>Total</b>	<b>568,753</b>	<b>170,132</b>	<b>23,160</b>

# SEPTEMBER

MON	TUES	WED
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>LABOR DAY</i>		
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>

# 2000

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
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7	8	9
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14	15	16
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21	22	23
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28	29	30

# OCTOBER

MON	TUES	WED
2	3	4
9  <i>COLUMBUS DAY</i>	10	11
16	17	18
23	24	25
30	31 <i>HALLOWEEN</i>	

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*VETERANS DAY*

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*THANKSGIVING DAY*

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# DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED
4	5	6
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18	19	20
25	26	27
<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>		

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# JANUARY

MON	TUES	WED
1  <i>NEW YEARS DAY</i>	2	3
8	9	10
15  <i>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</i>	16	17
22	23	24
29	30	31

# 2001

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
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18	19	20
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# FEBRUARY

MON	TUES	WED
5	6	7
12	13	14 <i>VALENTINE'S DAY</i>
19  <i>PRESIDENT'S DAY</i>	20	21
26	27	28

# 2001

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
1	2	3
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# MARCH

MON	TUES	WED
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19	20	21
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# 2001

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
1	2	3
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8	9	10
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15	16	17 <i>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</i>
		18
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# APRIL

MON	TUES	WED
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THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
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	<i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	15 <i>EASTER</i>
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# MAY

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*MEMORIAL DAY*

# 2001

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
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		13 <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i>
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# JUNE

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		17 <i>FATHER'S DAY</i>
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# JULY

MON	TUES	WED
2	3	4 <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i>
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# 2001

THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
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# AUGUST

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# SEPTEMBER

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