



Pikes Peak Community Development (PPCD) Advisory Group Profiles



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I was born and raised in San Diego, California and moved to Colorado Springs three years ago to accept my position as Executive Director of the Southeast Family Center/Armed Services YMCA. I have been with the YMCA since 1992 and feel very fortunate to be part of our great organization. My undergraduate degree is a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and my Degree in Masters of Organizational and Management Leadership has both served me well in my chosen career path. My passions include training and facilitating in leadership.

Along with my family, I enjoy travel, hiking and camping. My personal down time is spent reading and gardening.



BJ Scott
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Ms Scott is the President & CEO of Peak Vista Community Health Centers in Colorado Springs and Executive Director of the Peak Vista Community Health Centers Foundation. Peak Vista is a private non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center that has been in existence since 1971 and today serves over 53,000 members of working families. The Foundation was formed in 2005 and is operated exclusively for charitable purposes to benefit Peak Vista's fifteen health centers located at twelve sites throughout the Pikes Peak Region. She has served as President & CEO since 2001 and is the principal leader of the organization, exercising general and active control of its business affairs and \$37 million budget. The Foundation was formed in 2005 and is operated exclusively for charitable purposes to benefit Peak Vista's twelve health centers located at nine sites throughout the Pikes Peak Region. Ms. Scott has extensive experience in community relationship building, strategic planning, community collaborations, leadership development, adult training, customer service, and fundraising. She currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the: Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce; Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families; Community Health Partnership; and the Colorado Community Health Network, where she also serves as chair of its Public Affairs Committee. She served as co-chair of the Provider Panel of Colorado's 2008 Blue Ribbon Commission on Healthcare Reform and is active on healthcare issues at the national level through the National Association of Community Health Centers, currently chairing the Healthcare Policy Subcommittee on Elderly Issues. BJ is also currently serving a four year term as a Commissioner on the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.



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Mrs. Walker has served the Fountain-Fort Carson School District for twenty years; the first nineteen years as the Assistant Superintendent for Business and currently as the Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Walker has been active in the Fountain community working on various boards and committees. All three of her sons graduated from Fountain-Fort Carson High School and attended District Eight schools from preschool through 12th grade.

Mrs. Walker has served on state level education committees including the Financial Policies and Procedures Committee, Colorado Association of School Business Officials and Education Data Advisory Committee. She works closely with Fort Carson and nationally as the Colorado State Chair for Federally Impacted School Districts to help secure funding and other resources. She is the State representative and Commissioner for the Interstate Compact for Education Opportunities for Military Children. Locally, she is part of the steering committee of the Colorado Defense Mission Coalition that is working to help the community prepare for the Fort Carson expansion.

Prior to working for District Eight, Mrs. Walker was a college professor at the University of Wyoming. She also worked as a Certified Public Accountant for several years.



Pastor James McMearn

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Reverend McMearn received his degree in Religious Studies with a minor in Christian Education, Cum Laude from Regis University and studied in the Masters of Divinity program at the Denver Seminary in Denver, Colorado. Because of his demonstrated pastoral record, he was awarded a full scholarship under their "Senior Urban Pastor Scholarship" program.

He entered into the ministry March 1967 and was ordained on July 21, 1968 at the New Hope Baptist Church. He came to Colorado Springs in 1969 and was employed by the City/County Health Department until 1972. It was then that he resigned his position as Director of "Minority Alcohol Services" for the Health Department in order to develop and pastor the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

Through divine inspiration from the Almighty, Reverend McMearn was led to organize a Prayer Band and Bible Study Group, which met every Wednesday evening. This led to the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

In 1975 under the leadership of Pastor McMearn, the church relocated to its present location. The church has grown from a membership of 12 to a membership of 969. The church has given birth to thirty-four ministers.



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James Sullivan is currently the Executive Director and Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region. He holds an AA in Pre-Law from Merced California and a BS in Political Science and Business Administration from San Jose State University. Prior to joining the Boys & Girls Club, Sullivan was involved with Junior Achievement from 1986 – 2000 and was the Director of Channel Marketing at USA.NET Inc. from 2000 – 2001. Sullivan sits on the board of several organizations including the El Pomar Youth Sports Park, The Independence Center, and is a Trustee of Mountain States Employers Council.



Jim Welte

Director of Federal Programs

Fountain Ft. Carson School District #8

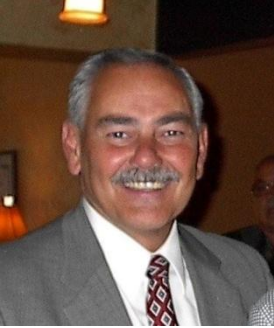
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I currently serve Fountain-Fort Carson School District Eight in the role of Director of Federal Programs. A primary responsibility under this title is to direct programming and services at the Lorraine Center. This setting includes the Lorraine Secondary School, an alternative setting for at-risk middle and high school students and agencies that provide community, social/emotional and physical health services. Previous work history with the district includes twelve years as a high school special education teacher, six years as an assistant principal at Carson Middle School and ten years as an elementary school principal at a Title I school. (Thirty years in the district)



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Dr. Luis Velez
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On March 15, 2008 Dr. Velez was promoted to the position of Vice President of Education. He had served in the capacity of Dean of Criminal Justice from December 18, 2006 until March 15, 2008.

He holds a Doctor of Management degree from Colorado Technical University; a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from the University of Southern Colorado, and two Associate degrees from El Paso Community College, now known as Pikes Peak Community College. He holds a certificate in Law Enforcement Management from the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado, and he has completed programs at the Center for Creative Leadership, the Western Institute for Police Administration, and the Center for Public Management. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 171st Session, and the National Executive Institute, 26th Session.

On September 1, 2006 Dr. Velez retired as the Chief of Police from the Colorado Springs Police Department after 31 ½ years of service to the Colorado Springs community.



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Steven J. McCoy is currently assigned as the Deputy Garrison Commander, Fort Carson, Colorado.

Born in Minnesota but raised in Southern California Mr. McCoy began his federal career upon entry to the United States Army in June of 1970. After completing basic training at Fort Ord, California he served in the Logistics and Quartermaster fields at Fort Carson and in Germany until his honorable discharge in 1972. In April of 1973 he was employed by the Pueblo Army Depot where he served on a temporary basis in the Supply and Distribution Division until August 1973. In October 1973 Mr. McCoy was selected for a permanent position within the Maintenance Division of the Directorate of Logistics, Fort Carson, CO where he served for the next 24 years. During this period he served in a wide variety of positions eventually being promoted to first line supervisor, Division Chief, Deputy and ultimately as the Director of Logistics. His selection to the position of Deputy Garrison Commander was made in September of 1997.

During this period Mr. McCoy has received numerous honorary awards to include the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Commanders Award for Civilian Service, Superior Civilian Service Award and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. In addition to these he has been the recipient of countless monetary awards for performance, Special Acts, and suggestions and has been voted by his peers as the Fort Carson Civilian Supervisor of the year on 2 different occasions.