

**Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan  
Education Partnership Group Meeting  
May 12, 2011**

Meeting attendees:

- Susan Field, Academy School District 20
- Kate Hatten, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- Dave Roudebush, Fountain-Fort Carson, School District 8

**Growth Plan Phase III Update**

Kate Hatten provided an update on the Phase III Growth Plan effort. Draft reports have been distributed to the partnership group members and are available for public review on PPACG's website (<http://www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/project-materials/growth-plan-documents>). Updates on Soldier and family demographics and changes in trends, including deployments, economic and housing issues, child care and school issues, as well as behavioral health, social services, transportation and sustainability are provided. The implementation status of the Growth Plan recommendations is also updated to help ensure that priorities are re-assessed and actions continue to be pursued to assist the region in meeting Fort Carson growth- and deployment- related needs. Comments on the draft plan are requested through 27 May.

Ms. Hatten distributed the results of the most recent survey of Fort Carson Soldiers and families. The survey reports are also available at the above link to PPACG's website. She noted that the majority of respondents are married and have children; therefore, the responses reflect this demographic profile. Approximately 41% of respondents' children attend schools in District 8; 15% in District 5; and 12% in District 3. More than 92% were very or somewhat satisfied with their children's schools. Attendees asked for more specifics about the survey questions and responses, and more detailed information will be provided to the partnership group members.

Ms. Hatten indicated that the Pikes Peak region's Network of Care website for Service Members, Veterans & Their Families launched on 5 May. This link for this site is <http://pikespeak.networkofcare.org>. Information and resources available include a searchable directory of local services and programs; veterans information and crisis intervention; a searchable library of medical articles and other research; links to key local, state, and national resources; social networking features; and a Personal Health Record feature, which allows individuals to store personal data (on an encrypted, HL7-compliant server), including health or military service documents, care coordination, emergency contacts and other information. Ms. Hatten noted that individuals and providers can both benefit from this site by identifying resources available at the local, state, and national level. Individuals can also use the site's features to request that additional service providers/resources be included in the service directory.

**Other Business**

Ms. Hatten indicated that PPACG is in the process of extending the Growth Plan contract with DoD's Office of Economic Adjustment through the end of 2011 in order to continue regional communication and coordination, as well as implementation of the Growth Plan

recommendations and actions. This extension is expected to be finalized in the next couple of weeks.

The next partnership group meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11 August. Any updates prior to that date will be sent via e-mail.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- **20 July 2011, 3:00pm** Colorado Defense Mission Coalition (CDMC) meeting
- **11 August 2011, 3:30pm** Education Partnership Group meeting  
(tentative)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.