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Summary

Ms. Pratt Miles has served as a convener, facilitator and collaborative process designer for the past seven years. She has experience in the areas of agriculture and biotechnology; endangered species; forests, ecosystems, biodiversity, and natural resources; health; security; sustainable communities, corporations, and development; and water and watersheds. Prior to joining Meridian, Ms. Pratt Miles served as director of the non-profit initiative, Shaping Our Summit. Ms. Pratt Miles holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Bowdoin College. Her training includes completion of two seminars through the Center for Dispute Resolution, *The Mediation Process* in 1999 and *Resolving Public Policy Conflicts* in 2001.

Meridian Experience

MERIDIAN INSTITUTE, Dillon, Colorado, 2001 – Present

Meridian Institute designs and facilitates collaborative processes that help diverse parties identify critical issues, build relationships and trust, construct innovative solutions, and implement durable decisions. The collaborative processes address challenges at the local, state, national, and international levels, and involve leaders from government, industry, nongovernmental organizations, research institutions, and international institutions. Meridian also assists organizations in conducting strategy development and planning.

MEDIATOR AND FACILITATOR

Ms. Pratt Miles contributes to project proposals and budgets, researches substantive issues, conducts interviews, and designs collaborative processes. She drafts negotiation texts, meeting summaries, reports, and other follow-up documentation and mediates negotiations and facilitates effective meetings and strategic and collaborative processes.

- Serves as lead staff on projects, including: Missouri River Pilot Collaborative Adaptive Management Project, and Rio Chama – New Mexico Collaborative Watershed Projects
- Co-facilitated the development of the Florida Everglades DECOMP Adaptive Management Plan
- Supported negotiation and development of the Colorado Wolf Management Plan

Previous Experience

SHAPING OUR SUMMIT,
Summit County, Colorado 1997-2001

Director

Supported Shaping Our Summit's mission to create and improve opportunities for citizen involvement and community collaboration to enhance the long-term social, civic, environmental and economic well being of the entire community. Responsibilities included: serving as a spokesperson for the organization; forming strategic partnerships with local government, business and citizens; developing an annual strategic plan; creating and monitoring \$100,000 annual budget; implementing projects and programs consistent with mission; managing the work of volunteers; executing fundraising strategies, including grant writing, fee for service initiatives and special events; and facilitating community forums and strategic planning for local non-profit organizations.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
5th Judicial District 1995- 1997

Juvenile Diversion Coordinator

1996 Employee of the Year. Screened juvenile cases for eligibility for the program. Monitored a caseload of approximately 50 juveniles who were offered Diversion as an alternative to criminal prosecution. Referred juveniles to appropriate services, including counseling, education, Victim-Offender Mediation, community service, and wilderness learning programs. Coordinated "Teen Court" for Eagle and

Lake counties June 1995 – June 1996 and for Summit and Clear Creek Counties June 1996 – February 1997.

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON MARITAL AND DATE RAPE

Berkeley, California 1992

Legislative Intern

Drafted correspondence to attorneys, legislators and judges regarding laws in their respective states. Researched statistics about rape for the media and the general public. Represented the center at the 1992 ABA Convention, a CA State Conference on Women, and on KQED radio.

AFRICAN HOUSING FUND (AHF)

Nairobi, Kenya 1991

Intern

Conducted interviews of inhabitants of Soweto community. Observed a session of Nairobi Juvenile Court and discussed the problems facing street children with the Magistrate and with families of Soweto. Wrote a report analyzing relations between Kayole-Muongano Women's Group and local government officials, which was submitted to the Office of the President of Kenya.

Education

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
Denver, Colorado

Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program
1998

BOWDOIN COLLEGE
Brunswick, Maine

B.A., Government, 1990
Magna Cum Laude
Honors: James Bowdoin Scholar for academic distinction

Projects Completed

When connected to the Internet, click on the project name for a full description.

Selected project highlights are provided on the following pages.

Agriculture and Biotechnology

- Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition
- Working Landscapes in the Midwest Conference

Endangered Species

- Colorado Wolf Management Working Group

Forests, Ecosystems, Biodiversity, and Natural Resources

- Collaborative Forest Restoration Workshops
- GMUG National Forest County Partnership in Restoration Program
- Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Roadless Area Conservation
- Roundtable on Sustainable Forests
- USDA Forest Service Diversity Options Workshop
- Wyoming Landowner/Sportsmen Forum
- Public Forum on the White River National Forest Plan Revision

Health

- Office of Public Health and Emergency Medical Countermeasures Future Directions Meeting
- Public Health Leadership Initiative
- Pandemic Influenza Planning and Preparedness Workshops

Leadership in the Theory and Practice of Collaboration

- Report Sponsored By Tremaine Foundation: "Collaborative Process: Better Outcomes for All of Us"
- Tremaine Evaluation
- Workshop on Assessing the Environmental Outcomes of Community-Based Collaboratives (CBCs)

Security and Homeland Security

- National Critical Infrastructure Sector Coordination: Healthcare Sector

- Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISAC) Congress Pandemic Influenza Tabletop Exercise
- National Response Plan and National Incident Management System Review and Revision Process

Strategy Assessment and Planning

- The Nature Conservancy International Leadership Council

Sustainable Communities, Corporations, and Development

- How to Shape Our Summit: The Citizen's Role in Guiding Development
- Indicators of a Healthy Community: Measuring Summit County's Quality of Life
- Silverthorne Neighborhood Meetings: Bringing Government to the People

Transportation

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

Water and Watersheds

- Collaborative Adaptive Management Network (CAMNet)
- Everglades Adaptive Management Strategy
- Florida DECOMP Adaptive Management Project
- Missouri River Pilot Adaptive Management Scoping Process
- National Watershed Forum
- National Watershed Health Project - Colorado Pilot
- New Mexico Collaborative Watershed Projects

Selected Project Highlights

FLORIDA EVERGLADES ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Meridian has provided support to a series of projects related to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP) and an adaptive management strategy for CERP. Through a series of collaborative workshops in 2003 and 2004, Meridian and its partner IATP assisted a team of scientists, the Everglades Restoration Coordination and Verification (RECOVER) to: develop a preliminary adaptive management strategy; identify key policy/ science issues; delineate communication and decision making processes for key science and policy milestones; align multiple responsible agencies and organizations on the system-wide perspective on restoration; and agree on a long-term adaptive management process for the Comprehensive Plan.

From January 2005 – April 2006, Meridian facilitated a multi-agency process to investigate approaches to advancing the Water Conservation Area -3 (WCA-3) Decompartmentalization Project (DECOMP), one of 68 projects comprising CERP which is designed to re-establish water flow to Everglades National Park and Big Cypress National Preserve. This effort culminated in support from the CERP Quality Review Board for the DECOMP Adaptive Management Plan that was developed collaboratively by scientists and engineers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Everglades National Park, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission in consultation with tribal nations, environmental NGOs, recreational fisheries organizations and others. Following this, Meridian worked with DECOMP Project Managers and stakeholders to facilitate the development of a Project Management Plan Addendum to incorporate the adaptive management plan into the DECOMP Project. Most recently, Meridian assisted DECOMP Project Managers and stakeholders to develop the agenda for and facilitate the kick-off meeting of the re-convened DECOMP Project Delivery Team and a field visit to WCA-3.

RIO CHAMA WATERSHED GROUP-NEW MEXICO COLLABORATIVE WATERSHED PROJECT

The Rio Chama and its tributaries have experienced significant impairment due to soil erosion, which is thought to have resulted from a variety of natural and other activities such as grazing, recreation, stream bank modification, removal of riparian vegetation, silviculture, road construction and maintenance, and channel widening. To comply with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act), Meridian assisted community members in developing a Watershed Restoration Action Strategy (WRAS) and Watershed Group to improve water quality and address related natural resource issues in the watershed.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS

In 2006, Meridian Institute facilitated two Pandemic Flu Preparedness Workshops for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These workshops identified information needs of continuity and pandemic planners, the expected and desired role of government, and what is required to move forward. Specific action items flowing from these two meetings included commitments from CDC to serve as a clearinghouse for pandemic preparedness plans and from DHS and CDC to continue exchanging information with the private sector and providing guidance about pandemic influenza planning and preparedness as it becomes available.

COLORADO WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN

Meridian provided process design and facilitation services for the 14-member Colorado Wolf Management Working Group, which was convened by the Colorado Division of Wildlife to develop recommendations for how to manage wolves when they begin migrating into Colorado from adjacent states. Comprised of wildlife biologists, local government representatives, ranchers, sportsmen, and wildlife advocates, the Working Group met monthly beginning in June 2004 and addressed: wolf management strategies and tools, livestock damage payments, conservation of prey populations, information and education, budget and fundraising for wolf management, and other pertinent issues. The Working Group reached agreement on a comprehensive package of recommendations in December 2004, and presented its recommendations to Coloradans for public comment in early 2005. The Group

reconvened in March 2005 to review public comments received, and then submitted their final recommendations to the State. In May 2005, the Wolf Management Working Group's recommendations were adopted by the Colorado Wildlife Commission.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE ON ROADLESS AREA CONSERVATION

At the request of the Forest Roads Working Group (FRWG), an ad hoc coalition of conservationists, sportsmen and women, members of the forest products industry, and outdoor recreation businesses, Meridian served as convener and facilitator of a multi-stakeholder dialogue focused on how to resolve the longstanding issue of the degree of permanent protection that should be provided for roadless areas in the National Forest System. Meridian conducted extensive convening interviews with affected stakeholders that eventually led to the facilitation of the multi-stakeholder dialogue and the development and submission of recommendations from the FRWG to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service.