

# **Franklin County Service Providers**

**Meeting Minutes  
&  
Presenter Listing**

## Franklin County Service Providers Presenter List for 2006

January 3, 2006	Sandra McKinnon – <i>Group Goal Setting</i>
February 7, 2006	Sue Swisshelm – Head Start
March 7, 2006	Kris Stark – Willow Brooke Assisted Living
April 4, 2006	Terri Hatter – HealthCare USA
May 2, 2006	Maria Killian – St. Vincent de Paul Society
June 6, 2006	Sandra McKinnon – <i>Revisit Goals &amp; Resource Guide</i>
<u>July 2006</u>	<u>No Meeting Scheduled</u>
August 1, 2006	Jennifer Bennett – CenterPoint Financial Solutions
September 5, 2006	Jeannette Hale – Franklin County Health Department
October 3, 2006	Cathy Covington – ALIVE
November 7, 2006	Sandra McKinnon – <i>Statistical Overview of Franklin County</i>
December 5, 2006	Judy Townsend – CLAIM

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## Meeting attendees:

Darlene Coomes, Franklin County Human Society

Joan Dennis, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family

Lisa Epple, East Central College

Jeanette Hale, Franklin County Health Department

Maria Killian, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family

Armin Klemme, Union Food Pantry

Norma Klemme, Zion UCC Outreach / Habitat for Humanity

Donna Mantle, Missouri Career Center

Susan McGlynn, Family Planning Clinic

Sandra McKinnon, University of Missouri Extension

Kris Stark, Willow Brooke Assisted Living

Dana Vessman, Jefferson Franklin Community Action

Polly Watson, Jefferson-Franklin Community Action

Nickie Wurmb, Juice Plus

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The meeting was called to order by Sandra McKinnon with University of Missouri Extension. Introductions and the following announcements were made:

**Franklin County Service Providers:** The Service Providers celebrated 14 years of existence with cake, refreshments, and a birthday song. Sandra announced that the Service Providers now have a website. A copy of the web page was handed out to everyone. A schedule of speakers is included on the web page as well as a link to meeting minutes. Please let Sandra know if you have additional ideas about information that should be included on the web page. The website is accessible from the University of Missouri Extension website and there's also a link available through the East Central College website. A list serv is also something new for the group to be involved with. The list serv allows the group to share questions, reminders, and information. Voting ballots were handed out so everyone could choose a Service Provider motto. The suggestions listed were ideas from previous meetings and Sandra encouraged everyone to write in any additional ideas they might have. After the votes were tallied, the new motto, "The Network of Helping Others" was chosen. A draft copy of the brochure explaining what the Service Providers represent was handed out. This brochure could be handed out to other agencies that are not yet involved with us or listed on our roster. It was an overall agreement that the brochure was great the way it was; no changes needed to be made.

**University of Missouri Extension:** Sandra McKinnon works with the Get Checking workshop that's designed for those people who are having trouble with, need to know more about, or starting a new checking account. The Women's Financial Education coalition will start in July. Please let Sandra know if you're interesting in participating. Another program called Financial Success is a bankruptcy education course that deals with people who are about to face bankruptcy.

**Missouri Career Center:** Donna Mantle discussed the Parents Fair Share Program. Donna works with a program held at the Pacific prison called the Missouri Re Entry Process. Individuals involved in this program are coming out of prison and needing to get back into the workforce. There will be a three-hour job fair held on April 26. They are in need of employers willing to give these individuals information and exposure on the skills needed to get a job. Please contact Patricia Ham at the Missouri Eastern Correctional Facility for more information. Sandra McKinnon stated that she works with a program through the Pacific prison called Building Strong Families, which involves 13 training sessions.

**St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family:** Maria Killian stated that their church would like to team up with the Habitat for Humanity in building a home in St. Clair or Sullivan.

**Jefferson Franklin Community Action:** Polly Watson shared Community Action Partnership brochures. There's a lot of money available to help with utility bills through the Energy Assistance Program. This money MUST be spent; they don't want to have to send it back. The agency has several different programs available; please call their office for more information. Since funding cuts, the Franklin County office is only open now on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. In Jefferson County the office is still open Monday through Friday. Polly stated that it doesn't matter which office you visit. The Community Service Block Grant serves up to 125% of the federal poverty guideline. The staff works with clients to help them figure out what to do in picking their new Medicare prescription plan. Plans must be chosen by May 15, 2006 or a plan will be chosen for them. A page listing helpful websites and resource numbers was shared with everyone. Please share this information with your family, co-workers, and clients. For more information you can contact Polly at 636-789-2686, Ext. 119. Dana Vessman shared that if you know of anyone elderly who can't get out of their homes, their agency offers family support visits on Tuesdays.

**Franklin County Health Department:** Jeanette Hale stated there will be a flu summit to discuss the \$1.1 million to increase the awareness of the pandemic possibility and to help enhance the ability to respond to this kind of threat. Individuals from different providers and communities will be developing committees. They will also be working with local businesses. A vaccine is currently being working on, but it takes 6 months to produce. Continuous money is being put toward the cost of manufacturing the vaccine.

**Franklin County Humane Society:** Darlene Coomes stated their facility is not affiliated with the Humane Society of Missouri. They're especially concerned with spaying and neutering animals and working to get this word out to the public. There are both discounted and free programs available for this type of service. There were over 400 litters, or almost 1,700 baby animals born last year. Their agency receives free ripped bags of dog and cat food from Wal-Mart; the store would be unable to sell these bags.

**Family Planning Clinic:** Susan McGlynn discussed the Well Women Exams. Susan has worked with the Family Planning Clinic for more than 30 years and is now a charter member for the agency.

**Union Food Pantry:** Armin Klemme stated that the pantry is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Festival of Sharing will be held the third weekend of October in Sedalia, Missouri.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Norma Klemme talked about the aluminum can drive that will held at local police or sheriff's department parking lots to help raise money for Habitat. If an overall total of 500 pounds is collected from the aluminum drives, the agency will be eligible to apply for an additional grant. Aluminum drives will be held in Union and Washington on April 1, in Pacific on July 15, and in St. Clair and Sullivan on November 4.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Kris Starke is a Community Outreach Coordinator for Willow Brooke Assisted Living. Willow Brooke began in 1986 and is licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services. The agency offers a DayLight program that offers both a day and short-term respite care options. This program designed to help full-time caregivers so they get a break sometimes. Day care services require 24 hours notice and include medication monitoring, lunch, nursing supervision, activities/socialization, and an area to rest. For the extra care program services offered include breakfast and or dinner, assisted bathing, and beauty/barber services. If space is available, the short-term respite care is for one or more nights with just a week's notice. Willow Brooke also offers long-term care and pricing is based on the level of care needed. Health and Wellness Services offered at the facility are full-time licensed nursing, personal assistants on duty 24 hours a day, medication supervision, and therapy is also available. The accommodations and amenities include private and semi-private rooms with full private baths, restaurant style dining with a varied menu, assistance (upon request) with bathing, dressing, grooming, and other hygiene services, family style living room with piano and television, social events, beauty/barber shop, and an exercise/walk area. Financial assistance can be available from state, federal, and private agencies to help defray the cost of care. Financial assistance may include Medicaid, Veteran's Benefits, Mason's, Eastern Star, or the Blind Pension for those who qualify. Kris stated that their staff is available to go out and do home assessment counseling with families. To reach Kris, her cell phone number is 573-701-4107, and she's at the Willow Brooke office 4 days a week.

Submitted by Secretary,  
Lisa Epple