

Franklin County Service Providers

**Meeting Minutes
&
Presenter Listing**

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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 & 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:

Brenda Abegg, Head Start

Lynn Butler, Jefferson County Family Services Division

Gwen Cuneio, ALIVE

Joan Dennis, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family

Marcie Eaves, American Cancer Society

Lisa Epple, East Central College

Jessica Gildehaus, Counseling Resource Center

Armin Klemme, Union Food Pantry

Norma Klemme, Zion UCC Outreach / Habitat for Humanity

Susan Luedde, Alzheimer's Association

Sandra McKinnon, University of Missouri Extension

Karen Rothschild, Division of Family Services

Darlene Shoemaker, Head Start

Jane Skornia, Probation & Parole

Kris Stark, Willow Brooke Assisted Living

Polly Watson, Jefferson-Franklin Community Action

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Minutes

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

Franklin County Service Providers: Sandra provided copies of the brochure that was voted on at the March meeting. This brochure has been designed to use as a promotional piece to share with service providers who aren't sitting around the table at our meetings, but should be. Lisa sent out invitations, similar to the brochure, to approximately 45 additional agencies this month. Sandra revisited the goals from the January meeting.

Goal: To stay abreast of needs and services.

How to do this: Feature a monthly speaker, take a field trip to a service provider site, update the directory, inventory what other like groups are doing/have done, and gather/evaluate/discuss statistics.

Goal: Increase communication between members.

How to do this: Email meeting minutes, create email list serv, submit news releases, create web site, and share minutes and speaker listing at each meeting.

Goal: Increase communication with the public.

How to do this: Submit monthly news releases, including web URL.

Goal: Increase membership / create identity.

How to do this: Through a group logo, group motto, update membership list, add legislators and other known service providers, personal invitations, promotional slips, each one reach one campaign, send postcard reminders, use list serv, and advertise through newspapers and radio stations.

In June we will be entering all the service provider agencies into a statewide online database called Community Connection. This will allow us to be online 24/7 as a reference resource and will provide someone new coming into the community a source of information. From this information we'll create a service directory. A PDF file will be available online at the website so you can print as many copies of the directory as your agency needs. Sandra passed around a list of the agencies already in Community Connection; noting if there was any information that needed to be updated. At the May meeting Sandra will hand out the forms that will help us fill out the information that will be entered at the June meeting. This form will be given to you ahead of time in case you need permission on the information to be included on the website. You can go to the communityconnection.org site and check out the information your agency might already have listed. Please remember to select the county you're looking for in the resource location box.

University of Missouri Extension: Sandra McKinnon is the Family Financial Education Specialist for the Franklin County Extension office. Sandra provided brochures that describe the Financial Success program. If you know of anyone facing bankruptcy, please share this information with them. Franklin County is the only area that offers face to face counseling through this program. Sandra stated that the HOPE (Helping Others Parent Effectively) support group is still holding regular meetings.

Alzheimer's Association: Susan Luedde provided Family Education Program flyers. A Practical Solutions for Caregivers program will be held on Tuesday, April 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Zion United Church of Christ in Union. This is an educational program that helps families to understand a caregiver role and how to care for someone with dementia. Topics to be discussed include how to make a care plan, suggestions on how to manage memory loss, practical solutions for setting up a safe home, reducing stress, and tips for managing challenging behaviors. The registration is free, but please call 800-980-9080 to reserve a seat.

Counseling Resource Center: Jessica Gildehaus stated that their agency in Union works with children ages 2 to 15.

Jefferson County Family Services Division: Lynn Butler stated that their agency offers free mammogram and pap testing for women who don't have insurance or are under insured. Lynn has been selected to attend the

Celebration on the Hill in Washington, DC in September. Please let her know if there's anything you want passed on to the state legislators.

American Cancer Society: Marcie Eaves provided brochures, which outlined programs and services available to cancer patients and their families.

Union Food Pantry: Armin Klemme announced that the Mail Carriers food drive would be held the first or second Saturday in May; the official date is still to be announced.

Habitat for Humanity: Norma Klemme stated there are a few corrections that need to be made to the March minutes. The first correction should be that the overall aluminum drive total needs to be 5,000 pounds to apply for the grant. Also, the aluminum drive dates are for all major cities countywide. The March minutes incorrectly listed dates with specific towns. Norma stated they've reached 1,499 pounds for the aluminum drive so far. Sandra suggested that everyone bring their aluminum cans to Norma at the next meeting.

ALIVE: Gwen Cuneio provided flyers with pull tab contact information.

Head Start: Brenda Abegg and Darlene Shoemaker stated they're taking applications for the fall term. Flyers and brochures were available outlining what items parents need to bring.

Jefferson Franklin Community Action: Polly Watson provided invitational flyers for a Poverty Simulation that will be held at the Union Moose Lodge on April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP by April 25; call Polly at 636-789-2686 #119 or Dana Veasman at 636-742-0808 #105. Over 140 organizations will receive this invitation in the mail. Sandra stated that the Poverty Simulation is a very powerful experience; you come out of it a different person. The agency has lots of energy crisis money available, whether people are using propane, gas, or wood. To be eligible, a shut off notice or COD card must be presented. There's a big push for the Medicare Part D program right now. Please refer anyone with questions about this information to their agency.

Probation & Parole: Jane Skornia stated their agency's caseloads are continuing to grow.

Willow Brooke Assisted Living: Kris Stark discussed that people are starting to think about going on vacation and are concerned about the arrangements for the elderly that live with them. They need piece of mind that their parents or loved ones can be taken care of when they're gone. Willow Brooke offers respite care for a day or short periods of time and requires 24 hour notice. Willow Brooke is adding a day room called the Ozark Room and will also be adding four more rooms to their facility.

GUEST SPEAKER: Terri Hatter with HealthCare USA discussed that their agency is one of the MC+ (Managed Care Plus) providers for Missouri. Eligibility is determined when the family talks with the Family Support Division; family size and income will determine the level of assistance. If there are any questions about their benefits, participants can call 800-566-6444. The overall goal of HealthCare USA is to provide assistance with medical coverage. There has been a change in the overall assessment process. They're looking at families now who've been involved in the program and look to see if they should be. People aren't used to having to pay premiums and now a lot of them are required to. If they should lose their coverage, they're not penalized for six-months. It's important for people to remember that they need to keep their information updated with their family support worker. Terri stated that they have a problem with this because they often deal with a transient population. They remind parents that when mail comes in to open it all up. They try to work with parents and pose the information to them as a math problem. The problem includes their children, different health scenarios that might come up, and expenses for these scenarios. They point out to parents that if they just pay the minimum premium, then they'll have unlimited access for medical care.

There are 64 hospitals in Missouri who participate in the HealthCare USA programs. They're currently working with Jefferson Memorial Hospital to add them to the list of participating hospitals. There are approximately 7,000 providers participating as well, both pharmacies and dental providers.

Brochures were provided that outlined why children need health insurance. Children may qualify for no-cost or low-cost health insurance sponsored by the state of Missouri. HealthCare USA is contracted with and offers free membership to the Boy & Girl Scouts and the Boy and Girl Clubs of Greater St. Louis and Kansas. They're also working on a contract with the 4H Clubs. Participation in these groups provides children an opportunity to get involved with their community. Regular wellness check-ups, screenings for lead testing, and immunizations are also provided. Access to over the counter medications such as cough syrup, head lice medication, pain relievers, and vitamins are provided free with a doctor's prescription. Children who have health insurance have a better chance of being healthy. They are less likely to miss school because they're sick. If children in the program suffer from things such as lead poisoning or asthma, a case manager will begin intervention with the family and the primary healthcare provider. Nurses are also on staff for special needs cases, children who are wards of the state, for example. The staff will make sure they receive all the special attention they need and will schedule visits with specialists when needed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Epple