

Franklin County Service Providers

August 1, 2006

Meeting attendees:

Jennifer Bennett, ClearPoint Financial Solutions
Jake Capps, Crossroads
Joan Dennis, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family
Shannon Grus, Franklin County Area United Way
Amy Hartmann, East Central College
Maria Killian, St. Vincent de Paul Society
Armin Klemme, Union Food Pantry
Donna Mantle, Missouri Career Center
Susan McGlynn, Family Planning Clinic
Sandra McKinnon, University of Missouri Extension
Karen Rothschild, Division of Family Support
Dot Schowe, East Central College
Kris Stark, Willow Brooke Assisted Living
Judy Townsend, CLAIM
Jenny Wallach, University of Missouri Extension

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January 3, 2006	Sandra McKinnon – University of MO Extension
February 7, 2006	Sue Swisshelfm – 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>
July 2006	<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	

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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 Services Providers: Sandra provided information on a Grant Institute held in Overland Park, KS at the end of August. She also encouraged anyone who was interested to join the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren task force. The next meeting is August 3, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Regional Public Library. The task force is sponsoring a Grand Family Informational Gathering, Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Pacific, MO (location TBA). The Keynote Speaker is Amy Goyer, AARP Foundation Coordinator, Outreach and Service, Grandparent Department, Washington, DC. Honored Guest will be Senator John Grieshemier. Sandra passed around flyers and asked those that could to please post them. This is a free event but pre-registration is required. The task force is in need of childcare providers for this event. For more information, contact Sandra. Sandra passed out a booklet on Earned Income Tax Credit and a brochure on Get Checking; a 6 hour program for those who are new to checking accounts or need a second chance. Sandra pointed out the 3 areas of goals hanging on the wall: Increase Communication, Increase Membership and Staying Abreast of Needs and Services. The online directory is now available. You can find the link on the Franklin County Service Providers website. Sandra thanked Erika her intern for helping so much with the directory. She also mentioned this directory is not the same directory as the one the United Way distributes.

United Way: Shannon Grus announced that United Way is gearing up for their campaign. This year's goal will be announced August 10, 2006 at the campaign kickoff.

CLAIM: Judy Townsend passed out brochures on medication counseling for seniors. CLAIM is looking to open a site in the area. CLAIM is a free service. Judy will be presenting at the December 5, 2006 meeting.

East Central College: Dot Schowe, Public Information Officer, talked about ECC's Proposition RN (a No-Tax-Increase Bond Issue) on the August 8 ballot. She encouraged everyone to vote on Election Day. ECC will need a 4/7 majority (57%) vote to pass the issue. Proposition RN will fund construction of a state-of-the-art facility for ECC's nursing, health, and science programs, renovation of existing space, and other planned campus improvements. Dot also announced in the past fiscal year ECC Nursing graduates had a 100% first try pass on the MCLEX-RN state boards.

Neighbors United Undoing Racism: Armin Klemme announced that NUURS will hold the annual Martin Luther King service January 14, 2007 at St. Francis Borgia Church in Washington. The service will start at 4:30 p.m. and will include singing, worship, and refreshments. The purpose of the service is to improve race relations in Franklin County.

Habitat for Humanity: Armin Klemme announced that Habitat for Humanity is working on houses in St. Clair and Sullivan. Habitat is also sponsoring an aluminum can drive in hopes to collect 5,000 pounds of aluminum. If they reach the 5,000 pound goal they can apply for a grant to help with the cost of building the houses. The next drive is November 4 and there is a drop off at Wal-Mart in Union. You can also drop cans off at the Zion United Church of Christ.

Willow Brooke Assisted Living: Kris Stark announced that Willow Brooke is adding to their facility. They are adding 4 rooms, a common room, and exercise room. The date of the open house will be announced at the next meeting.

Crossroads: Jake Caaps is the new representative from Crossroads. Crossroads is a 12 step drug rehabilitation program for people age 13-25. The main office is in Chesterfield and other locations are in Columbia and Kansas City.

University of Missouri Extension Center: Jenny Wallach announced this is the end of the 4-H year and new enrollment will start on September 1. She also announced that hopefully new clubs will be started in Villa Ridge, Gray Summit, and Labadie.

Guest Speaker, Jennifer Bennett from ClearPoint Financial Solutions gave a presentation on what their services include. ClearPoint is a not for profit organization that specializes in educating people on budgeting, credit card and mortgage payments. ClearPoint has been in business for over 30 years and has membership with the Better Business Bureau. ClearPoint has people available by phone 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Jennifer stressed that ClearPoint encourages parents to talk with their children about not opening up several credit cards and getting into debt. For more information call 1-800-966-3228 or visit www.celarpointfinancialsolutions.com.

Respectfully submitted by,
Amy Hartmann