

Franklin County Service Providers

September 5, 2006

Meeting attendees:

Jake Capps, Crossroads

Joan Dennis, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family

Lisa Epple, East Central College

Don Francis, Division of Workforce Development

Jeanette Hale, Franklin County Health Department

Armin Klemme, Union Food Pantry

Sandra McKinnon, University of Missouri Extension

Julia Schaffner, St. Louis Arc

Mary Schroepfer, University of Missouri Extension

Jane Skornia, Probation & Parole

Kris Stark, Willow Brooke Assisted Living

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	Carol Beahan - CLAIM

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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:

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Sandra McKinnon discussed goals that have been reached this year. Remember that the Service Provider promotional slip can be given as an invitation to anyone not already attending our meetings. Please let Sandra know if you're not on the list serv and would like to be. One of the suggestions made on the goal list was to attend a field trip to a service provider site during one of monthly meetings. Maybe we could attend one field trip a year. Please be thinking about this and any agencies you'd like to know more about.

The Service Provider directory is complete and available on line. Since information isn't always current once it's been printed, please let Sandra know if there are additions or revisions that need to be made to your directory information. Please refer to the table of contents for the listing of programs or there's an alphabetical listing in the back of the directory. The Franklin County Commissioner's office has put our service provider link on their directory page. One of our goals was to inventory what other groups like ours are doing or have done in the past. If you have any information related to this or if you're working on any projects similar to ours, please let Sandra know. A group similar to ours meets once a month in Washington County. Sandra distributed handouts on the statistical information that will be discussed at the November meeting. This will be an open forum meeting; please bring along any information you'd like to share.

University of Missouri Extension Center:

Sandra McKinnon discussed that there will be a Grand Family Information Gathering held on Saturday, October 7th. The honored guest for the day will be Senator Griesheimer and Amy Goyer with AARP will be the keynote speaker. This event will be free, but pre-registration is required. There will be six concurrent workshops with lunch and child care being provided. The fourth series of Women's Financial Education workshops to be held in Franklin County will begin next month; the cost is \$30. The workshops will be held on the four Thursdays in October and the first Thursday in November. The workshops are geared for women, but men are welcome to attend. Please watch the newspaper for more information.

Jenny Wallach stated that sign up for the 4-H club is going on now for children ages 5 to 18. Franklin County has the largest 4-H population in the state of Missouri.

Mary Schroeffer announced that the Eat Well Be Well with Diabetes classes will be held on October 23 and 30 and November 6 and 13. Classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Auditorium in Union. The cost is \$20 per person for the four class series and you'll need to register through the Extension office. Mary handed out the Life Times newsletter; a free publication that's printed quarterly by the Extension office.

Willow Brooke Assisted Living: Kris Stark offered that she'd like to have everyone visit Willow Brooke possibly next November. Kris announced that the facility will soon be opening an additional four rooms and an exercise room. The agency's focus is on quality of life and the exercise room is an important part of this.

Union Food Pantry: Armin Klemme announced that the Union Food Pantry has been in existence for 15 years. Approximately 60 to 70 families are served through their facility each month. Families are allowed to visit the pantry once a month; for up to four months. The annual 3 mile Crop Walk will be held on October 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Union. A rock-a-thon event will also be held to raise funds; participants will rock in rocking chairs. Armin stated that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the proceeds from the Crop Walk will be used nationally or overseas and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the money stays locally and benefits the Food Pantry.

Habitat for Humanity:

Armin Klemme spoke on behalf of the Habitat for Humanity. Building costs have risen 50% over the last two years. The Habitat house in St. Clair still needs to have the plumbing and electrical work done and the project should be finished in November or December. If you can help with the Sullivan Habitat house through labor or finances, please volunteer to do so.

Division of Workforce Development:

Don Francis discussed that funding is available for education to help pay for tuition, fees, and books for dislocated and adult students. Orientations are held at their office in Washington every Monday at 1:30 p.m.

St. Louis ARC:

Julia Schaffner provided St. Louis ARC Prevention Project flyers. The program pertains to fetal alcohol syndrome and prenatal alcohol exposure. All of their services are free and professional development and community education are provided with presentations customized for each specific audience. One key group they're trying to reach is young expecting mothers. The children and families affected by prenatal alcohol exposure may need lifetime support. The St. Louis ARC offers a full range of services for people with developmental disabilities, including those with fetal alcohol related disabilities. Their program is currently grant funded and guaranteed through the spring of 2008. On a side note: the state of Missouri has a new website; www.netofcare.org which is designed for families and caregivers of the medically ill.

Franklin County Health Department:

Guest speaker, Jeanette Hale provided information folders about the Health Department's services and programs. Jeanette has been the Regional Planner for Bioterrorism for the last six years for Franklin and Washington counties. The Franklin County Health Department serves over 100,000 people and currently has 14 people working at their agency. Their offices provides immunizations, TB testing, STD testing, blood pressure testing, certified copies of vital records, acts as a courier service for the Missouri State Laboratory, and does environmental health testing to over 500 restaurants and daycare facilities. Funding for the health department is based on per capita census reports. Their agency has recently lost \$70,000 from their BT funding. Around \$7 Billion dollars was distributed to all 50 states so they could begin their pandemic planning programs; Franklin County receives \$19,000. The goals for the plan are to prevent, detect and report, investigate and control any pandemics. The Health Department depends on schools, daycares, and hospitals for assistance in constantly monitoring diseases. The Health Department meets with local veterinarians to help monitor and increase awareness about the H5N1 Avian flu. Their agency also works closely with the Emergency Operations Team in Franklin County. Pandemics are defined as a disease that's spread world-wide. In the last 20 years AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Polio have been considered pandemics. Public health was started in the early 1800's after over 21,000 people died from influenza.

In 2004, there was a Presidential directive to begin planning for city readiness and the Health Department must meet CDC and government requirements to continue their funding. A CD titled "Emergency Preparedness at Work, Being Ready in 3" was provided in the folder Jeanette gave out. The CD gives a step by step guide to preparing for emergencies by creating a plan, preparing a kit, and listening for information. Preparing an emergency kit is very important to have in any type of emergency. You should include a first aid kit, food, water, a flashlight, a battery powered radio, identification, medication, and copies of your family's medical history. Just remember you'll want to include in your kit whatever your family would need to survive on for up to 3 days.

Please fill out a volunteer sheet if you'd like to sign up and help at the Health Department.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Epple