

Franklin County Service Providers

**Meeting Minutes
&
Presenter Listing**

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January 3, 2006	Sandra McKinnon – University of MO Extension
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>
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	Judy Townsend – CLAIM

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Meeting attendees:

Jackie Blair, Division of Workforce Development
Lynn Butler, Jefferson County Family Services Division
Cathy Covington, ALIVE
Pam Cox Williams, Head Start
Joan Dennis, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family
Lisa Epple, East Central College
Jeanette Hale, Franklin County Health Department
Terri Hatter, HealthCare USA
Maria Killian, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family
Armin Klemme, Union Food Pantry
Sandra McKinnon, University of Missouri Extension
Sandy Nappier, Office of Job Training
Darlene Shoemaker, Head Start
Kris Stark, Willow Brooke Assisted Living
Sue Swisshelm, Head Start
Dana Vessman, Jefferson Franklin Community Action
Jenny Wallach, University of Missouri Extension
Wendi Warden, Division of Workforce Development
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:

Jefferson County Family Services Division: Lynn Butler announced a correction to the January minutes. The phone number to contact Linda McLane is 314-251-6400. There will be a free mammogram/breast screening on Wednesday, February 22 from 12-3 at the Imaging Center at St. John's Hospital in Washington. Please contact Linda McLane to schedule an appointment. If you need any posters or flyers, please let Lynn know.

University of Missouri Extension: Sandra McKinnon stated that if you know anyone working with other agencies that wish to come to the Service Provider meetings, please invite them. Sandra provided a "Motto Magic" poster that listed the ideas suggested by the group for a Service Providers motto. The suggestions included: The Network of Helping Professionals, Creating a Future Together for Others, Together for Others, Helping Us....Help Others, Agencies United, Helping People Change (or Improve) Lives, Providing Services that Change Lives (or Futures), Linking and Serving Our Community, and First Aid for Professionals. If you think of any other mottos, let Sandra know. Remember to think of this through a client's eyes, it needs to be something they could easily identify with. The motto will be discussed again at a future meeting. A sign up sheet was passed around; please sign if you wish to be on the Service Providers list serve email group. Reminders can be posted to the list serve and hopefully this will help increase communication between agencies.

Office of Job Training: Sandy Nappier provided for those who were interested an update/revision page for the Jefferson/Franklin Consortium Youth Resource Directory. Please mail or fax this information to Sandy by mid March. The information will be placed on their website.

Jefferson Franklin Community Action: Dana Vessman stated that they've opened family support cases in Franklin County for those people needing energy assistance.

HealthCare USA: Terri Hatter provided posters, brochures, child care health and safety calendars, and personal size first aid kits. It's important for people to remember that they need to keep their health information updated to maintain coverage.

Willow Brooke Assisted Living: Kris Stark provided flyers about an educational seminar entitled How Much Do You Really Know about Long Term Care? The seminar will be held on February 16 from 6-7 p.m. at the Willow Brooke facility in Union.

ALIVE: Cathy Covington stated that the cell phone drive will be held February 28 through April 15. Verizon works with ALIVE so that donated phones can be exchanged with new phones which have 50 hours of calling time on them. These phones help save people's lives. A Women's Night Out fundraiser to benefit ALIVE has been organized for Friday, March 3 at ZuZu's on Main Street in Washington. Two sessions are available from either 5-7 or 7:30-9:30 and the cost is \$35 a person. The evening will include a foot massage, paraffin dip, wine tasting, Thias House chocolate, silent auction, door prizes, and games. Space is limited so please make reservations. ALIVE has received a stop grant which has allowed them to hire a new counselor. ALIVE offers a 24 hour hotline and ongoing counseling services.

Head Start: Sue Swisshelm stated she's in desperate need of assistance for her 90 year old mother. She needs to find someone who can stay with her overnight for 4 evenings at the end of the month.

Union Food Pantry / Habitat for Humanity: Armin Klemme stated the pantry could always use donations of fruit juice and pasta. Individuals or churches generally donate food. The pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays from 2-4 and is located just east of the Union Presbyterian Church. There are 27 people, most of whom are retired, who work at the pantry. Eligible individuals are allowed to visit the pantry once a month and up to four times a year. The pantry serves 75 families a month and can serve those in the Union school district as well as those in Villa Ridge. There has been a snag with the Habitat house in Sullivan. The family has been selected and the group broke ground, but this build has been put on hold for right now.

ClearPoint Financial Solutions: Jennifer Bennett stated that ClearPoint provides educational and financial services and bankruptcy counseling. Brochures were available.

Juice Plus: Nickie Wurmb discussed that the National Safety Association has provided free Juice Plus supplements to over 250,000 children. There is a nutritional lecture coming up. Business cards and additional information were available.

Franklin County Health Department: Jeanette Hale stated that they have 13 employees working at their office who serve all of Franklin County. If you have flyers you'd like to put up at the health department, please let Jeanette know. Brochures were available on the new high-pathogenicity avian influenza, or bird flu.

Franklin County Service Providers: Next month will be the Service Provider's 14th anniversary. Armin and Norma Klemme volunteered to bring a cake, Chris Stark will bring napkins and plates, and Maria Killian will bring the beverage. There was some discussion as to whether someone from the Missourian or New Haven Leader could take a photo of the group at the February meeting. Sandra and Jenny Wallach said they would check into this. Kris Stark also volunteered to bring her digital camera.

GUEST SPEAKER: Sue Swisshelm is the Family Partnership Coordinator for the Head Start program. Sue provided flyers and brochures. Since funds have been cut, they're not able to pick up as many children on the bus anymore. A yearly census is taken for the Head Start program. After gathering all their applications they look at the census report to determine which areas students will get picked up from. It's a state law that children must be harnessed in their seats and that two adults must be on the bus with them at all times. The agency works under the umbrella of the Department of Health and Human Resources. Sue stressed that they take on not just the child, but the whole family. Children need to be at least 3 years old by July 30 to enroll in the program and they'll then be enrolled for 2 years or until the age of 5. Children do not have to be potty training prior to enrollment in the program. There are 131 children enrolled in the Head Start program in Franklin County. The site in Sullivan meets all day, in Union, Purina Farms, and Robertsville they meet only in the mornings, in St. Clair and the Villa Ridge and Gray Summit areas they meet only in the afternoons. Each site is licensed and accredited. The program provides free dental and medical care. Head Start also has contracted doctors they can send children to if the family doesn't have insurance. Speech and hearing tests are also included in the agency's services. Children receive two well balanced meals each day, either breakfast and lunch or lunch and a snack. Meals are cooked on site except at the Union facility where meals are contracted with the public school system. They also offer disability services. IEP's are accepted, but not required. They work with children on their speech, with those who are in wheelchairs or on crutches, and with children with whom English is a second language. The program encourages parent involvement and the children are able to be a part of creative activities and participate in organized field trips.

What sets the Head Start program apart from other preschools in the area is that they take care of the whole family. They can help to put families up in hotels if they've lost everything to a fire or flood, help make referrals to the ALIVE program, help make referrals to the Sylvan Learning Center, provide assistance through the wellness center, help enroll them in GED programs, or are simply there when they need someone to talk with or confide in. To sign up for the Head Start program, please refer to Sue's number on the back of the brochure or you can go to any center to get an application.

Submitted by Secretary,
Lisa Epple