

# **Franklin County Service Providers**

May 1, 2007

## **Meeting attendees:**

Barb Berger, Jefferson County Family Support  
Katherine Black, Pre Paid Legal Services  
Jackie Blair – Division of Workforce Development  
Jake Capps, Crossroads Program  
Carol Conway, Al-Anon/Alateen  
Cathy Covington, ALIVE  
Don Covington, Ministrat Alliance  
Pam Cox Williams, Head Start  
Lisa Epple, East Central College  
Vicki Hughes, St. John's Mercy Hospital  
Laurie Kelly, Jefferson Franklin Community Action  
Armin Klemme, Union Food Pantry  
Sue Luedde, Adult Education & Literacy Program  
Susan McGlynn, Family Planning Clinic  
Sandra McKinnon, University of Missouri Extension  
Shelly Miller, CLAIM  
Loretta Obenouer, AGAPE House of Pacific  
Darren O'Rear – Division of Youth Services  
Tim Owens, HealthCare USA  
Doris Petsch – AGAPE House of Pacific  
Stephanie Rohlf's-Young – Alzheimer's Association  
Karen Rothschild – Division of Family Services  
Julia Schaffner – St. Louis Arc  
Dawn Sharp – Franklin County Health Department  
Becky Stieffermann, Franklin County Area United Way  
Regina Sullivan – Harmony Health Plan  
Sandy Thilenius – Franklin County Board for Family & Children  
Joy Walker, Exceptional Equestrians of the Missouri Valley  
Wendi Warden – Division of Workforce Development

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January 2, 2007	Linda Metcalf – Mid East Area Agency on Aging
February 6, 2007	Polly Watson – Jefferson/Franklin Community Action
March 6, 2007	Michael Cundiff – Family Wellness
April 3, 2007	Armin Klemme – Union Food Pantry
May 1, 2007	Carey Curran & Sherry Huxol–Probation & Parole (Franklin County Drug Court)
June 5, 2007	Melinda Ohlemiller – St. Louis Arc Prevention Project
July 2007	<u>NO MEETING SCHEDULED</u>
August 7, 2007	Crossroads Program
September 4, 2007	Laura Jensen – Exceptional Equestrians
October 2, 2007	Verna Woodson – Recovery, Inc.
November 6, 2007	<u><i>Tentative Field Trip</i></u> – Willow Brooke Assisted Living
December 4, 2007	Daphne Terrill – HealthCare USA

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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 discussed that if you're not on the list serv yet and would like to be, a sign up sheet will be passed around for you to add your contact information to. The list serv is used to remind participants of upcoming meetings and is a place to share information between agencies. The Service Provider website has the upcoming meeting schedule, meeting minutes, and a link to the on-line directory. A draft of the proposed by-laws was handed out. Please look over these and if there's anything else that needs to be added or you have questions about, email Sandra or Lisa Epple. The by-laws will be voted on at the June 5 meeting. There was a suggestion made that members should be required to vote on issues. Please remember that these by-laws will be a living document that can be changed along the way.

**Franklin County Health Department:**

Dawn Sharp announced that they have a new guardisil vaccine for women age 9-26. There's been a big response to this.

**Jefferson Franklin Community Action:**

Laurie Kelly stated the poverty simulation was successful. There will be a Back to School Fair held in July.

**American Cancer Society:**

Lynn Butler was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Epple provided handouts regarding the van service for patients located in Washington and surrounding areas who are coming for Radiation Oncology Treatment at the David Pratt Center. The free program provides roundtrip service; reservations must be made. Patients are picked up at 11:45 Monday through Friday in the lobby of the St. John's Mercy Hospital office building. Please call 314-251-6844 for more information.

**Adult Education & Literacy Program:**

Sue Luedde stated that they're program is looking for volunteers. To qualify individuals must be at least 16 years old and have their high school diplomas or GED.

**Alzheimer's Association:**

Stephanie Rohlfs-Young provided handouts for an Understanding Memory Loss program that will be held May 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Zion UCC church in Union. The cost for the program is free, but please call 800-980-9080 to register. The Senior Health Fair will be held at ECC next Friday and more space is still available.

**Division of Workforce Development:**

Jackie Blair and Wendy Warden provided brochures about the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs. Programs offered are On-The-Job Training, Work Experience, Occupational Sills Training, Youth Development Programs and they also provide Work Keys testing. Programs can assist adults, youth, and dislocated workers. To find out if you qualify, an orientation is held every Monday at 1:30. Youth applications were available; these are available for youth with disabilities and low income.

**Pre Paid Legal Service:**

Katherine Black stated their program helps middle and lower income families to have access to legal services.

**Franklin County Board for Family & Children:**

Sandy Thilenius discussed that they've been working from a needs assessment from 2 years ago. The word is out in the community that their Board is there and what they have to offer to them. They're currently working on a '08 tax campaign.

**Jefferson County Family Support:**

Barb Berger provided brochures for the Look Good Feel Better program, the Mobile Mammography Community Calendar for April-June 2007, and the Road to Recovery Volunteer program.

**Head Start:**

Pam Cox Williams stated they're still taking applications. They've received a lot of applications recently where families are over the income guidelines. Program flyers were available; please post these at your agencies.

**HealthCare USA:**

Tim Owens discussed the managed care plan where approximately 180,000 people are served. Franklin County is one of 37 counties served.

**Harmony Health Plan:**

Regina Sullivan provided handouts on the Healthy Baby Forum that will be held on July 14 from 9 am to 2 pm at the SSM Cardinal Glennon Medical Center.

**Habitat for Humanity:**

Armin Klemme stated they're working on two houses. They'll be finishing up with the house in Sullivan later this summer. The family that's selected for the house will need to pay for it in 20 years and they'll have to work 300 sweat equity hours in helping to construct the home. The next house will be built in Leslie; the town has the cheapest property post in the county. Tri Vant insurance program will help to provide 2/3 of the money and 50% of the workers for the project. They'll begin on May 14 and work every Saturday until September. If you have questions, please contact Norma Klemme at 636-583-6477. Darren O'Rear with the Division of Youth Services suggested that they have able bodied kids that might want to help out with this project.

**ALIVE:**

Cathy Covington provided handouts that gave information on the Franklin County Family Violence Training that will be held on June 6 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. John's Hospital in Washington. There is no charge for the training but you must call 636-583-9863 to reserve a seat. There will be an ALIVE Garden Party on June 2, starting at 2 pm at Twin Creek Farms in Marthasville. The cost is \$12.50 per plate. Seating is limited, so please call 636-239-2228 or 636-239-5409 to reserve your seat. Their annual cell phone drive collected between 500 and 600 phones and/or accessories. This number is down a little bit, but they collect for this all year long.

**Exceptional Equestrians of the Missouri Valley:**

Joy Walker announced that they're just about to start their summer session in early June. Volunteers age 14 and older are needed. A Wine Event will be held on June 9 at 6:00 pm at the Robler Winery; there will be a silent auction and the event will be \$50 a plate.

**United Way:**

Becky Stieffermann stated that they just completed their PB & J drive. Their annual campaign is right around the corner and they're building a video that focuses on kids.

**Union Food Pantry:**

Armin Klemme stated that they were the recipients of the United Way's PB & J drive. The mail carriers food drive will be held the second Saturday of May, please leave a can or two by your mailbox.

### **St. Louis Arc:**

Julie Schaffner discussed that a Can We Talk? program will be held this Friday; sponsored by the Teen Pregnancy Partnership. A Teaching Parents to Parent training will be held and sponsored by the Maternal Child and Family Health Coalition. On May 15 and 16 there will be a workshop for people working with the aging and developmentally disabled. There will be a social marketing meeting held this Thursday by the NCADA for youth of all ages. A workshop on Dealing with Meth will be held on Saturday, August 4 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

### **Probation & Parole:**

Sherry Huxel and Carey Curran with the Franklin County Drug Court Program were our guest speakers. The Drug Court personnel work as a team to get and KEEP people off drugs. They work with the whole person, not just their substance abuse, and work to find out what's in their best interest. The Drug Court program was spearheaded by Janet Reno in 1989. Missouri has one of the leading Drug Courts programs in the U.S. and the Franklin County Drug Court is one of the best in the state.

There are several phases to the Drug Court program. During phase 1 participants are required to meet nine places each week: twice with the Probation and Parole office (for drug testing and meeting), three times for treatment, once with the judge, twice with a support group, and once for individual counseling. Participants are also required to sign up for the GED program (if needed) and obtain a sponsor during this phase. During phase 2 participants are required to meet with the court every other week, the Probation and Parole office once a week (for drug testing and meeting), twice a week for treatment, and twice a month for individual counseling. This phase is when you begin to see participant's attitudes changing; they want to begin to better their lives. Phase 3 is really the stabilization period. Participants meet monthly with the Probation and Parole office, once a week for treatment, once a month for individual counseling, attend four support group meetings a week, and appear in court once month. During this phase participants provide support and guidance to new members by serving as a mentor as assigned by the Drug Court team. Participants also work through a mini version of the 12 step program with a counselor during this phase. During all phases participants are instructed to tell the truth, to sleep where they live, and to have absolutely no drugs or alcohol. This means not going into bars at all, not even just to have lunch there. All prescribed drugs and over the counter medications are to be brought to the attention of the Treatment Center staff before taking. Participants are also given a urine analysis or TG test. This test doesn't test for alcohol; it tests for a particular enzyme in the body. Each test costs \$25 and if the results come back positive, the participant is required to pay for it themselves. Participants are not eligible to participate in the program if they're taking narcotic prescriptions. The Drug Court can't tell them not to take their prescription, but they can deny them entry into the program. When drug testing is given should a participant test positive, they will go to jail. If they were up front with the Drug Court team and stated they had been taking drugs, they will still go to jail, but will spend less time there. If a drug test comes back positive the participant also goes back to phase one of the program again. The Drug Court has immediate sanctions; issues are dealt with the very next week. A tracker, someone hired by the Drug Court, will go to participant's homes to make sure they're at home by their curfew (10:30 pm for phase 1 and 2 and 12:30 pm for phase 3) and to give them a breath analysis test.

The Drug Court team meets each week before court. There are no secrets between them, they talk to the treatment counselors all the time, and the judge is involved in the whole process. They try to reward participant's good behaviors. Participants attend a "happy court" when they're clean and sober for 30 and 60 days and everyone claps for them. Participant's names go into a hat and they draw for restaurant gift certificates, gas vouchers, or Wal-Mart cards.

Graduation ceremonies are held for participants who successfully complete the program. Graduation will be held this year on May 17 at 6:00 pm. Local dignitaries, everyone involved in the program, treatment counselors, and family and friends will be there. The outcome for those who complete the Drug Court program is that their charges will be dismissed. Clients plead guilty, but are not sentenced, instead the idea is to enroll and complete the Drug Court program and then they can go back and withdrawal the guilty plea. To be eligible

for the program the participant must live in Franklin County and have charges issues in Franklin or Gasconade County. The average number of clients enrolled is 58 to 60; they're unable to take more due to funding.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lisa Epple