

Franklin County Service Providers

May 6, 2008

Meeting attendees:

Jon Althausser – Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Alyce Carpenter – Franklin County Children’s Division
Pam Cox Williams – Head Start
Lisa Epple – East Central College
Marie Gumpenberger – Heartland Independent Living
Maureen Heidbreder – BJC Home Care Services
Paulette Hensley – Jefferson-Franklin Community Action
Maria Killian – St. Vincent de Paul Society
Armin Klemme – Union Food Pantry
Sue Luedde – Adult Education & Literacy Program
Sandra McKinnon – University of Missouri Extension
Shelly Miller – CLAIM
Tim Owens – HealthCare USA
Elizabeth Poston – Social Security Administration
Regina Sullivan – Harmony Health Plan
Sandy Thilenius – Franklin County Board for Family & Children
Glenda Volmert – Franklin County CASA
Jenny Wallach – University of Missouri Extension

Franklin County Service Providers Presenter List for 2008

January 8, 2008	Group Goal Setting Meeting (Sandra McKinnon)
February 5, 2008	Annie Schulte & Carla Poepsel – Crider Center (will discuss Putting Kids First program)
March 4, 2008	CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER (Norma Klemme & Mary De Jesus – Habitat for Humanity)
April 1, 2008	Panel discussion by: Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Safe Kids St. Louis, and the Missouri Department of Transportation (will discuss Car Seat Safety Awareness)
May 6, 2008	Maria Killian – St. Vincent de Paul Society (will discuss Community Outreach programs)
June 3, 2008	Jennifer Derner – St. John's Mercy Hospice
July 1, 2008	<u>FREE WORKSHOP:</u> Brochures & Flyers That Get Attention Instructor: Sandra McKinnon
August 5, 2008	Sheria Yancey – USDA
September 2, 2008	Paulette Hensley – Jefferson Franklin Community Action
October 7, 2008	Don Covington – Sexual Assault Response Team
November 4, 2008	Becky Stieffermann – United Way
December 2, 2008	Sue Luedde – Adult Education & Literacy Program

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Minutes

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

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Sandra passed around the list serv sign up sheet; please add your name and email address if you'd like. The meeting minutes are available out on the table and on our website; please remember to indicate any changes or additions.

From the panel discussion meeting held in April about car seat safety awareness, a Car Seat Safety Committee has been formed and its members are: Sandra McKinnon, Pam Hoelscher, Becky Stieffermann, Alyce Carpenter, Tim Owens, and Paulette Hensley. The committee report from their April meeting was given out. This meeting was held to plan a safety technician training. The training will be held at the Four Rivers Career Center in Washington on July 23, 24, & 25, 2008. They're arranging the training 25 participants. The graduating technicians will provide a 4-hour community event, tentatively planned for July 26 at the Washington Career Center. The next committee meeting will be on May 15.

University of Missouri Extension:

Sandra McKinnon discussed their Building Strong Families program and handed out flyers. There are 13 topics in the series to choose from and formats to choose from include adult only, youth only, and the whole family approach. There will be a Home Ownership Made Easier education class held on May 14 at 6:30 pm.

Jenny Wallach announced that the 4-H camp would be held June 13 – 16 at Cuivre River State Park this year. Registration forms are available through the Extension office.

Jefferson Franklin Community Action:

Paulette Hensley provided information on their upcoming Family Health & Education Fair, which will be held on Friday, July 25, 2008 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the East Central College training facility at the Union campus. They are looking for volunteers and vendors to assist with this fair. Low-income families from Franklin County are eligible and children must be pre-registered. They'll receive school supplies, educational materials, and health services. They are out of energy assistance funds. They'll have summer funds by the first week of June for electric bills only.

Franklin County Board for Family & Children:

Sandy Thilenius announced that the commission approved a \$.25 sales tax to be placed on the November ballot. The statue outlines that the money is to be spent on mental health and serious emotional issues for children ages 0 to 19 years old.

Crider Health Center:

A Heroes for Health banquet will be held on May 30.

Franklin County Children's Division:

Alyce Carpenter discussed that there will be an event held this weekend to provide information on getting extra help to pay for Medicare part D premiums.

Headstart:

Pam Cox Williams stated they're now taking applications for next fall.

Heartland Independent Living:

Marie Gumpenberger discussed that their agency serves Franklin, Gasconade, and Maries counties. They provide medical equipment such as back benches, wheelchairs, hospital beds, canes, etc. Their agency is one of seven in Missouri who applied for grants and received it this year. For individuals who are in a nursing home facility and are receiving Medicaid, an evaluation can be made, and if eligible for funds and physically able they could be released. The agency provides financial assistance that would allow the person to get out on their own again. Their agency is also a consumer directed services, which allows the individual to hire who they want to come into their home. This could be a family member or friend.

Adult Education and Literacy Services:

Sue Luedde announced that they need volunteer tutors and students who need to learn how to read.

HealthCare USA:

Tim Owens provided a flyer about Movies Around Missouri. The program provides the showing of 200 free movies in 200 neighborhoods, running May 15 through October 31 in various locations throughout Missouri. Their agency raised \$3,000 for the March of Dimes walk.

Family Wellnes Services:

A representative from the agency was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Epple with East Central College announced for them that the next group session for Anger Management will be held during six weekly Tuesday sessions on April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, and June 3 from 7-8 p.m. at the Family Wellness office in Union. The cost is \$25 per session.

CASA:

Glenda Volmert announced that their first Family Fun Day was held on Saturday, April 26 from 12:00-3:00 pm. Events included a petting zoo, jump house, monster truck, Exceptional Equestrian pony, and 13 information booths. This was a successful event, with 350 people attending. Their fall gala will be held in November.

Union Food Pantry:

Armin Klemme stated that the mail carriers drive will be held this Saturday, May 10.

Habitat for Humanity:

Armin Klemme discussed that the 2 houses being built in Leslie this year are now under cover. Blitz builds are held each Saturday from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri:

John Althausser discussed that their agency assists with representing people in court. Part time attorneys are hired through a stop grant. The attorneys represent adults or children in educational, consumer, or landlord/tenant cases. There's also a special projects unit that helps to represent clients with HIV. The agency covers 21 counties in eastern Missouri; the Union office serves Franklin, Washington, and Warren counties. They're always looking to partner with other agencies for grant funding.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Maria Killian was our guest speaker. Their agency has been in Gerald for 6 years. They've joined with Express Scripts to provide generic prescription drug vouchers. For those clients eligible for the program, they'll receive their prescription sent directly to them through the mail at little or no cost. Each voucher is good for 4 prescriptions. Please call 877-238-3228 for more information.

The agency's resale shop, Finders Keepers, helps to fund their food pantry. The resale shop is located at 17 East 14th Street and hours are Friday and Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Hours for the pantry are Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There are 11 churches that take turns on a 6 week rotation running the

food pantry and resale shop. Since they're an emergency pantry assistance program, they can provide food to everyone during their first visit, but not necessarily the second time. Individuals participating in the food pantry are given basic budget counseling and a journal that must be filled out each time in order to be considered for further assistance. Parents who've received this counseling are now sending their children to get the information so they don't get into credit card debt. They also require that their clients have their high school diploma or GED. They work closely with the East Central GED program and have 27 students enrolled in the program right now.

Their youth group is a community outreach program called Young Entrepreneurs. The program has been in existence for 18 years and is available to youth 12 to 18 years old who are enrolled in a recognized educational program (public, private, parochial, or home). On the application form the term entrepreneur is described for them as one who organized a business and undertaking, assuming the risk for the sake of the profit. The rules for the program are simple; no drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. The youth has to sign the application themselves. So they can be treated as an adult, they must act like one. The program has been established to prepare youth for all aspects of business: management, financial, social, community service, and faith in themselves, other, and/or a higher power. This program gives them the opportunity to learn a trade. The types of work that they help the community with are yard work, shoveling snow, gutter cleaning, etc. The youth pick their own teams to work with and set their own pricing for their work. The best way to learn is through experience and from their peers. People who've graduated from the Young Entrepreneurs have gone on to become doctors and lawyers and they come back to mentor the youth enrolled in the program. Through the money raised by the Young Entrepreneurs program, they were able to buy and give the food pantry the building they're located in now.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Epple