

Franklin County Service Providers

June 3, 2008

Meeting attendees:

Gina Adams – Sheltered Industries

Maria Brady-Smith – Peace Lutheran Church

Pam Cox Williams – Head Start

Michael Cundiff – Family Wellness Program

Jennifer Derner – St. Johns Mercy Hospice

Lisa Epple – East Central College

John Falcone – HealthCare USA

Armin Klemme – Union Food Pantry

Norma Klemme – Habitat for Humanity

Linda Lindemann – Developmental Services of Franklin County

Sandra McKinnon – University of Missouri Extension

Pastor Robin Morgan – Peace Lutheran Church

Sandy Nappier – Office of Job Training

Darren O’Rear – Division of Youth Services

Tim Owens – HealthCare USA

Carla Poepsel – Putting Kids First

Dee Restrepo – Lutheran Family & Children’s Services

Becky Stieffermann – Franklin County Area United Way

Regina Sullivan – Harmony Health Plan

Sandy Thilenius – Franklin County Board for Family & Children

Jenny Wallach – University of Missouri Extension

Julie Willman – Assisted Living by Americare

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:

Franklin County Service Providers:

Sandra handed out a copy of the by-laws, which can also be found on the website. If you have any by-law ideas or suggestions please share them with one of the officers: Sandra, Norma, or Lisa. Elections for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary are held at the end of the year and the term runs from January through December. There are now 93 members on the listserv. A listserv signup sheet was sent around for anyone new to add their information to. Listserv etiquette was briefly discussed. Remember to please keep contact information updated on the sign in sheet.

The Car Seat Safety's May 2008 Committee Report was passed out. There will be a 3 day intensive technician training held July 23 – 25. The hope is to have 25 new technicians trained. A targeted invitation letter will be sent out to schools, police departments, fire departments, ambulance districts, and daycares to see if they would be interested in the training. Training will be closed until July 1. If the number of participants doesn't reach 25 by July 1, then the invitation to attend will be opened to the public. A news release will be sent to the paper. A (free of charge) checkup event is scheduled for Saturday, July 26 from 10-2 at the Washington Career Center. If you have clients who could utilize this service, please share the information with them. Flyers will be sent out via the listserv and you could help in sharing these with your clients and posting them up at your agencies. Sandra, Becky Stieffermann, and Chris Douglas visited a potential fitting station at the Pregnancy Assistance Center in Washington. Chris works with the Washington Police Department is currently the only trained child safety seat technician in the area. SafeKids St. Louis will donate new car seats to the fitting stations. A 5 year span should be the limit on car seats because the plastic breaks down in a hot vehicle.

University of Missouri Extension:

Sandra McKinnon will conduct a special training on July 1 entitled Brochures and Flyers That Get Attention. Simple design ideas will be shown. Please sign yourself or your secretarial staff up for this free workshop. Please let Sandra know if you'd like to sign up. The University of Missouri Extension offers a program called Adult Children & Aging Parents that deals with family decisions and relationships in later life. This program is offered for families, professionals, or volunteers.

Franklin County Area United Way:

Becky Stieffermann announced that their campaign theme "Constructing a Better Today" will start in August.

Putting Kids First:

Carla Poepsel stated they need volunteers to help with the Founder's Day event in Union this Saturday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The Relay for Life event will be held on June 14 and they'd like to have a representative from Putting Kids First out on the track at all times.

Union Food Pantry:

Armin Klemme stated that in the summertime the pantry is in need of fruits, cereal, and juice. To drop donations off, please bring them to the Pantry at 117 East Locust Street in Union.

Habitat for Humanity:

Norma Klemme shared that the 2 houses in Leslie now having siding. Volunteers are welcome to help in the build every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Harmony Health Plan:

Regina Sullivan discussed that there will be a health fair on July 19 at the Matthews Dickie B & G Club and on August 2 at Keener Plaza. There will be over 20,000 in giveaway items.

Family Wellness:

Lisa Epple with East Central College announced for their agency that the Love & Logic Parent Training will meet on Wednesdays: June 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Family Wellness Office in Union. The cost is \$100; please call 636-583-1800 to register. Michael Cundiff stated that Anger Management, Parenting Love & Logic, Personal Finance & Money Management, and Social/Community Skills are all programs offered by the Family Wellness agency.

Office of Job Training:

Sandy Nappier discussed the Camp Scrubs program being offered on June 25-27 for youth ages 16-21. The program is a partnership project sponsored by Four Rivers Career Center, East Central Missouri Area Health Education Center, and the WIA Youth Program. Applicants will experience hands-on learning, learn about a variety of health careers, and meet health care professionals. Space is limited to 25 applicants, the cost is \$200, and scholarships may be available if WIA eligible. Please call Sandy at 800-292-1314 for more information. The Office of Job Training is working on updating the youth directory; this will be the last year the directory will be available through their agency.

Division of Youth Services:

Darren O'Rear discussed that several youth have been able to leave the facility and go back to their homes. If you have any community projects that kids age 15-16 could assist with, please give Darren a call.

St. John's Mercy Hospice:

Jennifer Derner was our guest speaker. St. John's Mercy Hospice was rooted in the century old idea of offering a place of rest to the weary traveler. They agency was started in 1967 in England and came to the United States in the 1970's. By 2006, the agency had a recorded 1.3 million patients. The agency doesn't seek to prolong life, but rather to make the patient comfortable as comfortable as possible in their own home. The agency can assist in paying for medical equipment as well as sometimes helping with utility expenses. A co-payment is sometimes charged, but no one is turned away because of financial need; donated funds are also available. Home health aides provide personal care from 2 to 5 times a week. They have a Chaplin on staff and they agency can assist with funeral planning and advance directives. Their agency currently has about 35-40 volunteers, but more help is always needed. In order to relieve a caregiver, a volunteer is often there to sit and keep the patient company. They have a 24-hour on call service. A nurse is available to talk to over the phone. If the issue however can't be handled over the phone, a nurse will come to their home and assist them. This provides a caring counseling service to the whole family. Per year on average, their agency serves 65-80 patients a day and their age range is from 75-85.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Epple