

Franklin County Service Providers

September 4, 2007

Meeting attendees:

Teresa Connelly – Franklin County CASA
Al-Anon/Alateen (Anonymous Representative)
Cathy Covington – ALIVE
Don Covington – Ministrall Alliance
Pam Cox Williams – Head Start
Michael Cundiff – Family Wellness Program
Joan Dennis – St. Vincent de Paul
Katie Dieckhaus – Congressman Kenny Hulshof's Office
Lisa Epple – East Central College
Doris Faber – St. Vincent de Paul
Paulette Hensley – Jefferson Franklin Community Action
Laura Jensen – Exceptional Equestrians of the Missouri Valley
Laurie Kelly-West – Jefferson Franklin Community Action
Maria Killian – St. Vincent de Paul
Sue Luedde – Adult Education & Literacy Program
Susan McGlynn – Family Planning Clinic
Sandra McKinnon – University of Missouri Extension
Karen Rothschild – Division of Family Services
Becky Stieffermann – Franklin County Area United Way
Regina Sullivan – Harmony Health Plan
Sandra Thilenius – Franklin County Board for Family & Children
Jenny Wallach – University of Missouri Extension
Sheria Yancey – Farm Service Agency

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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 Program)
June 5, 2007	Melinda Ohlemiller & Julia Schaffner – St. Louis Arc Prevention Project
July 2007	<u>NO MEETING SCHEDULED</u>
August 7, 2007	Jake Capps – Crossroads Program
September 4, 2007	Laura Jensen – Exceptional Equestrians
October 2, 2007	Open Forum Meeting (Recovery, Inc. unable to attend)
November 6, 2007	<i>Field trip to:</i> Willow Brooke Assisted Living located at 1 Potomac Court, Union, MO 63084 Willow Brooke Contact: Christy Kandlbinder
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:

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Sandra discussed that there are now over 70 members on the list serv. If you'd like to sign up, place your name on the sheet that's being passed around. The presenter list for next year is also being passed around. If you'd like to sign up to be a guest speaker just add your name and the agency you work with to the list.

Car Seat Safety:

Sandra provided a handout that contained list serv communication about promoting car seat safety. We need to discuss and decide as a group if this is a potential raising awareness project for us. The Missouri State Highway Patrol does a great job of helping people with age guidelines and specifics about car seats. Consumer product safety sites also do a great job with this. You can visit local police departments and they'll help to install car seats. A suggestion was made to ask the Highway Patrol to be at one of our meetings. They could share their brochures and then we could distribute this information to residents in our county. The suggestion was made to work toward this project and have it in place by next year for Grandparent's Day. It would be a really good idea to remind grandparents of the safety of seatbelts and car seats; this information may be completely new to them. We could consider cooperating with existing groups who provide similar information such as childcare providers, auto dealerships, law enforcement, etc. Becky Steifferrmann stated that if you see a child in a car without a safety restraint on, you should write the license plate number down and call the police. They'll send an officer out who can talk to the parent about the car seat law. Often times an officer will instruct the parent to immediately get a child safety seat; waiting with the car and child until they return.

Family Wellness Program:

Lisa Epple was asked to announce for the agency that a Becoming a Love & Logic Parent training will meet every Wednesday for 4 weeks beginning on September 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; the cost is \$100 and please call 583-1800 to register. There will also be a Personal Finance and Money Management program offered every Thursday for 4 weeks beginning on September 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm; the cost is being funded by the United Way. Both programs will be held at the Family Wellness agency in Union. Michael discussed that the Personal Management class that starts today will cover the topics of how to put money away for the future and how to manage your money issues you now have. Don't forget the Parenting Love & Logic program starts tomorrow.

Adult Education and Literacy Program:

Sue Luedde provided new GED schedules and "Teaching Adults to Read" brochures.

Farm Service Agency:

Sheria Yancey announced that on September 10 livestock producers can begin signing up for disaster assistance. People can begin to sign up for crop disaster assistance on October 15.

United Way:

Becky Stiefferrmann reported that their pilot campaign has kicked off; their goal this year is \$775,000.

Head Start:

Pam Cox Williams discussed that their classes will start next week for 3 to 5 year olds. They've expanded their home bas program and it now has 3 classrooms.

ALIVE:

Cathy Covington shared new brochures for their Court Advocacy Services.

Sexual Assault Response Team:

Don Covington gave out brochures that provided information on how to become a S.A.R.T. volunteer. The next training session will be on September 17. If you're interested in attending this training, please call St. John's Mercy Hospital volunteer office at 636-239-8044. A second training session will be held for Hermann and Sullivan hospitals.

Exceptional Equestrians of the Missouri Valley:

Laura Jensen was our guest speaker and she brought with her, Phantom, who's a 7 year-old pony. When Exceptional Equestrians began in 1991 they had only 26 riders and 35 programs. They now have over 73 riders and 650 programs. United Way came in and set up a board of trustees to help them. Their facility is open Monday through Saturday, 34 weeks a year, and offer 10 and 12 week sessions. Their fall session will start this Saturday. They're located between Union and Washington, a half mile off Hwy 47 on Country Club Road. Please come by for a visit sometime soon. Exceptional Equestrians owns 10 horses, lease their facility, and is volunteer based. Phantom has become their "little ambassador" and has visited plays, nursing homes, and schools with Laura. Laura believes he helps people to see the magic and warmth that the program can bring to people's lives.

The National Youth Rider of the Year came from Exceptional Equestrians program. There are only 7 top awards in the U. S. and this year riders from Exceptional Equestrians won 2 of those awards. The North American Rider of Standards provides guidelines and training for them. Programs offered through Exceptional Equestrians are designed to help children and adults with their self-esteem and physical disabilities through therapeutic riding programs. A horse's movement and walking mimics that of a human's stride; all their muscles are being used when they ride the horse. They offer: group riding for groups no larger than 4 people, half hour private lessons, and also provide riding, vaulting, grooming, and leading programs.

There will be a fundraising ride-a-thon on November 3. This will give the Exceptional Equestrians riders a chance to go out on a ride with other equestrian groups.

A volunteerism flyer was passed out. Please post this at your agencies and if you'd like more information or to find out how you can volunteer, please call 636-390-2141. Volunteers are needed to physically assist with lessons, barn work, horse care, and office work. Just one hour a week of your time will help make the difference to one of their exceptional riders.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Epple