

Franklin County Service Providers

October 2, 2007

Meeting attendees:

Erin Benz – Disability Resource Association

Pam Cox Williams – Head Start

Joan Dennis – St. Vincent de Paul

Lisa Epple – East Central College

Amy Grgurich – Franklin County CASA

Marie Gumpenberger – Partners in Policy Making

William Hector – The Freedom Project

Paulette Hensley – Jefferson Franklin Community Action

Armin Klemme – Union Food Pantry

Norma Klemme – Habitat for Humanity

Sue Luedde – Adult Education & Literacy Program

Sandra McKinnon – University of Missouri Extension

Darren O’Rear – Division of Youth Services

Tim Owens – HealthCare USA

Shawn Pitts – Mercy Care Plus

Katie Sandoval – Washington High School

Becky Stieffermann – Franklin County Area United Way

Regina Sullivan – Harmony Health Plan

Sheria Yancey – Farm Service Agency

Franklin County Service Providers Presenter List for 2007

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	<u>Field trip to:</u> 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, please place your name on the sheet that's being passed around. The list serv helps to increase communication and allows you to post information about fundraisers, reminders, resources office hours, etc. Please remember to indicate your attendance to the meeting on the sign in sheet and update any information as needed on this list as it's used to mail out the monthly meeting reminder postcards. Meeting minutes are posted on the Service Provider website and are also available at each meeting.

A reminder that next month's meeting and field trip will be held at Willow Brooke Assisted Living in Union at 1 Potomac Court. The reminder postcards that are sent out next month will also indicate this and Sandra will put a map link on the website.

Child Car Seat Safety:

In April of 2008 we will have a panel discussion comprised of local law enforcement, Missouri Highway Department, and the Safe Kids in St. Louis Program here to discuss child safety seats issues. Tim Owens suggested gathering stuffed animals. These stuffed animals could be used to remind parents that their child is in the car with them. Maria Killian suggested getting donations from schools in the community so that kids could get involved in the stuffed animal drive. The drive could be started now and could work its way up to the April date. After some discussion, it was decided that we would hold off on this idea until the April panel discussion so that we could talk to the panel experts and work with them, possibly offering this drive idea up to them to get started. Becky Stieffermann suggested talking to hospitals and pediatrician's offices about this issue. It might be a good idea for hospitals to start requiring families enrolled in Lamaze classes to be given instructions and then demonstrate how to secure a doll in a child seat. Sandra mentioned that it's nice to see this group going in the direction of having projects; maybe each year one could be accomplished.

Nominations for December Election:

Sandra asked for any nominations for the ballots that will be voted on in December. Sandra McKinnon serves as the current Chair, Norma Klemme as the current Vice Chair, and Lisa Epple as the current Secretary. All current members were nominated again and all members said they would run again. Nominations will be asked for again at the November meeting. Please think about someone you'd like to nominate; it would be nice to have a few names listed on the ballot to choose from.

Other:

Armin Klemme reminded everyone of the annual tradition of having a holiday celebration at our December meeting. Please remember to bring a snack of some kind to this meeting. Lisa Epple will check into ordering hot chocolate.

Recovery, Inc.

Recovery, Inc. was unable to attend the meeting as our guest speaker.

Family Wellness Program:

Lisa Epple was asked to announce for the agency that they will be offering an Anger Management program. The group will meet for weekly sessions on October 2, 9, 16, 30 and November 6 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost will be \$25 per session.

Franklin County CASA:

Amy Grgurich provided a handout about a rummage sale they'll be holding on Saturday, October 20 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. They are collecting donations of gently used items such as toys, books, collectibles, teen/child clothing, and household items. Please have donations dropped off to their office at 411 East Locust in Union by October 12. The annual fall gala will be held on November 10. The agency is happy to announce that they've had their third group graduate.

Freedom Project:

William Hector provided a handout that discussed the mission of the Freedom Project. This program will be designed to provide long and short term transitional housing, educational services, and supportive services to battered women and children. They hope to build 6 pre fabricated houses that have storm shelters. Each house would hold 2 families each. Additional plans would be to have recreational areas and office space on the property as well. The facility MUST be ready to go when it opens; the funding must be in place. They're hopefully they can open in 2 years.

Mercy Care Plus:

Shawn Pitts provided a handout that showed the current MC+ managed care areas and expansion counties in Missouri.

Adult Education and Literacy Program:

Sue Luedde stated that GED classrooms and local libraries now have GED class sign in sheets. Sue also provided on-line GED class brochures.

Washington High School:

Katie Sandoval discussed that she meets with kids who are in crisis and she's looking for outside resources to link them to. Their school has 1,500 students and that means there are 380-400 kids per counselor. They have an outstanding transition program for freshmen that link them with junior and sophomore kids.

Farm Service Agency:

Sheria Yancey discussed that they work with a large number of farmers, who they mail newsletters to. If we decide to the stuffed animal drive, they could include that information in their newsletter to them.

United Way:

Becky Stieffermann reported that the campaign is going great. This year's goal is to raise \$775,000 and they're off to an unbelievable start. Two more major companies have stepped up to help them. Their agency acts as an information referral service to 211 agencies. A call comes into a counselor at the St. Louis office, where someone is available 24/7 and 365 days a year. They now also have AT&T and CenturyTel land lines as well.

Head Start:

Pam Cox Williams stated that they currently serve 120 families. They're currently accepting applications for 3 to 5 year olds and please remember there are always openings.

Union Food Pantry:

Armin Klemme discussed there's been some construction at the annex and they're now located at 115 and 117 West Locust in Union. Food is lacking until the Boy Scout food drive. Usually between 7,000 and 8,000 are received through this drive. There are 7 churches out of 25 who cooperate in food pantries.

Habitat for Humanity:

Norma Klemme announced and shared pictures of the Habitat house in Leslie was dedicated on September 15. This house was built with help from the Lutheran Thrivent Society. Two more houses will be built next year. Save your aluminum cans for the can collection drive on November 4 which will be held at local police

departments. Or you can take your cans to the Washington recycling center and mention that you'd like the money to go towards the Habitat drive.

Division of Youth Services:

Darren O'Rear talked about that the kids he works with needing a fresh start. If they can help with projects you or your agency has, please contact him.

HealthCare USA:

Tim Owens discussed that 21 counties will be opening up to managed care. People will have to sign up for a plan by January. Regina Sullivan announced that they'll be hosting a skating party at Skaterz in Union on October 27 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm.

Jefferson Franklin Community Action:

Paulette Hensley announced that they will hold their Poverty Simulation on October 19. You can register through the email invite that will be sent out to the Service Providers list serv. They are now accepting applications in Jefferson and Franklin counties for utility assistance. Individuals must be 65 or older and disabled. In November this assistance will open up to the rest of the population.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Epple