

Franklin County Service Providers

October 7, 2008

Meeting attendees:

Alyce Carpenter – Franklin County Children’s Division

Cathy Covington - ALIVE

Don Covington – Franklin County Sheriff’s Department

Michael Cundiff – Family Wellness Program

Mary Ann DeJesus – S.A.R.T. Program

Lisa Epple – East Central College

John Falcone – HealthCare USA

Paulette Henseley – Jefferson-Franklin Community Action

Phyllis Hicks – United Way 2-1-1

Micki Hoffman – East Central College - Adult Education & Literacy Program

Maria Killian – St. Vincent de Paul Society

Armin Klemme – Union Food Pantry

Norma Klemme – Habitat for Humanity

Sue Luedde – Adult Education & Literacy Program

Susan McGlynn – Family Planning Clinic

Sandra McKinnon – University of Missouri Extension

Shawn Pitts – Mercy Care Plus

Carla Poepsel – Putting Kids First

Holly Schmitt – Embracing Change, Inc.

Regina Sullivan – Harmony Health Plan

Rachel Visocal - ALIVE

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, & 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	Free workshop: 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 & Cathy 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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A sign-up sheet was sent around for anyone new to the group wishing to add their contact information to the list serv. The guest speaker sign up list is full for next year. Please remember that we'll be having nominations and elections coming up at the end of the year. Sandra offered to continue to maintain our website and list serv after the election. Current nominations are: Chair – Don Covington; Vice Chair – Norma Klemme; and Secretary – Micki Hoffman. There was some discussion that Becky Stieffermann should also be nominated for Chair.

ALIVE:

Cathy Covington announced that their open house will be on October 15 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call Cathy at 636-583-9863 to RSVP and find out where the confidential location is. Please consider their Adopt-A-Family program. You can adopt a family by purchasing and wrapping gifts from the family's wish and needs list, which will be delivered to the family in time for the holidays.

Jefferson Franklin Community Action:

Paulette Hensely discussed that they're taking energy assistance applications from disabled families only right now. Applications for the general public will start in November.

Adult Education & Literacy Program:

Micki Hoffman announced that there will be a new GED site in Owensville starting on November 1.

Putting Kids First:

Carla Poepsel urged everyone to please consider helping their agency by donating your time and standing at the polls on election day on November 4. Proposition 1 is the Putting Kids First ballot item. A sheet was sent around for anyone wanting to sign up for a voting location and time slot.

Habitat for Humanity:

Norma Klemme stated that the Leslie family has moved into their new home. The family in St. Clair has had to move out of their Habitat home though. Anyone wishing to move into this home would need to be a resident of Franklin County and have their application turned in by the end of November. Please call Norma for more information at 636-583-6477. Applications can be picked up at most local post offices. No new homes are in progress yet, but there has been some discussion about buying a lot in Sullivan.

Union Food Pantry:

Armin Klemme discussed that there will be a Barrel for Food Drive set up at Frick's Market. The Food Pantry is open for two hours twice a week. There have been 75 families a month visiting the pantry. Out of 25 churches in the area, there are only 7 of them that participate in the Food Pantry. There will be an annual lunch and meeting next Wednesday at 11:30 at the Presbyterian Church. The Franklin County CROP Hunger Walk will be held this Sunday, October 12; registration begins at 12:30 pm. Of the money raised, ¼ of it stays in Franklin County, ½ goes to Loving Hearts, and ½ goes to the Union Food Pantry.

MOLINA Healthcare:

Jarred Perry joined our group for the first time and share program brochures. On October 1, 2008 Mercy Care officially changed their address and name to Molina Healthcare.

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART):

Don & Cathy Covington were our guest speakers. In Franklin County, many times there's a male officer responding to a sexual assault crime. This can create additional anxiety and stress for the female victim. The Franklin County (SART) Sexual Assault Response Team was created in 2007 to offer training for female advocates wanting to help these victims. Female advocates receive 40 hours of training. The SART team is comprised of nurses, police officers, prosecutors, and advocates. The team gets involved once the assault has occurred and the victim has either called the police or they've gone to the hospital. A detective will then interview the victim, if they choose to report the crime. The SART advocate is there to offer emotional support, provide resources, work with them through trial proceedings, provide follow up, and give information to the victim's family. The role of an advocate is for two women to have a conversation about what has happened to them; it's very important for them to know that they're not alone. The SART program is sponsored by St. John's Hospital and this is also the location where the forensic exams are provided. A (SANE) sexual assault nurse examiner and a (SAFE) sexual assault forensic examiner are present at the time of the exam. The SART program pays for the expense of the rape kit. The cost for the medication (HIV and morning after pill) is expensive and unfortunately not covered. The program also provides clothing for the victim as a lot of times the clothing they were wearing is kept for evidence.

There have already been 14 reported rapes in Franklin County this year. Two rapes were reported this week, on the same day, and the girls were 17 and 19 years old. Of all the rapes that occur in our country, 95% of the victims knew their assailant and the rape took place in either their home or familiar surroundings. Date rape drugs are being used more frequently and the chemicals leave the system very quickly, which makes it difficult to prove it's been used. One out of every 6 women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

If you have any questions regard the SART program, please contact Mary DeJesus at 636-239-8044.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Epple