

Franklin County Service Providers

December 4, 2007

Meeting attendees:

Jackie Blair – Division of Workforce Development
Jennifer Derner – St. John's Mercy Hospice
Lisa Epple – East Central College
Armin Klemme – Union Food Pantry
Norma Klemme – Habitat for Humanity
Brenda Klingler – Franklin County Humane Society
Keith Komorowski – Edgewood Children's Center
Jeannine Liebmann – Center Pointe Hospital
Sue Luedde – Adult Education & Literacy Program
Tim Owens – HealthCare USA
Elizabeth Poston – Social Security Administration
Karen Rothschild – Division of Family Services
Darrel St. Aubin – Edgewood Children's Center
Daphne Terrill – HealthCare USA
Sandy Thilenius – Franklin County Board for Family & Children
Wendi Warden – Division of Workforce Development
Laurie West – Jefferson-Franklin Community Action

Franklin County Service Providers Presenter List for 2008

January 8, 2008	Group Goal Setting Meeting
February 5, 2008	Sandy Thilenius – Franklin County Board for Family & Children (will discuss Putting Kids First program)
March 4, 2008	Norma Klemme & Mary De Jesus – Habitat for Humanity
April 1, 2008	Panel discussion by: Local Law Enforcement, Safe Kids in St. Louis, and the Missouri Highway Department (will discuss Car Seat Safety Awareness) <u>Possible Field Trip!!!</u>
May 6, 2008	Jennifer Derner – St. John’s Mercy Hospice
June 3, 2008	Maria Killian – St. Vincent de Paul Society (will discuss Community Outreach programs)
July 2008	<u>NO MEETING SCHEDULED</u>
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 Norma Klemme with Habitat for Humanity. Introductions and the following announcements were made:

Union Food Pantry:

Armin Klemme explained that residents must live within the Union school district to be eligible to visit the Union Pantry. The Boy Scout food drive has helped to fill the Pantry's shelves. At Christmas, families with fewer than five people were given a half a ham and families of five or more were given a whole ham.

Edgewood Children's Center:

Keith Komorowski discussed that Edgewood is a private non-profit agency designed to assist severely and emotionally disturbed children ages 5-17. The agency was started in 1834 as an orphanage. The facility now has a capacity to house 40 children. Services provided by Edgewood include individual, group, and family therapy. Social skills training, language, art, music, occupational, and recreational therapies, nursing, medical, psychiatric, psychological and educational evaluations, and parent education are also provided.

Jefferson Franklin Community Action:

Laurie West announced that the Energy Assistance program would end on March 31, 2009. The program helps to assist with a one-time payment of a resident's primary heat source.

Division of Workforce Development:

Jackie Blair explained that their office provides services for retraining and job assistance. Wendy Warden discussed that they offer an orientation every Monday at 1:30 that explains the funding process.

Franklin County Board for Family & Children:

Sandy Thilenius discussed that there are two agencies supporting the Putting Kids First program: the Franklin County Community Resource Board and the Coalition for Children's Services Agency. Services are provided to children age birth to 19 who are dealing with physical abuse, substance abuse, neglect, or other crisis situations. The Board of Trustee meetings are held on the last Friday of each month at 8:30 p.m. Three members rotate out each year. Please call 636-234-7133 if you'd like to volunteer.

Center Pointe Hospital

Jeannine Liebmann provided a folder of information that outlined their services. Center Pointe offers psychiatric and therapeutic services to adults diagnosed with mental illness. They have an Acute Program that serves patients with acute psychiatric needs in a short-term group setting and a Progressive Partial Hospitalization Program serves patients with a history of chronic mental illness in a long-term group setting.

Adult Education and Literacy Program:

Sue Luedde discussed that they work one on one with students to teach them how to read. There will be an orientation for volunteers on December 10 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the GED office in Union. The Rotary International group helps to support their program. Sue provided bookmarks with the Rotary Literacy Hotline number of 866-511-READ. The Trinity Presbyterian Church located at 727 Melinda Drive in Union will have a live nativity on December 14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and December 15 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Franklin County Humane Society:

Brenda Klingler discussed that they serve Franklin County and 13 other surrounding areas. They are 100% donor funded and they are the only open access humane society in Franklin County between St Louis and Columbia. In Union and Washington the Humane Society acts as animal control for the police departments.

It takes \$1,000 a day to keep the shelter open and they turn no animal away. For dogs there is a 70% favorable outcome rate and cats have a 40% favorable outcome rate. They take in 4,000 homeless animals each year.

Habitat for Humanity:

Norma Klemme announced that Habitat has built 6 homes in Franklin County and two more will be built next year. Save your aluminum cans for the can collection drive; there was \$4,000 raised from this event last year.

Social Security Administration:

Elizabeth Poston announced that there's help available to people who need to reenroll for Medicare part D. This program is available to anyone who has part A or B. Contact their office for assistance at 636-583-1628.

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Ballots were handed out to elect the 2008 Executive Committee. Completed ballots were passed to Armin Klemme to tally and the election results were announced: Sandra McKinnon; Chair, Norma Klemme; Vice Chair, and Lisa Epple; Secretary.

Family Wellness Program:

Lisa Epple was asked to announce for the agency that they'll be offering Anger Management Group sessions. The group will meet for six weekly sessions on December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, and 22 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost will be \$25 per session. For more information please call 636-583-1800.

HealthCare USA:

Tim Owens discussed that their agency covers 37 counties and gave a flyer of tips for making the holidays safe.

Daphne Terrill was our guest speaker. Daphne stated that HealthCare USA is now accredited by URAC and is the only managed care program in Missouri. Medicaid is now called the Missouri Health Net. Managed care is expanding into more counties in Missouri and is rolled out into 3 segments.

Daphne discussed that HealthCare USA is a member of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), which is dedicated to the effective management of personal health information. The Surgeon General has urged this initiative and presentations and materials are offered as a free public service. Some of the challenges that face us with keeping track of our own medical records are that we may have multiple health care providers, multiple medical records, and no linkage of records. There are 25% of Americans who think that emergency rooms can retrieve critical health information, but almost none can. It will be 10 years before a linkage system is put into place so please think about starting to take control of this for yourself and your family. A folder was given to everyone so they could fill in their family history and start to create their own personal health care record. The benefit of keeping track of this information yourself is that it will all be in one place and your record will contain more rounded information. It will help you to know what to expect before you go into a doctor's office. The first step is to contact your medical records or physician's office and obtain the op reports, path reports, latest physical exam reports, and lab tests. Often times this request is called an abstract of your medical records. You'll need to sign a release form to get this information and sometimes you might have to pay a nominal fee. In your personal health record you'll want to include your family health history, your personal health history, and list of medications you take including home health remedies and supplements. Include your personal identification such as your name, birth date, social security number, people to contact in case of an emergency, health insurance information, advanced directives, living will, durable power of attorney, organ donor information, problem list such as complications from medications or allergies, and records of visits to specialists. Remember that this information is not a legal document though. Suggestions for how to organize your personal health record are to use a file folder, computer disk, portable device, or an internet based service. For more information please go to the www.myphr.com website where you can download forms.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Epple