

Franklin County Service Providers

December 2, 2008

Meeting attendees:

Jon Althausen – Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

Alyce Carpenter – Franklin County Children’s Division

Lisa Epple – East Central College

John Falcone – HealthCare USA

Paulette Hensley – Jefferson Franklin Community Action

Phyllis Hicks – United Way 2-1-1

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

Vicki Hughes – St. John’s Mercy Hospital

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

Idalia McNulty – Molina Healthcare

Holly Schmitt – Embracing Change, Inc.

Becky Stieffermann – United Way

Sandy Thilenius – Putting Kids First

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January 6, 2009	Make It a Quick Click – Kyle Quick
February 3, 2009	Alzheimer’s Association – Stephanie Rohlf’s-Young
March 3, 2009	United Way 2-1-1 – Phyllis Hicks
April 7, 2009	Legal Services of Eastern MO – Jon Althaus
May 5, 2009	Lutheran Family & Children’s Services – Dee Restrepo
June 2, 2009	<u>TENTATIVE – confirm in January</u> Franklin County Sheriff’s Department - Deputy Duck
July 2009	No meeting held in July
August 4, 2009	Division of Children’s Services – Alyce Carpenter
September 1, 2009	St. John’s Mercy Hospital Auxiliary – Deanna Coppeans
October 6, 2009	Harmony Health Plan – Regina Sullivan
November 3, 2009	Habitat for Humanity – Norma Klemme & Mary Ann DeJesus
December 1, 2009	Americare – Julie Willman

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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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Each agency shared information on how many people they served in 2008. The election results for 2009 were: Chair: Becky Stieffermann with United Way, Vice Chair: Alyce Carpenter with Franklin County Children's Division, and Secretary: Micki Hoffman with East Central College's Adult Education & Literacy Program.

University of Missouri Extension:

Sandra McKinnon discussed that a Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate workshop will be offered on Thursday, January 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Union Library; pre registration is required and the cost is \$20. This workshop serves as a guide for passing on personal possessions and participants will receive a 95 page workbook.

Jefferson Franklin Community Action:

Paulette Hensley shared flyers about their weatherization and energy assistance programs; these are the two heaviest hit programs at this time of the year.

Putting Kids First:

Sandy Thilenius stated that the \$.25 sales tax was approved on the election ballot and they will begin taking grant applications by late fall.

United Way 2-1-1:

Phyllis Hicks shared a handout on some program statistics. More than 88,000 calls have come into their agency 2-1-1 help line since November 13, 2007. With one year running, they have exceeded expectations across the state. Most of the calls coming in are from people looking for help with basic needs such as utility, rent and food.

United Way:

Becky Stieffermann announced that their final goal reached was \$898,528. The allocation of funds process will start this week.

Embracing Change, Inc.:

Holly Schmitt shared Embracing Change, Inc. and Washington Healing Arts Center brochures. She announced that on December 5 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. ALIVE will host an event called An Evening for Me. The services provided at the event will be volunteered and all proceeds will go to the ALIVE agency.

Family Planning Clinic:

Susan McGlynn discussed that over 1,300 breast and cancer screening were given last year.

Union Food Pantry:

Armin Klemme reported that the Boy Scout food drive, which usually collects about 8,000 items in Union, collected over 9,600 items this year. The food donated through this drive and given to the Union Food Pantry will be gone in about three months.

Habitat for Humanity:

Norma Klemme announced that eight homes were built this past year and two more will be built in Sullivan next year. If anyone would like to donate or sell property at a reasonable price, please let them know.

Molina Healthcare:

Idalia McNulty discussed that they served over 80,000 people last year and of this number about 3,000 of those people were Franklin County residents.

Advocacy Independence Respect Accessibility(AIRA):

A brochure was given that outlined services. The agency is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation committed to serving the needs of people with disabilities; their goal is to help people with disabilities stay in their homes. Services are offered to residents of Franklin, Warren and Montgomery counties. They're currently seeking grants and donations.

Literacy Council of East Central Missouri:

Nancy Nagel, Sue Luedde, and Micki Hoffman were our guest speakers. Nancy is the Literacy Council President and shared that their vision is a community in which all adults are functionally literate so they are able to reach their potential and contribute fully to their families, workplace and communities. They envision a community that supports, encourages and celebrates the love of reading and writing from early childhood through mature adulthood. Their mission is to support and strengthen area organizations that provide literacy services. Their goals are to work to expand literacy activities and programs to address unmet community needs (they're working on getting more tutors), serve as a clearing house for information about literacy needs and services in the area, and facilitate communication, collaboration and cooperation among individuals and groups engaged in literacy activities. They are working on developing a calendar of events and currently on the schedule are the following meeting dates for 2009: January 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Classroom at East Central and meetings times for April 16, July 16, and October 15 will be at 6:30 p.m. with locations to be announced at a later time.

Sue discussed that they offer programs such as Family Reading Nights and Book Buzz. She shared some statistics that 90 million (nearly half) Americans adults have limited basic reading and writing skills and 17% of Missourians score in the lowest five levels of literacy. Children of parents who drop out of school are six times more likely to drop out than children of parents who finished school. Children's literacy levels are strongly linked to the educational levels of their parents, especially their mothers.

Micki has worked with at risk teens and has been a part time GED teacher and is now the full time coordinator for the Adult and Literacy Program. She announced that a tutor training session will be held in January at East Central. They're currently working on marketing to get more tutors. To become a tutor you must be 16 years old and have your high school diploma and Micki also said it's important to be a patient person if you're thinking about being a volunteer tutor. Tutors work one on one with students and will receive information about boundaries of working with students.

At the fall workshop, the Literacy Program of Eastern Missouri was voted +the most improved program in the state.

Respectfully submitted by,
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