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FRANKLIN COUNTY SERVICE PROVIDERS

April 7, 2009

Meeting attendees: (minutes follow on next page)

Jon Althaus—Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Vivienne Beckett—Scenic Regional Library
Erin Benz—Disability Resource Association
Alyce Carpenter—Franklin County Children’s Division
Cathy Covington—ALIVE
Jeanette Hale--Franklin County Department of Health
Patricia Ham—Probation and Parole
Melissa Hampton—Franklin County CASA
Wendy Hartmann—East Central College, Human Relations
Paulette Hensley—Jefferson Franklin Community Action
Phyllis Hicks—United Way 211 of Greater St. Louis
Melissa Hildebrandt—Mideast Area Aging on Aging
Micki Hoffman—East Central College, Adult Education and Literacy
Nancy Hollingsworth—JFCAC
Armin Klemme—Union Food Pantry
Connie McDonald—Center Pointe Hospital
Ted Owens—Healthcare USA
Vonda Owens—Heartland JLC (Owensville)
Jenny Riegel—Congr. Blaine Luetkemeyer’s office
Karen Rothschild—Div. of Family Services
Mary Schroepfer—Univ. of Missouri Extension
Debbie Skasick—Heartland JLC (Owensville)
Regina Sullivan—Harmony Health Care
Sue Swisshelm—Franklin County Family Partnership, St. Clair
Jenny Wallach—University of Missouri Extension
Verna Woodson—Recovery Intl., Union

Presenter List for 2009

May 5, 2009	Lutheran Family & Children’s Services – Dee Restrepo
June 2, 2009	Franklin County Sheriff’s Department - Deputy Scott 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 Alyce Carpenter, Vice-President in the absence of Becky Stiefferman. New members were reminded to sign in and provide contact information and email if they want to be included on the listserve.

Introductions and the following announcements were made:

Family Wellness: Offering two classes: Personal Finance and Money Management and Life Skills. For more information, contact 636-583-1800.

Franklin County Headstart (Sue Swisshelm): Taking applications for the fall program.

ALIVE (Cathy Covington): May 1 Barbecue, contact Cathy Covington for more info. On June 26, they will celebrate their 10th anniversary in Franklin County at El Chico (Call for details).

Adult Education and Literacy, ECC (Micki Hoffman): There is still a need for literacy and GED classroom volunteers and tutors. Anyone interested should contact her.

JFCAC (Nancy Hollingworth): The agency has funds available for weatherization, and the income guidelines have increased to cover some middle income families, call for details. They are also offering a Summer Youth Employment Program for ages 16-24.

CASA (Melissa Hampton): CASA upcoming event: Family Fun Day in Sullivan on April 18 (Keep Kids Safe). For more information, please contact the agency.

Center Point Hospital (Connie McDonald): There will be a May 1 symposium on child and adolescent mental health.

Scenic Regional Library (Vivienne Beckett): The library will have a birthday celebration on June 6.

Habitat for Humanity: They will be dedicating a home in Sullivan on April 19 at 2 p.m.

U of MO Extension (Mary Schroefler and Jennie Wallach): They are offering a class on food preservation and will offer a 4-H camp June 19-22. Contact the agency for more info.

Speaker: Jon Althaus, Legal Services

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the agency.

The agency is partly funded by court filing fees and the United Way. They are a private, not-for-profit, and operate in 21 counties in Missouri. They cover the following areas of law: orders of protection, housing, income maintenance, family law, consumer law, education law (as it pertains to children with learning disabilities), elder law and limited immigration. The majority of the cases handled involve family law.

The agency has a centralized intake process (that goes through their St. Louis office). All information in the interview is confidential. If the case is accepted, it will be given to the appropriate office and attorney for further handling. Income eligibility is up to 125% of the poverty level, with an allowance for certain deductions.

Interpreters can be provided, if needed, through the St. Louis office.