

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 9/2/2010

NEXT MEETING: October 7th, 2010

LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The meeting was called to order by Chrissy Heikkila. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for September was submitted. Eileen Filbert moved to approve the agenda, and Peggy Craig seconded. The motion carried.

June minutes were submitted. Eileen Filbert moved to approve the minutes, and Deanne Armstrong seconded. The motion carried.

Daniel Brown provided the treasurer's report for September 2, 2010. Three membership dues totaling \$75 were received, and \$12.23 was spent on plaque engraving for Spirit Awards. There is a balance of \$1,100.92 in general funds and \$3,015 in care grant flexible funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Eileen Filbert provided updates on the status of the Lakeside Village Free Health Clinic for the uninsured. The clinic's remaining funds ran out in July and the last clinic was held at that time. Proposals were submitted to the United Methodist Health Ministry as well as the Lawrence Memorial Hospital foundation seeking funding to continue serving the uninsured of Jefferson County. At this time, St. Francis Health Center Mission Fund Grants have not been released for proposals. Clinic staff will meet with UMH program staff September 8th for a site visit. In June the clinic received 8 visits and provided 35 screenings, 5 visits and 33 screenings in July. We continue to search for funding sources for this vital service which provides medical care for the uninsured of this area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Distribution List Review – Alliance's current email distribution list was submitted to all present for updates and revisions. Edits were made and the secretary thanks the group for their assistance!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Collaboration and Planning – Lions of Leavenworth County invested \$1000 in seed money for the Honor Farm, produce goes to inmates' families. Produce was so plentiful that it was expanded to Jefferson and Jackson counties. Lions International is reviewing this program for possible replication at other sites.

Harvesters Backpack program will begin in Oskaloosa in October and Perry-Lecompton in March. This program provides nutritious foods for children to take home over the weekend who might otherwise go hungry without the meals provided during the school day. Volunteers pack the backpacks for children to take home.

AGENCY UPDATES:

FW Houston Medical Center – Pitchfork Fondue fundraiser will be held September 11 from 5-8 p.m. at JCN High School. Tickets are still available. Call 913-774-4340.

Willow Domestic Violence Center – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. WDVC will hold the first annual domestic violence awareness lunch for Jefferson County at the Little Red Barn in Oskaloosa on October 5th from 12-1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in attending should contact Catherine Wilcox at 785-840-8084 or cwilcox@willowdvcenter.org.

Saint Francis Community Services – Providing prevention programs for families and youth in Jefferson County. Programs include Common Sense Parenting, Choices, and Anger Management. St. Francis is able to provide these programs free of charge except to families in the custody of the state. St. Francis would like to present these programs at a future meeting if possible. Megan Foor has packets with more information if anyone is interested.

MADD Kansas – Provides outreach to victims of drunk driving, information, court accompaniment, referrals, grief counseling, etc. We also work towards prevention and partnerships and child endangerment issues.

USD 342 – The new year is off to a good start. Staff will participate in a poverty simulation on September 27th.

Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging – We continue to operate a voucher program at Rosie's Café in Oskaloosa. Anyone over 60 years of age can eat with a voucher with a suggested donation. Be a Savvy Senior brochure has been printed to help seniors select power of attorney.

ERC Child Care Resource & Referral – Offering child care referrals for parents and training and support for child care providers (early care & education) and teachers. Focusing on Jefferson County with six providers in Strengthening Families/Qualities Connections to improve quality of infant-toddler child care. Also bringing mobile library of educational toys and resources to all Jefferson County providers by appointment.

American Cancer Society – Free programs and services for cancer patients that help ease the financial and emotional burden of a cancer diagnosis. Focus is on improving quality of life. We also work in prevention and early detection, doing lots of public education on health, nutrition, screening guidelines, and prevention. Smoking and tobacco cessation help is also available.

The Guidance Center – We have received the new Family Oriented Systems of Care Grant for this year. These flexible funds are earmarked dollars for families in Jefferson County who have severely emotionally disturbed children in their homes. The current available funds are \$3,015. The application and guidelines can be downloaded on the Alliance website (www.jeffcoalliance.org) or by contacting LeA'nn Glover at 913-682-5118.

Independence Inc. – Working on updating all of our pamphlets. Hopefully, we will have them available to distribute soon.

GaDuGi Safe Center – As of July 1 we are the sole provider of services in Jefferson County on sexual assault. Our big annual fundraiser is this October 2nd and it is called “Rev it Up” and is a half marathon followed by a hot rod car show and music fest. Car show and music fest is free and fun for the whole family. For those in schools please contact us on available programming such as Talking about Touching (grades K-3) or on bullying, healthy relationships, etc. (for all grades).

DCCCA – 2010 Communities That Care survey data has been compiled for Jefferson County and will be attached to minutes. State and county level data can be viewed online at www.ctcdata.org. The CTC survey is administered statewide annually to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students to assess levels of youth substance use and other problem behaviors. Jefferson’s participation in the survey continues to rise, up from 28% in 2008 to 52% in 2010, with a goal participation rate of 80%. In 2010, 12th graders in Oskaloosa, and McLouth did not take the survey, resulting in extremely poor participation overall for 12th grade. Results from the CTC survey provide an invaluable source of evaluation data for schools and agencies serving and seeking funding to serve youth and families in the county. The deadline for registration for the 2011 CTC survey is November 1, 2010. We hope that every district in Jefferson County will participate fully, providing our community with this information that is essential to prevention and early intervention services.

Jefferson County Health Department - The agency is pleased to announce that Beth Brown, RN, BSN, NPCRN-C, assumed the position of Assistant Administrator September 1, 2010 and will be spending the next year and a half learning of all the agencies programs, goals, and services!

The agency has been awarded one of 15 national grants to improve community response to Diabetes Prevention and Intervention. Crystal Van Houtan and Lorene Stephan will be traveling to DC in October for this week long learning opportunity. We anticipate being able to share strategies and treatment updates with partners of northeast Kansas.

The agency partnered with the Safe Kids Coalition to give out Bike Safety Helmets at the 4-H Fair and the FW Huston Medical Center Health Fair this past summer.

During the summer the agency was able to connect Jefferson County residents to a special garden produce program initiated by the Leavenworth Lions Club. This organization donated dollars to the Federal Prison to be used to purchase garden seed that the honor farm could then use to plant, care for, and share the produce from with the Leavenworth community. The gardens were so productive that extra fresh produce was made available weekly to Jefferson County residents. As produce is available, The Jefferson County Service Organization has been able to make weekly trips to Leavenworth to pick up and then distribute the fresh produce to those within Jefferson County. The produce shared has filled the county commodity truck! The Lions Club international is now in the process of working with the Federal Prison system to make this a national program/service.

Additionally, the agency was contacted by Harvesters International during the summer requesting input on ways to better serve those within the county needing food. While comments will be shared with national Harvesters’ Board, the information about the possible Lions/Prison project was shared, as well. Most likely the Alliance will be asked to form a group of Faith Based program (local churches) willing to participate with Harvesters to distribute Back Packs for children needing food over the weekend, when they are not in school, and any other food distribution programs that Harvesters may extend to the county.

The agency will begin providing seasonal influenza vaccinations to those requesting such at any of our scheduled community clinic sites beginning the first of October. Do note that the agency Community Health Clinics held throughout the county each month include some site location changes. The Meriden/Ozawkie community can now access those services the 4th Wednesday

morning of the month at the Rock Creek Bible Church on K-4 Hwy., and, the Winchester residents will find the site at the FW Huston Senior Living Center public dining area the morning of the 4th Wednesday, as well.

The agency continues to assist all county school districts with School Health Services this year. Gina Eubank will serve in the Jeff West schools and the Perry Lecompton Schools; Crystal VanHoutan will be at Valley Falls Schools and Oskaloosa Schools; and Stephanie Cox at JCN and McLouth Schools.

Following the retirement of a Home Care nurse and Beth's change of position, RNs Sarah Maas and Teresa Webb have joined our Home Care nursing staff. Betsy Schmelzle, LMSW has rejoined our Hospice Team, and Melissa Knopp, PTA is now full time.

The Friends of Hospice of Jefferson County will be holding their annual Hospice Benefit October 23, 2010 at the Perry Lecompton High School Commons area beginning at 5:30 p.m. Several functional changes have been made to help the evening progress smoothly and conclude more simply for attendees. The elegant buffet will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. allowing attendees to eat as they like while also browsing country market, and bidding on Silent Auction items. The Silent Auction and Country Market will close at 7:00 pm, with the Live Auction beginning at 7:15. The attendees with the highest bids on Silent Auction items will be projected following the closing of the Silent Auction to allow the high bidders to pay at any time during the Live Auction, or wait until after the Live Auction to pay for all items at the end of the evening.

Melinda Harwood provided insight and assistance in obtaining opportunity for the Health Department to submit a grant application for the Alliance over the summer, seeking supportive funding for the Lakeside Village Free Health Clinic. Additionally, Crystal VanHoutan submitted grant applications to obtain Bicycle Safety Helmets for Jefferson County children, and another federal grant to provide diabetes prevention and education opportunities within Jefferson County.

All Red Cross fans were given out this summer.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report
Children's Mercy Family Health Partners

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The meeting was called to order by Chrissy Heikkila. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for October was submitted. Janet Fouche-Schack moved to approve the agenda, and Vickie Feuerborn seconded. The motion carried.

September minutes were submitted. Eileen Filbert moved to approve the minutes, and Melody Keirns seconded. The motion carried.

Daniel Brown provided the treasurer's report for October 7, 2010. Six membership dues totaling \$150 were received. There is a balance of \$1,250.92 in general funds and \$2,768.37 in care grant flexible funds. A flex fund disbursement in the amount of \$246.63 was made.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – The Alliance has received funding from the United Methodist Health Ministry to support the clinic with a paid coordinator for two years. In-kind support from partners including mental health and ARNP will be detailed in MOUs for the file. St. Francis Mission Fund Grant is complete and ready for submission—if received, these funds would support the clinic by providing medical supplies, labs, prescription assistance, mental health support, and ARNP. Vickie Feuerborn moved to approve submission of this grant on behalf of Alliance, and Elaine Scott seconded. The motion carried. A clinic was held in September with 10 visitors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) JCN Grant Request – Sharon Worley, counselor at Jefferson County North Elementary and Middle schools, requested an assistance grant in the amount of \$200 to go towards purchase of character education materials. Eileen Filbert moved the grant be approved pending JCN's payment of membership dues, and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded. The motion carried.
- B) Parents as Teachers Grant Request – Elaine Scott of PAT requested a \$200 assistance grant for the purpose of paying two childcare providers to care for children during her four-session early childhood Love and Logic parenting classes offered in Jefferson County. Beth Brown moved that the grant be approved pending Keystone's payment of dues, and Melody Keirns seconded. The motion carried.
- C) St. Francis Community Services – Megan Foor provided an overview of evidence-based prevention programs available to schools through St. Francis Community Services.

Megan serves as Community Outreach Coordinator and provides prevention services for children and families in Atchison, Leavenworth, Doniphan, Brown, and Jefferson Counties. Choices and Anger Management classes are 6 week, 45 minute, student-centered sessions. All Stars is a 14 week character education class (proven to reduce substance use) for 6th-8th grade students. All services are **free** of charge. Valley Flats will begin All Stars in January for its 8th grade students. Please contact Megan Foor at megan.foor@st-francis.org for more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Collaboration and Planning – Sign-up sheets for new members were distributed. Kelli Verble, Beth Brown, Eileen Filbert, Chrissy Heikkila, and Janet Fouche-Schack volunteered to serve.

Marketing – Sign-up sheets were distributed. Chrissy Heikkila, Melody Keirns, and Catherine Wilcox volunteered.

Prevention – Committee members met prior to the meeting to discuss Communities That Care survey participation in Jefferson County. Although Jefferson County has had historically low participation in the student survey, schools have made significant strides in the last two years in increasing participation. Members discussed ways to continue this positive trend, including: incentivizing participating, addressing root causes of lack of participation, facilitating process for schools, and targeting unregistered districts to provide help in addressing barriers. Members volunteered to personally assist unregistered and historically under-participating districts.

Sign-up sheets were also distributed, and Chrissy Heikkila, Megan Foor, Kelli Flanner, Jenny White, and Kelli Verble will serve on the committee.

AGENCY UPDATES:

FW Houston Medical Center – Starting caregivers support group. First meeting is October 26th at noon at the Oskaloosa Public Library. October 1st started a new after-hours prompt care services. Come to the ER door and ask for prompt care. This will pay co-pay and bill insurance as a regular office visit.

Willow Domestic Violence Center – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On September 20, 2010, the County Commissioners of Jefferson County signed by consensus a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Jefferson County. The Clothesline Project (a t-shirt display that bears witness to a survivor of domestic violence's story) is hung up at The Guidance Center, The Jefferson County Health Department and F.W. Huston Medical Center. As always, I am one phone call away to anyone who is experiencing domestic and needs support and/or advocacy. The crisis line is 785.843.3333 or 1.800.770.3030.

Cottonwood, Inc. – We had several successful fundraisers over the summer. Last week we had our annual Jefferson County Extravaganza which had limited participation but fun was had by all present.

MADD Kansas – Volunteer recruitment effort for victim services, outreach, prevention, special events. Please refer anyone interested in volunteering to stop drunk driving, serve the victims of this crime, and prevent underage drinking. We are always available for information presentation, outreach, and partnerships. At the 30th anniversary conference September 29 through October 2 in Washington, D.C., national sponsors and legislators who have worked to effect change were recognized. New messaging: "Cars are the Cure" promotes technological advances to stop drunk driving.

USD 342 – The district had the poverty simulation in-service a couple of weeks ago. The staff felt that it was well worth their time. Parent teacher conferences are coming up soon. The first nine weeks is about to come to a close.

ERC Child Care Resource & Referral – Child care resource and referral agencies across the state are offering loads of FREE training for childcare providers (family day care home) and centers. Thanks to the ARRA funding, grants are available for centers for school age or special needs programs. Grants are also available for family child care providers. The trainings are offered to fulfill the requirement of the grants. Grant applications are due 1/3/11. Health and safety grants are due 10/31/10 for family child care providers.

KSCL (Kansas Children's Service League) Oasis – A new federal grant has allowed services to expand to Jefferson County. The Oasis program serves youth ages 10-17 that are homeless, runaway, or at-risk. Voluntary case management services are prevention based effort to keep youth in the home or in a safe environment. Services are offered at no cost to families. Families must agree to work with a case manager and a service plan, the goal is to connect them with long term support services. Youth cannot be in custody of the state.

The Guidance Center – The flexible funds for Jefferson County currently has \$2768.37. These funds are earmarked for families who have SED (severely emotionally disturbed) children. The funds can be used for emergency situations, family needs, clothing, or other needs. To apply for flex funds call LeAnn Glover at (913) 682-5118 or download an application at www.jeffcoalliance.org.

Independence Inc. – Independence, Inc.: In collaboration with the KU Research and Training Center on Independent Living, we have started a new health and fitness program called Living Well with a Disability. This is an eight-week program that involves a series of activities designed for people with disabilities and chronic health conditions to achieve a healthy lifestyle. For more info, contact Ranita at 841-0333, ext. 115.

GaDuGi Safe Center – GaDuGi SafeCenter now has open office hours at 410 Liberty, Oskaloosa KS on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 and by appointment. Resources and materials are available for a variety of sexual assault issues, (examples: rape, bullying, relationships, incest, etc). Also, expect new brochures soon from GaDuGi- they just got out of the printer. Chrissy Heikkila, Regional Outreach Coordinator, is available at 785.691.5189.

DCCCA – On October 13th the Regional Prevention Center will hold a Leadership Challenge for Middle School students. Students will participate in fun, interactive activities teaching skills in leadership, communication, and alcohol and tobacco prevention. Handbooks will be provided along with \$200 mini-grants to take back to their schools and implement activities they learned during Red Ribbon week. All middle schools in the RPC's seven county region including Jefferson County were invited to participate.

USD 339 – We have started our drug education lesson in preparation for Red Ribbon week. As the counselor I am excited to add videos to a character education curriculum. I will be teaching during library time to students K-6. The K-2 students will receive three times the lessons provided in past years. This is looking to be an exciting and full year.

The Guidance Center, Oskaloosa – We continue to grow. Our new parking lot is complete and we continue to expand services into the county with many different alliances with other organizations. Focus currently is on working with our program at JDCA, continuing to expand child services with a focus on early childhood. We are anticipating hiring two more staff in the next few months to further aid schools.

Jefferson County Sherriff – We have started the DARE program again in the county schools. Currently teaching 5th or 6th grade and middle school. We have a program for 7th grade at Oskaloosa.

Jefferson County Health Department - September has been filled with busy schedules with the staff providing health services in the county schools. This is the month those staff members work to get immunization records verified, vision screening under way and student nursing care plans completed (until revisions are needed!!).

The agency has begun receiving the season influenza vaccine and began administering the vaccine on October 1st. Vaccinations are available each Tuesday and Friday during regular department clinic hours, with the cost remaining at \$25 again this year. Those with Medicare B need only provide that coverage information and the agency will bill Medicare, so no out-of-pocket expense is incurred by those covered.

We do have some of the High Potency doses for qualifying Senior Citizens. This year's vaccine does contain California H1N1, Perth, and Brisbane strains.

The agency's WIC program was evaluated by the State program this past month, which is always a great learning experience and an opportunity for staff to realize how efficient and compliant they are with this federal program.

United Methodist Ministries notified the agency Sept. 21st of their intent to fund our request for a LSV Free Clinic Coordinator position. Official announcement will be made to the media by UMM shortly, and we are to receive written confirmation of that award within the week. The verbal notice indicated the total request was being supported.

Home Health staff continues to see an unprecedented case load. While it is great to be of help, it does speak for the short hospitalization periods that payer sources are allowing individuals to spend in an acute hospital setting. It does appear that the ramifications of Health Care Reform will continue to be experienced by all citizens in very real ways during times of illness, as well as impact the type of care available to individuals with need.

The Friends of Hospice of Jefferson County volunteers are extremely busy preparing for the annual fund raiser, Taste of Elegance. The event will be at the Perry Lecompton High School, with tickets now available for \$25 per person, and will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of October 23, 2010. Persons interested in assisting with the operation of the event can call the Volunteer Coordinator, Betsy Schemelze at 863-2447.

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Children's Mercy Family Health Partners

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Chrissy Heikkila, GaDuGi; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Crystal VanHoutan, Jefferson County Health Department; Lorene Stephen, McLouth Medical Clinic; Michelle Fernandez, Student NP KU Medical Center; Steve Stallbaumer, Jefferson West H.S. ; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood, Inc; Susan Davis, Cottonwood CDDO; Sarah Davis-Groves, Tiny K; Megan Foor, St. Francis Community Services; Ann Beedles, ERC; Vickie Feuerborn, McLouth Schools; Cindy Williams, Meadowlark District Extension Services; Lance Lewis, Guidance Center; LeA'nn Glover, Guidance Center.

The meeting was called to order by Chrissy Heikkila. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for November was submitted. Janet Fouche-Schack moved to approve the agenda and Eileen Filbert seconded. The motion carried.

October minutes: Secretary Kelli Flanner was unable to make this meeting.

Daniel Brown provided the treasurer's report for November 4, 2010. Copy of report is attached noting that six more dues had been received plus St Francis whose was turned in at meeting. Daniel also noted that two assistance grants were paid leaving the general fund balance at just over \$1,000.00. Balance in this account must not drop below \$1,000.00 so no further disbursements can be made from it at this time. The Flex Fund account received a request for utility assistance which was sent. The first United Methodist Health Ministry check was received and transferred to the Jeff County Health Dept for Lakeside Village clinic funding. A motion was made by Eileen to accept the treasurer's report and this was seconded by Sarah and Janet. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report—Crystal reported that the clinic had seen four patients. Another 25 people were screened, as well as a couple of med referral and mental health referral. They are sending notices to the schools and putting a notice in the local paper noting that the clinic is open, etc. The word is starting to get out that they are again open for service. Eileen noted that the Sister's of Charity Mission Grant had been submitted as of mid October as they were able to apply for this grant again this year. (Lorene) noted as well that Lawrence Memorial Hospital Foundation is not able to give money for the clinic at this time, however Eileen reminded that they continue to supply a staff person at no cost to the clinic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Collaboration and Planning: No report.

Marketing: No report.

Prevention: No report.

Presentation given today by Marci from Children's Mercy Family Health Partners. Presentation gave information Healthwave (19 and 21) services with application and eligibility. Healthwave is provided at no cost to children and some co-pay requirements for adults. Persons eligible are at 241% of the Federal Poverty level per household, not per child. Once eligible persons with either the 'forever' card for the managed care cards can find phone numbers on the back of the cards to gain more information or access certain services. PSI is the clearing house coordinator. It is important to report changes to PSI and return renewal applications as quickly as possible with as much information requested as possible. Children's Mercy and Unicare are the two contractors in this area for Healthwave. Information is also available at < FHP.ORG >. Information videos for topics such as hand washing, etc are on YouTube.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No reports given

AGENCY UPDATES:

St. Francis Medical Center: No new updates. Continues to offer grant programs in Jeff. Co.

Willow Domestic Violence Center: Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) was successful in Jefferson County. They are available to schedule individual meetings with women and families experiencing domestic violence in Jeff Co. Call 785-840-8084 to schedule a meeting.

Cottonwood, Inc: No report.

Cottonwood CDDO: Did great on the recent CDDO review! Please contact Pennie Dubisar Cross for application packets-785-842-0550. Also following state requirements to now gather Third Party Liability insurance information and Employment First Directives for persons with MR/Developmental Disabilities. Presentation on 'The Waiting List' to be November 17th at 7:00pm at the United Way Center in Lawrence.

MADD Kansas: No report.

USD 342: Hosted an elementary information night for elementary parents on internet safety. Elementary is working on a family reading night in December. Channel 5 will be at the McLouth High School Friday, November 5 to tape 'Cool School'.

ERC Child Care Resource and Referral: Work continues with strengthening the family and toddlers. The ERC mobile library with totes of books/materials/toys is reaching families/child care providers 3 times a month in Oskaloosa. To schedule a visit call Ann at 785-865-2669 or email ann@ercrefer.org.

KSCL (Children's service League): no report

The Guidance Center: LeAnn noted that the request for flex funds to help a family with a recent utility bill was addressed very quickly and the family had the need met, thank you Dan. (and all involved!)

Independence, Inc: Our Living Well with a Disability class continues to meet. Meeting dates in November are Nov. 3, 10, and 17. Contact Ranita at 841-0333, ext. 115 if you are interested in attending.

GaDuGi Safe Center: always available for referrals. Currently reviewing the 'bullying materials' they have for schools.

DCCCA: no report

Jeff West Hi School: Case study brain stormed. Looking for family/individual resources for nutrition and juvenile obesity.

Guidance Center-Oskaloosa: Lance reported that they have added one more youth case manager and continue building collaboration with Keystone, the schools, Tiny K and beyond.

Jefferson County Sherriff: No report

Jefferson County Health Dept: Thanked Dan for his filing the 99N. Discussed obesity in America, including the aging. Mentioned the murmurs being discussed about the Qualified Health Care centers with health care reform and the 11 Billion dollars to fund them.....One for Jeff Co.??? Things on the pipeline

The agency has received the first quarterly payment for the LSV clinic and will be placing advertisements and getting notices of the service to all primary care providers in the county. The clinic served four clients the 27th of October.

We have been involved in limited discussion with the medical community concerning the impact of federal dollars being added to the Federally Qualified Health Center program, and will work to keep providers engaged in future discussions.

Influenza clinics have been held at all Community Health Screening Clinics during October, and at the schools in the county. Update has been very light, perhaps due to warmer weather and the availability at most all major department and drug stores this season.

It appears that the federal Senior Service programs may remain unfunded this year, which will obviously impact our agency's ability to extend that resource to the Seniors of the county. We will continue to provide Home Health and Hospice services, along with Senior Services to those individuals able to pay for the service privately.

Tiny K: service kids birth to 3 years of age, can call for an evaluation.

Meadowlark District Extension-Oskaloosa Office: Just returned from 2 national meetings, one of them being the National America Saves in Washington D.C. Lots of information on helping Americans to start saving money 'Start small – Think Big. Also gearing up for more educational programs in 2011.

Also just hired a new full time 4-H project rep. Would like to start a Coalition on Financial Management—there are 30 banks in the Meadowlark District.

GaDuGi SafeCenter: Just a reminder of services available to all of Jeff. Co. community members who are victim/survivors of sexual assault or are family and friends. Chrissy

Heikkila has been reviewing curriculum regarding bullying and is available for any length presentations to all age groups in any venue.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

Jefferson County Health Dept. presentation

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The agenda for December was submitted. Eileen Filbert moved to approve the agenda, and Beth Brown. The motion carried.

November minutes were submitted. Eileen Filbert moved to approve the minutes, and Melody Keirns seconded. The motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – At November's clinic there were two new patients, 25 screenings, four prescriptions and five labs. In upcoming months, an article will run in the paper promoting the clinic one week prior to the clinic date, and letters will go out to parents promoting the services. November's clinic was the day before Thanksgiving and this may have affected turnout. St. Francis Health Center Mission Fund declined Alliance's request for clinic funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Diabetes Coalition – Crystal VanHoutan and Lorene Stephan presented on a new collaboration in Jefferson County, which is a diabetes coalition. A select group of grantees were chosen from across the country. The coalition is looking for 7-12 committed members. Diabetes leads to many health complications and is a social and economic burden on individuals and the community. This new initiative aims to prevent the progression of the disease. Progression from pre-diabetes to diabetes is not inevitable. Lifestyle modifications have been proven more effective than medicine. Modifiable risk factors include: overweight, diet, inactivity, elevated blood glucose and cholesterol, and smoking. The goal of this initiative is to identify what we can do to lessen Jefferson County's conversion to diabetes. Childhood obesity rates in Jeff. County are higher than state averages, as are adult rates. Goals of the coalition are currently: educating diabetics and pre-diabetics, preventing Type II diabetes by educating about risk factors and promoting lifestyle changes, and eliminating diabetes-related health

disparities. Please contact Crystal VanHoutan at the Jefferson County Health Department if you would like to get involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committees did not meet in December.

AGENCY UPDATES:

FW Houston Medical Center – F.W. Huston Medical Center- Prompt Care started October 1st and has been successful. Prompt Care hours are 24/7. If you come in the evenings or on the weekends, please let the nurses know you would like to be seen by the Prompt Care clinic. Caregivers support group for those taking care of senior adults started 11/1/10. If you know of anyone interested in coming please have them call us @ 913.774.4340 for more information. Heather Aranda, Chief Nursing Officer and Linda Libel, RN attended trainings about “Self Management of Chronic Disease” through KOHP. Anyone interested in trainings by our staff please contact Heather @ 913.774.4340.

Willow Domestic Violence Center – The Willow Domestic Violence Center provides a safe shelter, 24 hour crisis line, court advocacy, community outreach, and education & awareness to individuals and families previously/currently experiencing domestic violence. For more information, call 785-840-8084 or 785-843-3333.

Cottonwood, CDDO – We are looking into providing an informational session, twice per year, for families and persons on the waiting list.

MADD Kansas – MADD KS is hosting our 24th Annual Candlelight Ceremony of Hope and Remembrance on December 11. This special event honors the victims/survivors of drunk driving crashes. This year Representative Marti Crow of Leavenworth will be our guest speaker. Also, we are gearing up to begin facilitating support groups for victims and survivors of drunk driving crashes in the new year.

The Guidance Center – Provided handout detailing “Family Centered Systems of Care Flexible Funds” guidelines and application. LeA’nn went over and explained the guidelines. These funds are exclusively used for emotionally disturbed children in Jefferson County. There is \$1775.87 in current account. To apply contact LeA’nn at 913-682-5118

Independence Inc. – Most agency staff have been busy helping to compile end-of-year reports over the past month. Our annual Fall Celebration Dinner was a success and a good time was had by all. Our annual Winter Holiday Festival will be on Tuesday, December 14th from 4:30pm to 7pm. Anyone who is interested in attending may RSVP by December 13th with Ranita at 841-0333, ext. 115.

DCCCA – Red Ribbon award nominations were due December 3rd. We have not yet received any nominations from Jefferson County schools. New upcoming trainings for the RPC will address prevention of prescription drug abuse.

Jefferson County Health Department - The agency continues to have influenza vaccine available for those yet not protected for the upcoming influenza season. To date, one confirmed report of influenza has occurred in Kansas during November.

Varicella vaccine, for prevention of chickenpox, remains available for children under 18 who have not had physician confirmed disease or the immunization previously. Current children who are Juniors and Seniors in High School have not been required to have documentation of disease or immunizations, however, they could such a requirement for future employment or college, thus

getting this vaccine NOW while it is **FREE** could certainly be a wise and fiscally sound thing to make time to obtain.

The agency continues to work with electronic record services to assure our procedures meet the new HIPAA requirements, as well as Conditions of Participation for Home Care services, as required by seemingly ever changing federal regulations.

The agency completed a required Preparedness drill on November 10th providing over 70 immunizations to those individuals participating in the drill. Testing staff ability to move people through a mass immunization situation and quantifying the time required to do so can be of help should a health event require such. Having an idea of the amount of “dwell time” required to complete service will allow us to know how many vaccination stations might be needed to protect county residents at risk.

The state preparedness negotiating team decided that unspent federal dollars from last year’s H1N1 campaign would be used to enhance statewide disease reporting systems, counter response systems, and enhance the number respirator fit testors present in each public health region, should such equipment be needed during a real public health emergency.

Presentations on “Brain Health” were made during the month, to enhance public knowledge on strategies to promote health and mental capacity/function while aging.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY:

Annual Report

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 3/3/2011

NEXT MEETING: April 7th, 2011

LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**OFFICERS: Chrissy Heikkila, President; Melody Keirns, Vice-President; Daniel Brown, Treasurer;
Kelli Flanner, Secretary**
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Catherine Wilcox, Willow Domestic Violence Center; Melody Keirns, F.W. Huston Medical Center; Daniel Brown, Independence Inc.; Beth Brown, Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health & Hospice; Chrissy Heikkila, GaDuGi; Janet Fouche-Schack and Susan Davis, Cottonwood CDDO; Cindy Williams, KSU Extension; Connie Eckert, SRS; Ann Beedles, ERC Child Care Resource and Referral; Deanne Armstrong, Big Brothers Big Sisters & Operation Military Kids; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Vickie Feuerborn, McLouth Schools; Tammy Adams, Value Options; Rhonda Sayles, Valley Falls Schools; Sharah Davis-Groves, Tiny K; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA.

The meeting was called to order by Chrissy Heikkila. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for March was submitted. Vickie Feuerborn moved to approve the agenda, and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

January minutes were submitted. Vickie Feuerborn moved to approve the minutes, and Susan Davis seconded. The motion carried.

Daniel Brown provided the treasurer's reports for February 3 and March 3, 2011. One membership dues were received during the each month. There is a balance of \$1,100.92 in general funds, with none of the Flex Funds being used during the previous two months, leaving a balance of \$249.86 in care grant flexible funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – In February, five patients were seen and received 35 screenings, 21 referrals to services, three prescriptions, and 15 labs. One patient was referred to a podiatrist and three for assessments. Clinics for the uninsured are the last Wednesday of each month from 1-2:30 at the Lakeside Village office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Alliance Resource List enhancements – List has been updated following email to distribution list. Members agreed to divide the list by page for further follow up with each agency to assure the most current information is listed. Any corrections should be emailed to kflanner@dcca.org. A final draft will be presented at the next meeting.
- B) Operation Military Kids – Meadowlark Extension has received a federal grant for Operation Military Kids. Communities with military families need to do more outreach to meet needs of children while a parent is deployed. This grant covers Jefferson, Jackson, and Nemaha counties. There are several components to the program:
 - 1) Ready Set Go training – This two-hour training educates community members on needs of military families. Two are set in Jackson for April, would like to schedule some for groups in Jefferson County.
 - 2) Hero Packs – These care packs are an expression of support for families left at home. Most are aimed at grade school children ages 7-12. They can include stuffed animals, coloring books, or other items. A 4-H group is currently working to make bears for Hero Packs. Individuals can also donate funds to purchase items for the packs.

- 3) Speak Out for Military Kids – trains a speaker's bureau of young volunteers to present on needs of military families.
- 4) Summer Day Camp – will be held in Holton. Any child with a military connection in the family will be eligible to attend.

If you know a military family in the community with a need please let Deanne Armstrong know. Mentoring and adopt-a-family are two ideas under discussion to meet basic needs and service gaps, as is a how-to guide on reaching out to military families.

- C)** Parent Survey – Alliance received the following email from a KU PhD student:
I am looking for Kansas parents from all across the state who currently have a child in middle school or junior high that is receiving special education services. I am a PhD student at KU and am conducting an online survey regarding their experiences with their child's transition to adulthood. Below is a little blurb about the survey, with an active link to take it. The survey will be open through March 26. If you have access to parents or a listserv where the information can be emailed out, please let me know!

Attention Middle School and Junior High Parents!

An online survey is being conducted to better understand the perceptions of and satisfaction with the transition to adulthood services your child receives in middle school or junior high school, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE! Your child must be in 6th -- 9th grade and currently receiving special education services. After you complete the entire survey (approximately 20 minutes), you will be prompted to enter a raffle to win one of SIX \$25 gift certificates to Wal-Mart.

Here is the link to the survey, since I can't hyperlink using the online form on your website:
https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bxVFccuWBfGVgg

*Thanks for your help,
Diana Bjorkman Wade
dkwade@ku.edu*

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committees did not meet. Marketing committee needs to meet in April to begin planning for Spirit Awards.

AGENCY UPDATES:

FW Houston Medical Center – Prompt care is going very well. It has been a big success on the weekends. Allergy services and RA services are available at the medical clinic through a special doctor. In April we will start providing medication management for those in need of psych meds.

Willow Domestic Violence Center – A support group is available to Jefferson County survivors of domestic violence. For more info, contact Catherine at 785-840-8084.

Independence Inc. – We are encouraging agencies to sign up for the Douglas/Jefferson County Community Resource Expo 2011. Interested agencies can contact Ranita Wilks at 785-841-0333 ext. 115 or rwilks@independenceinc.org.

Jefferson County Health Department - The Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health & Hospice agency found much to address during February. Managing in home care services during severe weather always brings challenges, but resourceful staff continues to meet the need, which is of great benefit from those receiving services!

February provided opportunity to complete grant renewal applications for state grants. The agency notified KDHE of the county's interest in submitting a Community Health Center grant, and would appreciate the Jefferson County Alliance of Service Councils, Inc. providing a letter of support to the FW Huston Medical Center if requested. If the Medical Center is successful in obtaining these very competitive funds, it will be able to provide primary care services to uninsured or underinsured residents of Jefferson County, as well as those individuals with private or public insurance coverage. The latest statistics show 14% of the county is un-or underinsured, and coupled with the federal designation of the county being medically underserved, should demonstrate need for this legislatively funded program to be provided in Jefferson County. Members should not be surprised if they receive emails encouraging them to send a message (sample will be provided) to county legislative representatives as well concerning the need for this service within Jefferson County, to just build interest and support for the grant application.

Additionally doctoral candidate, Lorene Stephan, is writing a federal planning grant to allow county community representatives to work together to determine county health needs and resources. This information could then be used, if indicated, to apply for a Federally Qualified Health Center. Being a state Community Health Center does not negate becoming a FQHC, but most likely those clinics funded will be those participating in the federal planning grant. If Jefferson County remains unfunded for a FQHC, this same information could be used to approach private foundations to enlist fiscal support of the provision on indigent care.

Kansas is experiencing an increase in reported influenza cases, and Jefferson County is no different. Jefferson County ranked 54th out of 105 counties for a positive health status, and the highest risk factor included respiratory illness due to inadequate population vaccination against influenza, a statistic that could easily be improved upon and have a positive impact on the health of young and old within the county.

We would encourage everyone to look at the new Jefferson County website: www.jfcountyks.com Great effort is being made to make completing county business electronically.

The agency has HIE compliant Home Care software, and is currently in the process of reviewing public health vendor products with the goal of having a product installed and operational before summer, to assure all agency medical records will meet the health care reform requirements and enhance individual health record access by medical providers for all individuals no matter where they may be located at the time health care services are needed.

Meadowlark Extension Service – We continue doing nutrition programs at WIC and Lakeside Village and are gearing up for Walk Kansas fitness challenge. We are also working on Money Matters newsletters for the Meadowlark District.

SRS – LIEAP applications are online and continue through March.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Bowl for Kids Sake fundraising is taking place.

The Guidance Center – The FCSC flexible funds balance is \$249.86. These funds may be accessed through this council by application. These funds are designated for severely emotionally disturbed youth and their family. To apply contact LeA'nn Glover (913) 682-5118 or you can download the application at www.jeffcoalliance.org.

ERC – Still providing mobile library services (activity totes and professional resource books) to family child care homes and child care centers in Jefferson County. Also providing activity visits: Rumble Tumble, Take 5, Germs Germs Germs, and Safe Sleep. Call Ann at 1-800-279-2372 or email ann@ercrefer.org.

McLouth USD 342 – The elementary school has been doing Dr. Seuss activities this week and gearing up for state assessments.

Cottonwood, Inc. – We are keeping an eye on the legislative session and how that might influence funding sources. Cottonwood will be present at the annual Resource Expo on April 14th at Free State High School in Lawrence.

Tiny K – The program will be moving office locations from Lecompton to Ozawkie this summer. Our phone number will change so we will send new contact information when this change happens. At the present time we are serving 16 children in their homes in Jefferson County. Referrals are increasing in Jefferson County, thank you for your support!

The Guidance Center, Oskaloosa – We currently have over two dozen employees serving 600 Jefferson County Residents, and are beginning to formulate plans for our summer camp program. We are also working on plans to combat the state cuts to mental health funding.

GaDuGi Safe Center – Direct service to victims/survivors has increased and I wanted to thank everyone who has been giving referrals. It's good to note along with child and adult sexual abuse and assaults that we also serve individuals who have experienced sexual harassment.

DCCCA – SADD training will be held April 25th and Red Ribbon training on April 26th at the Holidome in Topeka, for more information visit www.kansasfamily.com. SADD targets existing or newly forming SADD groups, while Red Ribbon prepares high school and/or middle school groups with exciting new activities and ideas to celebrate Red Ribbon Week year-round. The Regional Prevention Center is doing a series of alcohol and drug prevention workshops at John Dewey in the month of March. KDOT is offering three \$1000 scholarships for students in art, music, or writing for the Sobriety Rocks contest...visit www.sobrietyrockskks.net for information and entry forms. Entries must be postmarked by April 15.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH:

Heather Aranda, FW Huston
Spirit Awards

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 4/7/2011

NEXT MEETING: May 5th, 2011

LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Melody Keirns, F.W. Huston Medical Center; Daniel Brown, Independence Inc.; Debbie McNary, Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health & Hospice; Chrissy Heikkila, GaDuGi; Deanne Armstrong, Big Brothers Big Sisters & Operation Military Kids; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Jenny White, KCSL; Heather ARanda, FW Huston Medical Center; Marcie Eckhart-Charay, Children's Mercy Family Health Partners; Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center, Allen Reinke, Keystone Learning Services; Renie Stephan, McLouth Medical Clinic.

The meeting was called to order by Chrissy Heikkila. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for April was submitted. Melody Keirns moved to approve the agenda, and Deanne Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried.

March minutes were submitted. Melody Keirns moved to approve the minutes, and LeA'nn Glover seconded. The motion carried.

Daniel Brown provided the treasurer's report for April 7th, 2011. There was no activity during the month. There is a balance of \$1,100.92 in general funds, with none of the Flex Funds being used during the previous two months, leaving a balance of \$249.86 in care grant flexible funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Debbie McNary provided a report from clinic activity in March – there were 6 visits, 45 screenings, 12 labs, and 8 prescriptions written. Lakeside Village Clinic is available to the uninsured the last Wednesday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Village main office.
- B) Resource Guide final updates – The latest draft of the Jefferson County Resource Guide was distributed. Final edits will be made in the next week and the guide will be posted on the Alliance website and emailed out. Please share this valuable resource with your contacts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Assistance Grant Request – Allen Reinke of Keystone Learning Services submitted a grant request in the amount of \$75 to offset the cost of transportation for students attending Job Olympics in Olathe. At this time, the Alliance does not have sufficient funds to meet the request.
- B) Chronic Disease Management – Heather Aranda provided a presentation on the Kansas Optimizing Health Program (KOHP). KOHP is a 6-week, 2.5 hour per week program led by lay people which provides tools for self-management of chronic disease. The program requires a nominal fee, and scholarships are available. Workshops will be held in June and September. If you are interested in training to become a team leader, please contact Heather Aranda. Training and travel to training are paid for team leaders.
- C) Officer Nominations – Offices of President and Secretary will be vacant in 2011-2012. A nominating committee volunteered to select a slate of nominees – Renie Stephen and Lance Lewis. Officers will be elected at the May meeting.
- D) Spirit Awards Luncheon – The luncheon will take place on June 2nd at the Oskaloosa Public Library. A pot luck sandwich lunch will be provided by Alliance members and a sign-up sheet will be distributed through email and at the May meeting. Nominations for awards are needed – Chrissy Heikkila will put an announcement in the Independent, and nomination forms will be

available on the Alliance website. Please submit nominations by May 2nd to kflanner@dccca.org. Lynn Luck will be asked to present the awards once again. Alliance will review nominations and select recipients at the May meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committees did not meet.

AGENCY UPDATES:

FW Houston Medical Center – The new satellite medical clinic is open in Valley Falls, two days a week. Call the main scheduling number at 913-774-4340 for an appointment.

Willow Domestic Violence Center – I would like to invite you to the Willow Domestic Violence Center's first annual **WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES:** Red Shoe Walk and 5k.

When: May 6, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Haskell Stadium (Lawrence, KS)

This is the Willow Domestic Violence Center's first year hosting such a great event and we really need your support. The event encourages runners to run a 5k or walkers to walk a mile wearing women's shoes to symbolically represent domestic violence as a community issue that must end. I would love to have members from the Jefferson County community represented on behalf of the survivors of Jefferson County who experience domestic violence.

For more info please visit www.realmenwearheels.com

Registration is now open on www.active.com

Deadline to register for t-shirt guarantee is April 15, 2011.

Independence Inc. – Just a reminder that the Community Resource Expo is next Thursday, April 14th from 4 – 6 p.m. at Free State High School in Lawrence.

The Guidance Center, Oskaloosa – We are currently hiring part time positions for summer day camp, and especially need male staff over 21. Monday – Thursday from 8 – 3, campers from ages 3 to 18. This program is free and transportation is provided. Camp runs from the first week of June to the first week of August and includes many activities such as gardening, social skills activities, and field trips.

The Guidance Center, Leavenworth – The flexible funds available to any Jefferson County family who have a child in their home with a severe emotional disturbance currently have \$249.86 left in the account. To inquire or apply contact LeAnn at 913-682-5118.

Kansas Children's Service League – Flex funding is available to families in Jefferson County who need utility assistance. We have \$625 available to use by May 1st. I will email the application form. You can also call KCSL Community Intake at 785-354-8902.

McLouth Medical Clinic – We were unable to complete the community health center planning grant due to not being able to submit per grants.gov guidelines. Lawrence Memorial Hospital Endowment is submitting the needed paperwork so that we can in the future submit per their guidelines. We are still looking at grants/funding sources to help fund the Lakeside Village clinic and the expansion of the clinic.

Children's Mercy Family Health Partners – The HealthWave clearinghouse is mostly caught up with the backlog.

DCCCA – SADD Training will be held in Topeka on April 25th and Red Ribbon Training is April 26th, please contact Kansas Family Partnership to register your middle or high school groups. FREE Kansas Youth Leadership Summit will be held July 31-August 2 in Rock Springs. Register your freshmen, sophomore, and juniors now at mschaeffer@kansasfamily.com.

Jefferson County Health Department - The department just completed a Maternal Child Health program audit by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Program audits are routine occurrences for the agency, and require staff time and attention to detail in preparation. And, as usual agency staff's dedication brought the agency program through the audit without deficiencies or short comings. The agency is busy working with Medicare accountants today in completing the agency's 2010 (annual) Medicare Cost Report per federal regulation.

The recent cases of chicken pox have helped to make parents more aware of the current availability of free chicken pox (varicella) for county children under 18 years of age. This continues to be a beneficial vaccination, especially knowing that keeping our young population protected from chicken pox helps protect our older population from shingles, and keeping our older population free of shingles helps to keep our unimmunized population from contracting chickenpox from their grandparents/older generation!

The Home Health and Hospice programs have instituted the federally mandated "Face to Face" rule, requiring all home health clients to be seen and their need for Home Health services documented by their physician within 30 days of beginning home health services. Hospice clients must see their physician face to face within 180 days of electing Hospice care. These requirements are not only placing difficult burdens on the dying and their families, and the ill home health clients, but adding paperwork to their physician's. So as the feds hoped to reduce paper work and reduce medical costs, costs are actually being forced up due to additional face to face visits with physicians and the completion of the required documentation.

The legislature did amend Kansas law requiring KDHE to reduce state funding to local health departments dollar for dollar when local units of government reduced local public health funding, to allow for an equal percentage of state fund reduction based on the percent of local government funding reduction. Our agency receives \$13,000 per year from the state, so while a reduction in this amount would not close the agency, this change will be beneficial should local funds ever be reduced. Likewise, Local Environmental Protection funds (\$6,000 for Jefferson County) had been taken out of the 2012 state budget, but after the legislature realized these funds were established by state law and continue to be collected through the Water Office and to be directed to Local Environmental Protection, those funds have been restored. Some larger counties of the state, obviously would have been impacted more severely than our smaller county.

The agency continues to work to find a HIE certified software program to manage public health client information, billing, and interfacing with state/federal programs. Being HIE compliant is part of the Health Care Reform requirements that must be in place by 2013. Suitable vendors are be evaluated and hopefully a selection can be made prior to the end of this year.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY:

Elections
Spirit Awards Luncheon
Spirit Awards Selection

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 5/5/2011

NEXT MEETING: 12 NOON, June 6th, 2011

LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Melody Keirns, F.W. Huston Medical Center; Daniel Brown, Independence Inc.; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Jenny White, KCSL; Heather Aranda, FW Huston Medical Center; Renie Stephan, McLouth Medical Clinic; Melinda Harwood, United Methodist Church; Catherine Wilcox, Willow Domestic Violence Center; Kim Herring, JCM Hospital; Angela Drake, Cottonwood; Eileen Filbert, Jefferson County Health Department; Connie Eckert, SRS.

The meeting was called to order by Melody Keirns. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for May was submitted. Renie Stephan moved to approve the agenda, and Eileen Filbert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

April minutes were submitted. Renie Stephan moved to approve the minutes, and Angela Drake seconded. The motion carried.

Daniel Brown provided the treasurer's report for May 5th, 2011. The website was renewed at a cost of \$8.40, and the nonprofit annual filing fee was paid at \$40. Daniel filed the annual 990n form with the IRS at no cost. There is a balance of \$1,052.52 in general funds, with none of the Flex Funds being used during the previous two months, leaving a balance of \$249.86 in care grant flexible funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Renie Stephan provided a report from clinic activity in April – there were 5 visits (4 unduplicated), 37 screenings, and 20 referrals to other services. Crystal VanHoutan filed a quarterly report with current funder United Methodist Health Ministry. Lakeside Village Clinic is available to the uninsured the last Wednesday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Village main office.
- B) Spirit Awards Luncheon – Those in attendance signed up to bring food and supplies for a pot luck sandwich bar.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Officer Elections – The nominating committee presented a slate of officers, including: Crystal VanHoutan for Chairperson, Lorene Stephan for Vice Chairperson, Beth Brown for secretary, and Daniel Brown for Treasurer. Kelli Flanner moved the slate of officers be elected in its entirety, and the motion carried.
- B) Spirit Award Selections – Nominees were reviewed and voted upon. Student winner is Adam Becker from Jeff West High School, group winner is the John Dewey Learning Academy, and individual winner is Karen Wheelles. Kelli Flanner will notify recipients with an award letter and generate certificates. Daniel Brown will procure frames for certificates. Melinda Harwood will notify newspapers of the award ceremony.
- C) Kansas Legal Aid, Marie Landrey – Kansas Legal Services offers a variety of services for senior citizens in Shawnee, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties at no cost. These may include: advance directives, divorces, protection orders, wills and trusts, contracts, power of attorney, living wills, deeds, and consumer services. Individuals must be 60+ and living in one of these counties to qualify. Referrals to other community services are also available when appropriate. A once monthly outreach clinic in Lawrence takes place at the Douglas County Senior Center and Babcock Place – please call those locations directly for clinic information. Home and hospital

visits are also possible. Please contact (785) 354-8531 or visit www.kansaslegalservices.org for more information on this valuable service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committees did not meet.

AGENCY UPDATES:

FW Houston Medical Center – F.W. Huston Medical Center 4th Annual Health Fair will be held 8/13/11 from 9-Noon. Location to be determined. Will mail/email registration forms. New medical clinic in Valley Falls now open Monday and Thursday. Prompt Care is doing well. It is open 24/7. New outpatient psych services available for medication management available through our medical clinic.

Willow Domestic Violence Center – Support groups for DV survivors are up and running. Anyone interested in attending should contact Catherine at 785-840-8084.

Independence Inc. – Last Friday several staff, volunteers, and consumers spent the day at the capital advocating for increased funding for Medicaid services for those with disabilities. Our logo is changing as well as all of our marketing materials which I will get out to everybody once completed.

Kansas Children's Service League – Flex funding has been spent. Due to Children's Alliance cut in funding, monies will not be available again. OASIS is still available to families with youth ages 10 – 17 in the home that are not in SRS or JJA custody.

McLouth Medical Clinic – We were awarded a grant along with Highland Community College to educate health care providers on a new developmental screening tool that is being promoted to more easily identify developmentally delayed children. We will be hosting two training sessions. More to come over the next couple of months.

SRS – We continue to see an increase in applications for food assistance.

Friends of Hospice – We support individuals in death and the dying process.

United Methodist Church Oskaloosa – We are promoting awareness of poverty and seeking solutions for Jefferson County. Food pantry requests are steady.

Cottonwood CDDO – Governor Brownback signed SB 210 last week to implement a provider assessment on DD waiver revenue to draw down more federal funds for increased service rates. It still needs CMS approval to be implemented. We finished up awarding waiting list funds for the DD waiver and 16 individuals accepted funding. We are anticipating cuts to grant funds from the state general funds, which could eliminate funding for up to 300 Kansans currently in DD services.

DCCCA – Red Ribbon and SADD trainings had record turnouts. Unfortunately, no Jefferson County schools chose to participate. FREE Kansas Youth Leadership Summit will be held July 31-August 2 in Rock Springs. Register your freshmen, sophomore, and juniors now at mschaeffer@kansasfamily.com.

Jefferson County Health Department - April provided the agency opportunity to concentrate on additional grant applications. The majority of the grant applications relate to the opportunity to establish service provider contracts with private insurance companies, so that more of the population can receive immunizations at a local health department should their primary care provider not provide such or should the individual prefer to obtain such through the health department. It would appear that the insurance industry is now recognizing the cost savings to be realized by obtaining immunizations through health departments.

The spring is always a good time to remind people of the value of sunscreen use, mosquito prevention—through use of insect repellents, being sure clothing covers limbs in the early morning and early evening hours when outdoors and being sure to eliminate pools of stagnant water to prevent mosquito breeding

pools. It is the time to be sure pets are current on rabies vaccination, and to remind the public of the need to report animal bites to the health department, to assure any preventive care indicated to save human lives is received timely.

Many health care reform requirements will be going into effect, or have gone into effect in the past few weeks. These changes require significant business process changes for all medical providers, and such demand attention to detail to comply. These changes have impacted the work load of all department staff.

There will be new immunization requirements for children attending Kansas schools once again in the 2011-12 school year. The department encourages parents to seek immunization counseling soon to avoid delays in receiving any needed vaccinations prior to the beginning of the new school year.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE:

Spirit Awards Luncheon

2011-2012 Looking Ahead!

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 6/3/2011

NEXT MEETING: 1 p.m., September 1, 2011

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Melody Keirns, F.W. Huston Medical Center; Daniel Brown, Independence Inc.; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Jenny White, KCSL; Renie Stephan, McLouth Medical Clinic; Melinda Harwood, Oskaloosa United Methodist Church/Friends of Hospice; Catherine Wilcox, Willow Domestic Violence Center; Susan Davis, Cottonwood; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood; Beth Brown, Jefferson County Health Department; Chrissy Heikkila, GaDuGi; Sarah Jane Russell, GaDuGi; Sharon Ebert, community member; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Crystal VanHoutan, Jefferson County Health Department/Lakeside Village Clinic; Karen Wheelles, New To You.

The meeting was called to order by Chrissy Heikkila. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for June was submitted. Renie Stephan moved to approve the agenda, and Melinda Harwood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

May minutes were submitted. Renie Stephan noted a correction to be made to the meeting date in the header. Renie Stephan moved to approve the minutes with correction, and LeA'nn Glover seconded. The motion carried.

Daniel Brown provided the treasurer's report for June 2, 2011. One agency paid dues, and frames were purchased for certificates totaling \$9.76. There is a balance of \$1,067.76 in general funds, with none of the Flex Funds being used during the previous two months, leaving a balance of \$249.86 in care grant flexible funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Crystal VanHoutan provided a report from clinic activity in May – there were 3 visits (1 unduplicated), 20 screenings, and 20 referrals to other services including prescriptions and lab work. It was noted that the community of Lakeside Village sustained some damage from recent tornadoes. Lakeside Village Clinic is available to the uninsured the last Wednesday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Village main office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) 2011 – 2012 – Incoming officers were introduced and procedures for officer approval of Flex Funds requests were discussed. Karen Wheelles offered to ensure the library meeting room is reserved for the first meeting of the new year on September 1st, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committees did not meet.

AGENCY UPDATES:

FW Houston Medical Center – F.W. Huston Medical Center 4th Annual Health Fair will be held 8/13/11 from 9-Noon in Nortonville at the school cafeteria. Will mail/email registration forms. Deadline to register is July 15th for a booth.

Kansas Children's Service League – Flex funding has been spent. Due to Children's Alliance cut in funding, monies will not be available again. Jefferson County referrals are increasing.

McLouth Medical Clinic – We were awarded a grant along with Highland Community College to educate health care providers on a new developmental screening tool that is being promoted to more easily identify developmentally delayed children. The first training will take place September 22nd at Lawrence Memorial Hospital beginning at 7:30. Toolkit and breakfast will be included.

Friends of Hospice – Annual Taste of Elegance fundraiser will be held in October.

United Methodist Church Oskaloosa – As there is no pool in Oskaloosa this year, the church is looking for any and all ideas for youth activities and volunteers to staff those activities.

Cottonwood CDDO – Expecting many changes due to major changes at SRS.

Cottonwood, Inc. – Salute four-day fundraiser will take place in July, tickets are selling out.

GaDuGi – Chrissy Heikkila will no longer serve as Jefferson County Outreach Coordinator, but the position will be filled.

Guidance Center, Leavenworth – Applications for flex funds will go through new officers. There are \$249.86 left in the fund. We anticipate this funding stream to continue next year.

DCCCA – FREE Kansas Youth Leadership Summit will be held July 31-August 2 in Rock Springs. Register your freshmen, sophomore, and juniors now at mschaeffer@kansasfamily.com.

Jefferson County Health Department - Eileen Filbert's last day as Administrator at the Jefferson County Health Department was June 1st. A public reception was held May 27th to honor her years of service to the people of this county. Eileen's hard work and dedication will not be forgotten and her positive impact will continue to touch many lives well into the future. We will miss her and wish her a full and long retirement!

Our hospice program continues to grow. We are currently serving nineteen clients, keeping our hospice nurses very busy to say the least. Sharon Litwin, RN, MHA, President /CEO of 5 Star Consulting visited our home care team earlier this week and provided important insight regarding changes in our rapidly evolving industry.

We continue to explore software programs that can be utilized for public health needs. Our staff is working with county IT and has narrowed the field to two different certified HIE vendors. Once the decision is made regarding vendors, we will be moving forward to ensure that all health records will be stored electronically. This will also allow the agency the ability to serve third-party clients.

The newly formed Jefferson County Diabetic Coalition is now in the implementation phase. Two committee members that serve on the Coalition, Deb McNary, RN and Crystal VanHoutan, RN recently gave an informational presentation to the Valley Falls Rotary Club regarding the mission of the coalition, including diabetic education. If any group is interested in a presentation, please contact Crystal at 785-863-2447. New brochures will be available hot off the press in a couple of weeks.

The Lakeside Village Clinic continues to provide service to those in need in Jefferson County. On May 27th, Rene Stephan, ARNP-C provided medical care to three Jefferson Countians.