

**Jefferson County Alliance of Service Councils, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes for November 2012**

**Next meeting 1:00 pm, Thursday, December 6, 2012**

**Nina's Dina located within Stinky's Bar and Grill, Oskaloosa**

**OFFICERS: Lorene Stephan, President; Sarah Jane Russell, Vice President;**

**Beth Brown, Secretary; Daniel Brown, Treasurer**

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Members present: Pennie Dubisar-Cross, Janet Fouche-Schack, Angela Drake, Ann Beedles, LeA'nn Glover, Lori Thompson, Melody Keirns, Renie Stephan, Beth Brown

The meeting was called to order by President Renie Stephan.

The agenda for the November meeting was submitted with corrections to Old Business. Janet Fouche-Schack moved to approve the agenda. Melody Keirns seconded the motion. The motion carried.

October minutes were submitted. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Pennie Dubisar-Cross moved to approve the agenda. Angela Drake seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Renie Stephan provided the treasurer's report due to absence of Alliance Treasurer Daniel Brown for November 1, 2012. The general fund currently has a balance of \$1,433.39. Three Alliance member organizations submitted dues in the amount of \$90.00. The Family Centered Systems of Care Grant-Flexible Funds currently has a balance of \$1850.00. LeA'nn Glover made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- A) The LSV Clinic Report-October
  - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the October LSV Clinic was cancelled. The next LSV primary care clinic date is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

- A) Christmas Giving Opportunities 2012

Renie informed members about the annual Christmas adoption program conducted yearly by God's Storehouse. Any individual, family or group interested in adopting an individual or family for Christmas can contact Nancy Boden (785-246-2392) and Rita Kennedy (785-484-2711).

Pennie Dubisar-Cross, Janet Fouche-Schack and Angela Drake informed members regarding the annual Santa Express Toy Fair held in Jefferson County every December. The Jefferson County Early Childhood Council sponsors the event. In early December, Jefferson County residents can shop for gently used/new toys for a donation of a canned food item(s). Families can register for this program throughout the month of November. If you would like to donate a gently used or new toy or register for the program, please call Amy Kahler at 785-608-4509.

LeA'nn Glover reminded members about the Flexible Care Assistance Funds which are available throughout the year for children who have been diagnosed with a severe, emotional disturbance disorder. During Christmas, these funds are available for purchasing gifts. Those who qualify will receive \$50 per child and up to \$150 per household. If interested, please contact LeA'nn for more details.

B) December Alliance Meeting-Christmas Party

It was decided by members during the meeting to forego the standard Alliance meeting for December and instead enjoy a Christmas holiday luncheon. The luncheon will be held at Nina's Dina located within Stinky's Bar and Grill. The bar is located a few doors east of the library. Members will pay for their own lunch.

**Committee Reports:**

- A) Collaboration and Planning- Community Health Assessment Update- Renie Stephan provided an update regarding the CHA project. Renie has been working closer with her advisor at KU School of Nursing and continues to assemble collected data.
- B) Spirit Awards-Renie reminded the members to begin looking for community members who have provided outstanding community service for Jefferson County. Please nominate these persons for the annual Alliance Spirit Awards.

**Agency Updates:**

**The Jefferson County Health Department-** The health department is busy administering flu vaccine to Jefferson County community members. Doses will be given throughout the flu season. Walk-ins are welcome every Tuesday and Friday from 8:00-4:00 at the health department located in Oskaloosa.

**Cottonwood, Inc-**Case managers are preparing to assist clients/individuals and their families navigate the upcoming assignment/choice process for their Medicaid medical care aka KanCare to start January 1, 2013.

**The Guidance Center-**The Family Centered Systems of Care Flexible Funds are availed through LeA'nn Glover (913) 682-5118. Applicants must have a child with severe, emotional disturbance in the home and check/utilize two other community resources first. These funds can be used for Christmas help (please see info under new business).

**Highland Community College-**Is preparing for the spring semester enrollment period. Classes begin January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please call Lori Thompson at 785-597-127 if questions arise regarding enrollment.

**FW Huston Medical Center-** The new FW Huston Pharmacy is now open on the east side of the Oskaloosa square. In addition to pharmacy services, the store also offers a gift section and a café that sales coffees, sodas, pastries, ice cream treats and lunch items.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. Pennie Dubisar-Cross moved to adjourn the meeting and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**\*\*\*\*Please know that if a severely, emotionally disturbed child or that child's family is in need of assistance, contact LeA'nn Glover from the Guidance Center at 913-682-5118 to fill out an application to access the Family Centered Systems of Care Flexible Fund. Please see attached guidelines/application for more information regarding this program**