

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.  
Meeting Minutes – 9/4/08

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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Present: Jean Anne Kettler, BBBS; Debbie Seifert, JFSO; Chrissy Mayer, DCCCA; Gretchen Auten, WTCS; Sharon Branson, Keystone; Rod Meyer, Atchison SRS; LeAnn Glover, The Guidance Center; Eileen Filbert, JFCO Health Department; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood; Karen Wheelles, Oskaloosa Library; Sarah Jane Russell, Ga Du Gi Safe Center; Marty Stemmerman, Ga Du Gi Safe Center; Melody Keirns, JCMH; Linda Angle, Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging; Christy Miller, NEK TUPP; Wendy Simmons, NEK-TUPP; Linda Farrant, New to You Thrift Store; Deanne Armstrong, JCCTCC; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Marcie Eckhart – Charay, CMFHP; Elena Ivanov, DCAP; Kelli Sullivan, Valley Falls Schools; Lynn Luck, JFSO; Phil Korb, USD 340 Jeff West

The meeting was called to order by LeAnn Glover. Introductions were made by those in attendance. Debbie Seifert asked to add a funding request to the agenda. Chrissy Mayer moved to accept the agenda as amended. Debbie Seifert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eileen Filbert moved and Deanne Armstrong seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the Treasurer's Report for September. He also provided dues forms for the year. Chrissy Mayer moved and Gretchen Auten seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Early Childhood Summit – They are applying for a grant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Assistance Grant Requests – USD 339 requested a \$200 assistance grant to support activities during Red Ribbon Week. USD 341 requested a \$200 assistance grant to support a community clean up day. Eileen Filbert moved and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded to approve the funding requests as soon as these agencies submit their annual dues as required by the grant guidelines. Motion carried.
- B) Assistive Technology for Kansans – Laura Holtgrewe shared information about the programs that are available through assistive technology. There are loan, reuse, demonstration and funding programs that are available to help support Kansans with special needs. For more information about the programs, call (800) 526-3648.
- C) Communities That Care Student Survey – See attached data sheet. Information can be provided on a district level. Contact Chrissy Mayer for more information.
- D) St. Francis Health Center Grant – The Alliance will be applying for a grant to support a health care clinic targeting residents of Lake Side Village. Basic health care will be provided onsite and there will be staff available to help plan follow up care. Other agencies will also be available to provide resources to attendees. Please send information to Chrissy Mayer regarding how your agency would like to be involved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committees are seeking new members. Sign up sheets for each committee were passed around.

Prevention – The quality of life survey is has been closed and results are being compiled. A report of these results will be available at the October meeting. (Deanne Armstrong, Jean Anne Kettler, Wendy Simmons, Stacey Burton, Gretchen Auten, Debbie Seifert, Marty Stemmerman, Chrissy Mayer)

Marketing – No report. (Sharon Branson, Karen Wheelles, LeA'nn Glover, Ben Layton, Melody Keirns)

Planning and Collaboration – No report. (Janet Fouche-Schack, Eileen Filbert, Rod Meyer, Marcie Eckhart Charay)

## **AGENCY UPDATES:**

Douglas County AIDS Project – They provide HIV education in public schools, direct care for clients, and free HIV testing via mouth swab. The CDC has announced that 1 out of 4 teens has a sexually transmitted disease. Call for programs.

Oskaloosa Public Library – 100 children are enrolled in the Imagination Library. They continue to look for donations. Story time is offered for children ages six months to five years ten times per month and there is one play group per month. Catch the Reading Bug was the theme for the summer reading program. An average of 40 kids attended each story time. The library has free internet access and is a hot spot.

Jefferson County Service Organization – The organization has nine vehicles that are available to help residents with transportation. They also offer a commodities program. They can also provide assistance filling out forms from SRS or Healthwave.

JAAA – They serve residents in Shawnee, Jefferson and Douglas counties. They have an office in Lynn's building. They have started a voucher program with Rosa's Café in place of Meal on Wheels. It has been successful.

Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice - We kept busy during the summer months, as fuel costs climbed and referrals for Home Care increased 100%. We are pleased to continue to provide excellent in home care to the residents of Jefferson County and are looking forward to adding a Physical Therapy Aide to help our staff Registered Physical Therapist.

The summer saw the agency staff responding to training exercises related to health emergencies. As a partner within the northeast Kansas region, we participated in a disease outbreak training exercise, the RSS exercise of Kansas, which exercised the delivery of medical supplies requested by individual participating counties, and we completed a POD exercise. The local POD (Point of Dispensing) exercise involved partnering with local businesses to determine medicine needs of their employees, dispensing the needed "medication" to the business representative, who then dispense the medication to their employees. This is one method that could be used to get needed medications to the residents of an area affected by a health emergency created by a communicable disease.

The Jefferson County YADA will be hosting an all day training for its members on October 1, 2008 at the Living Water Church in Oskaloosa. The training will be provided by staff of the Northeast Kansas Tobacco Prevention project and when completed will allow each High School student to return to their home district and provide a tobacco use prevention presentation to an

elementary class. This will be YADA's only meeting and activity for this school year. And, provide the group time to "re-energize" and determine future projects while still providing tobacco use prevention for younger county students.

Agency environmental staff continues to address water pollution risks within the county, as this important natural resource, so taken for granted, continues to diminish throughout the state.

The agency continues to collaborate with Washburn University, Fort Hayes State University, KU, and Pratt Community College in providing job related experiences for their nursing, medical, and environment students.

We are working with the County Clerk's office to determine an appropriate voting site at which our agency could have influenza vaccinations available during the early morning and late afternoon hours after those in our work force vote this November. Our flu vaccine is scheduled to be shipped today.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – October 15<sup>th</sup> is disability mentoring day. October 16<sup>th</sup> is the annual career fair at Free State High School. There will also be a panel available with college representatives.

USD 340 – We are off and running. In regards to the CTC survey, they take time and schools must prioritize. It's not that schools don't want to participate, but time is an issue.

Tobacco Use Prevention Program – 90% of our work is tobacco related, 10% is nutrition. We have a presentation available for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students during the month of September – Fruit and Veggies, More Matters. It is free. We are also offering support during Red Ribbon Week. Contact us for additional information.

SRS – There will be planning meetings on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for community leaders, providers and consumers to discuss long term care needs. Plastic medical cards are being used now. Foster children may still have the paper card.

WTCS – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. More information will be available next month.

The Guidance Center – There is \$2400 available in flex funds for children with SED. Contact Le'Ann Glover to apply.

Jefferson County Memorial Hospital – There will be a health fair on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-12. Pitchfork Fondue will also occur.

GaDuGi – They are working with Atchison County to provide sexual assault services in southern Jefferson County. They house the Among Friends Giving Library and have books for all. There is also a talking about touching program available for pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. There is also a bullying program available.

Children's Mercy Family Health Partners – We have information about the Kansas Healthwave program and information about Children's Mercy's plan. There is mileage reimbursement, medical care, dental, mental health care available.

DCCCA – Family Day is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is designated as a day to eat dinner with your family. Families who eat dinner together are less likely to have children engage in risky behavior such as substance use/abuse.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office – DARE started last week. Crime is up. There have been a large number of burglaries. Juvenile victim crimes are up.

BBBS – Bigs in schools will get started and will be meeting once a week.

New to You – They have lots of nice clothing and small household items. There is nothing priced over \$5. Donations are accepted on Tuesdays.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER**

Quality of Life Survey Results

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.  
Meeting Minutes – 10/2/2008

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**  
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Present: Jean Anne Kettler, BBBS; Debbie Seifert, JFSO; Chrissy Mayer, DCCCA; Gretchen Auten, WTCS; Sharon Branson, Keystone; Rod Meyer, Atchison SRS; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood; Karen Wheelles, Oskaloosa Library; Marty Stemmerman, Ga Du Gi Safe Center; Melody Keirns, F.W.Huston Medical Center; Wendy Simmons, NEK-TUPP; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Phil Korb, USD 340 Jeff West; Peggy Craig, USD 341; Mary Ann Noll, KVC Behavioral Healthcare

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Introductions were made by those in attendance. Sharon Branson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mary Ann Noll moved to accept the agenda as written. Karen Wheelles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Debbie Seifert moved and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the Treasurer's Report for October. Eighteen agencies have submitted dues. The Kansas Health Foundation funds will be moved to the general fund. Chrissy Mayer moved and Peggy Craig seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Early Childhood Summit – A grant application was submitted. If approved it will provide early childhood services to three year olds currently not being served, mental health services, a van to bring services to people who cannot get to services, and a link to agencies and those who need services.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) St. Francis Health Center Grant – The grant to support a health care clinic targeting residents of Lakeside Village was submitted. Basic health care will be provided onsite and there will be staff available to help plan follow up care. Other agencies will also be available to provide resources to attendees. Thank you to everyone who contributed information to support the application.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Prevention – The quality of life survey is compiled. A summary of the results will be sent to the newspaper and a full report will be posted on the website. (Deanne Armstrong, Jean Anne Kettler, Wendy Simmons, Stacey Burton, Gretchen Auten, Debbie Seifert, Marty Stemmerman, Chrissy Mayer)

Marketing – There is a link to member agencies' websites on the coalition website. Send any updates to Ben Layton (Sharon Branson, Karen Wheelles, LeAnn Glover, Ben Layton, Melody Keirns)

Planning and Collaboration – No report. (Janet Fouche-Schack, Eileen Filbert, Rod Meyer, Marcie Eckhart Charay)

#### **AGENCY UPDATES:**

**At the November meeting, please bring non-perishable food items to donate to God's Store House!!!**

Jefferson County Home Health and Hospice - September has been a month that staff has used to prepare to provide flu shots to residents of the county. This year the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is recommending all persons over the age of 6 months receive vaccination. The vaccine supply is adequate this year, and CDC has been encouraging everyone to receive their vaccination as soon as possible, beginning in September. As long as supply lasts we will provide vaccination at all Tuesday and Friday clinics in October, all monthly Community Health Clinics—held in Valley, Nortonville, Fairview, Meriden, Grantville, Perry, McLouth, and Winchester. Additionally, all school nurses will be providing opportunity for staff of each district to obtain vaccination. If vaccine remains available, the agency will provide a Point of Dispensing to allow voters to obtain a flu shot on Election Day at the Valley Falls Community Building from 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m., and again from 5-7 p.m. after they have voted. The cost of vaccination will remain at \$25 again this year, and request for payment from Medicare will be made for those providing the Medicare B information at the time of vaccination.

Over the next several months, the agency will be adjusting to the resignation of our 20 year staff member veteran, Jane Shirley. We appreciate the public health advocate Jane has been and will be in her new role with KDHE as the Coordinated School Health Coordinator. We know Jefferson County has many dedicated and knowledgeable residents, and hopefully we will find someone that can match Jane's talent and dedication!

The Friends of Hospice Taste of Elegance will be held at the Jeff West High School on October 18<sup>th</sup> this year, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The outpouring of donations for the event is amazing—airline tickets, Wii station and games, quilts, meat, the installation of a brand new donated furnace, KU/K-State game tickets/balls, etc. It is amazing the value of items donated to this annual event and the “buying” spirit of those attending to make this event such a great help in the fiscal support of Hospice clients throughout the year.

Agency staff will be assisting other Kansas Health Departments prepare to become an active user of the Kansas Immunization Registry. This will require a great deal of time and travel for which the Kansas Health Institute, Kansas Health Foundation, Immunize Kansas Kids, and Kansas Association of Local Health Departments are covering the cost.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – We are getting our high school bigs and elementary school littles ready to begin meeting weekly for the school year. Currently, we are active in Valley Falls and Jeff West schools.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office – Doing extra school presentations for Red Ribbon Week. Working on research for food backpack program. Just finished annual Tazer recertification. Will be attending National Center for Missing and Exploited Children law enforcement training.

Tobacco Use Prevention – October 1<sup>st</sup> very successful YADA training. McLouth and Perry-Lecompton brought 18 youth. Busy with Red Ribbon Week activities. Will be presenting information on our successful regional activities held in the last year at the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition in Olathe.

Women's Transitional Care Services – We've been very busy lately – shelter's been full for several weeks. We're gearing up for Domestic Violence Awareness Month - look for the clothesline project in local libraries and other activities throughout the month!

GaDuGi Safe Center – We have developed a collaborative brochure with DoVES of Atchison outlining our sexual assault support services. We are in the process of getting information out about our services throughout Jefferson County. We are distributing children's books to any interested agencies through our Among Friends giving library.

KVC – Starting new training for foster parents in Atchison on Tuesday nights. November 8<sup>th</sup> volleyball fundraiser need teams or advertise for \$50. All proceeds to benefit children in foster care. November 15<sup>th</sup> is National Adoption Day. November 22<sup>nd</sup> Resource Family Conference in KC.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – Envision now open. It is an outpatient Senior Support Group offering therapy to seniors with depression and anxiety. We have a new MD, Dr. Will Greiner over Jefferson Medical Clinic and will take on patients at the hospital. Activity fundraising event on 10/25/2008 "Afternoon of Chocolate Bliss" \$4 an adult \$2 a child.

Cottonwood CDDO – Currently accepting applications for the Family Grant for individuals with MR/DD in Douglas or Jefferson County.

USD 341- Community clean up day October 1<sup>st</sup>. This was a big success. College Career Fair – representatives from 2-4 year colleges, technical schools, and military for area adult, jr/sr high students will be October 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:00 at the high school gym. Enrollment is down in the district which stretches services.

New To You Thrift Store – We are working with NEKCAP on a Holiday Helper program. Also, number of people using the store has greatly increased so we can use any gently used clothing or household item.

Oskaloosa Library – Community Story Time is 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month and is open to all ages 10-11 a.m.

Reading Opportunities – Have 100+ children enrolled. Can always use monies. Important to make sure our children are exposed to books. Our exposure is available to any resident of Jeff County who was born after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Applications at the local libraries.

SRS – New guidelines for food assistance effective October 1, 2008. Minimum allotment is now \$14 a month and can be accumulated up to one year. Eligible people are encouraged to apply and if they choose not to use, to accumulate and donate (after purchasing) the food to a local food bank.

The Guidance Center, Oskaloosa – Services are increasing to school aged children and adults suffering from mental illness. We are having an open house at our Oskaloosa Office on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. E-mails and invitations will follow.

DCCCA – We will be offering the Strengthening Families Program beginning in February. This is open to any families who are dealing with a drug and alcohol problem or families who have children placed out of home. Families must have at least one child ages 6-11 to attend the program. Contact Chrissy Mayer for additional information.

USD 340 – Working on Character Education. Enrollment is down.

Keystone: Remodeling another corner to make room for a soon to be hired staff member to help with 2 of our new programs: Learning and Leading Coordinator and Operations and Facilities

Director. A new sign will soon be installed on the highway in front of our office on South Highway 59.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson County: October 15, 7 students from Perry-Lecompton High will participate in Disability Mentoring Day in Lawrence. On October 16 at 5:45 which is prior to the annual College Night, a panel will present information on Post- secondary Services for Students with Disabilities. This year it will be held at Free State High School.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER**



JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.  
Meeting Minutes – 11/6/2008

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**  
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**Many thanks to all of you who donated non-perishable food items to God's Storehouse!!!!**

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The meeting was called to order by LeA'nn Glover. Introductions were made by those in attendance. LeA'nn Glover asked for additions to the agenda. Assistance grant applications from McLouth and the Jefferson County Health Department were added. Mary Ann Noll moved to accept the agenda as amended. Karen Wheelles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eileen Filbert moved and Karen Wheelles seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the Treasurer's Report for November. Twenty-three agencies have submitted dues. The Kansas Health Foundation funds have been moved to the general fund. The current balance is \$1818.39. Debbie Seifert moved and Mary Ann Noll seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Early Childhood Summit – Linda Aldridge provided information about a grant that was submitted for early childhood services in the county. Keystone has asked for \$900,000 to purchase a mobile early childhood unit that can visit sites throughout the county to provide services. There will be space for a classroom, a clinic and office space. They will also hire a coordinator for the mobile unit. Awards should be announced soon.

St. Francis Health Center Grant (Lakeside Village Initiative) – We should hear something about the award in December.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Jefferson County Health Department Assistance Grant – The Healthy Start Home Visitor requested \$200 to be used to purchase diapers and formula for families with newborns in the county. There is often a lack of resources for many families and this would help fulfill this need. Karen Wheelles moved and Sarah Jane Russell seconded the motion to approve this request.
- B) McLouth Tobacco Prevention Assistance Grant – The McLouth YADA group requested \$200 to be used to purchase posters, brochures and visual aids for tobacco presentations. There was discussion about the importance of this topic and the availability of free resources from agencies such as the NEK TUPP and American Cancer Society. A suggestion was made that this might be something that the Substance Abuse Council would fund since it deals directly with substance abuse prevention. After much

discussion, it was moved and seconded to deny this request based upon the availability of free resources and other funding sources. The secretary will send a letter to the school.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Prevention – The committee will be coding the Quality of Life surveys to provide more meaningful data to the coalition and community.

Marketing – The committee will be looking at ways to share the results of the Quality of Life surveys within the county. They will also be looking at past members of the Alliance and will be utilizing the benefits of membership document to encourage membership renewal. The committee would like to get 7-10 new members. The committee will be adding a tracker to the website to view the number of hits that the site receives and will also look at linking our site to other site within the county such as schools. Spirit Award applications will be available in January. May 7<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for applications and an award luncheon will be hosted on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Planning and Collaboration – The committee received seven responses from member agencies regarding strategic planning. There were some themes including transportation, access to care, and underage alcohol use. The importance of the Alliance as a resource organization was also key. At the December meeting, there will be a strategic planning session to help guide the Alliance.

## **AGENCY UPDATES:**

Jefferson County Health Department - The Health Department has kept busy providing influenza immunizations to residents across the county this month. Vaccine remains available to anyone wishing to avoid the flu and receive the annual vaccine to increase their lifelong protection.

The agency continues to provide WIC services to over 260 families within the county.

We had wonderful response to our ads for a School Nurse/Public Health Nurse and for our Physical Therapy Assistant positions. The positions have been filled and staff is looking forward to working with the new members of the staff.

Preparedness Staff continues to assist the county in development of the Essential Service Functions, specifically those related to medical services.

The agency was pleased to be a part of the grant submitted to the Kansas Optometric Association by Keystone to address vision screening, visual training, and learning enhancement for students attending county schools.

The Friends of Hospice of Jefferson County held their annual fund raiser October 18, 2008 at the Jeff West commons area. It was another event supported by the residents and businesses of the county. Even in depressed economic times people stepped forward to donate to Friends of Hospice as the volunteers of this organization continue to help Hospice families and medical providers meet the needs of our agency's Hospice clients.

Hallmark employees within the county and the Oskaloosa Old Settlers' committee provided additional funding this month to allow our agency Senior Service staff to continue to assist senior citizens within their own homes.

The agency continues to add GIS layers to our programs' data resources to help illustrate services and needs within our communities.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – Envision which is senior support service for those with depression and anxiety is now open and running. Now accepting referrals and group therapy now in session. For individuals 55 and over, Medicare approved program.

The Guidance Center – Flex funds balance is \$1704.05. It is earmarked for families who have a severely, emotionally disturbed child in the home. To apply contact LeAnn Glover at (913) 682-5118. TGC Oskaloosa will begin providing parenting classes for families of SED youth starting in November.

Cottonwood CDDO – Family grant deadline was 10/31/08 and we are processing the requests. New guidelines this year that all funds awarded need to be used up before applying for the next grant. The grant is offered every six months.

KVC – November 8<sup>th</sup> Co-ed volleyball tournament as fundraiser for Christmas gifts for foster children at Wathena High School. November 15<sup>th</sup> is National Adoption Day with celebration following at Topeka Zoo. November 22<sup>nd</sup> is Foster Parent Appreciation training in Overland Park. KVC has need for toys or gifts for children in foster care for Christmas. To donate, please call 913-367-3392.

Keystone – New signs will be going up over the next few weeks, reflective of our new name and logo. Two expansion divisions are up and going – Learning and Leading and Operations and Facilities. A promotional video will soon be attached to our website to better explain what Keystone is and does.

Jefferson County early Childhood Council – We are sponsoring the Santa Express Toy Fair. Please put gently used/new toys, puzzles, games or books in the donation boxes starting November 17<sup>th</sup>. These items will be collected until December 4<sup>th</sup> and then on December 10<sup>th</sup> (11am-5pm) and December 11<sup>th</sup> (10am-2pm) for one non-perishable food item a toy can be purchased. The food items will be used in the Holiday Helpers Christmas basket and Heaven's Closet.

New to You – We are collaborating with NEKCAP to help Jefferson County families have a happy holiday. Vouchers will be given to the families/individuals that complete their community service project. Please continue to donate those gently used household items and children's clothing. Donations taken on Tuesday from 9-1pm.

Reading Opportunities Project – We are looking for businesses, individuals or organizations that will financially support the Imagination Library. For \$30 a year, a Jefferson County child can receive a free book a month. If you would like someone to talk to your group about this marvelous literacy program, contact Karen 785-213-4481.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER**

Strategic Planning Session

Update Assistance Grant Guidelines

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.  
Meeting Minutes – 1/8/2009

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The meeting was called to order by LeA'nn Glover. Introductions were made by those in attendance. LeA'nn Glover asked for additions to the agenda. Healthy Kids/Health Communities grant and website renewal were added under new business. It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Sharon Branson moved and Peggy Craig seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the Treasurer's Report for December. The current balance is \$1443.39. Debbie Seifert moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Chrissy Mayer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Early Childhood Summit – The awards were announced in December, but no one was sure if Jefferson County was one of the recipients.

St. Francis Health Center Grant (Lakeside Village Initiative) – The clinics will be held on the last Wednesday of each month. The first clinic will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Village Office. The additional agencies that will be at the clinics this month will be GaDuGi Safe Center and The Guidance Center. The Guidance Center will be in attendance every month to help provide care for the whole person. Chrissy Mayer will contact Lynn Luck to see if the Jefferson County Service Organization will be able to attend in January as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Strategic Planning Session – Information from the session will be e-mailed and posted on the website for viewing. The session will continue at 12:00 p.m. on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please review the information and come to the planning session with ideas and comments!
- B) Healthy Kids/Health Communities Grant – Eileen Filbert discussed the grant with the Alliance. It is to address childhood obesity in rural areas. The Alliance would take the lead on the grant and partner with five other counties in the Northeast Kansas region. Jefferson County has a large population of youth at risk for obesity. The prevention center would serve as the administrative agency. An initial proposal is due February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- C) Website – Ben Layton is checking into changing the provider that hosts the website. A new provider may be cheaper. He will check into prices and provide additional information. There have been 244 hits to the site between December and January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Prevention – No report.

Marketing – Remember the SPIRIT Award applications are available on the website. Be sure to make nominations!

Planning and Collaboration – No report.

## **AGENCY UPDATES:**

The Guidance Center - The FCSC Flex Funds are available for families of severely, emotionally disturbed children. Currently, \$1519.14 is available. Contact LeA'nn Glover (913) 682-5118 to apply or [www.jeffcoalliance.org](http://www.jeffcoalliance.org) to download an application.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – Business is busy. The medical clinic is now open.

CMFHP – New user friendly website is up and running – [www.fhp.org](http://www.fhp.org)

Oskaloosa Public Library – Story time is underway with 10 gatherings per month ages 18 months to 5 years. Each story time involves crafts, music and stories.

New To You – Involved in Holiday Helper project giving vouchers to families who did community service. Donations are up.

Reading Opportunities – Recent grant from Ozawkie/Meriden Chamber of Commerce will help keep the program going for our 100 children.

Cottonwood CDDO – Two adults in Jefferson County are accessing Day Supports through our new affiliate, TARC's Self-Determination program out of Topeka. About 70 families accessed the Fall Family Grant which will fund supports and assist families with disability related expenses through April 2009. The maximum amount awarded per family this grant cycle was \$1050.

GaDuGi Safe Center – Continue to be busy. More contacts and services being called in for Jefferson County. Alliance with Half Price Bookstore has ended, so future of Among Friends Giving Library is uncertain. Books are still available.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office – Some restructuring going on due to changing of the guard, meetings being held individually with each employee. Supervisors being re-assigned. Spike in mail thefts.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – We have 38 bigs and 38 littles in the Jefferson West and Valley Falls schools who meet weekly. They participate in crafts, reading, academics, gym time, safety and other activities.

Jefferson County Health Department – We have been appreciating the opportunity to assist with organization of the LSV clinics site and services. The agency was overwhelmed with Home Health and Hospice referrals the week of Christmas and appreciates the confidence of agency services and staff when home care services are needed by county individuals.

DCCCA – The Prevention Center will be offering Baseline Training on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:00 p.m. at DCCCA, 3312 Clinton Parkway. For more information or to register, contact Chrissy Mayer at [cmayer@dcca.org](mailto:cmayer@dcca.org) or (785) 841-4138. DCCCA will also be offering the Strengthening Families Program for families with children ages 3-11. There must be some

degree of substance use/abuse in the family, but it does not have to be diagnosed or treated.  
Contact Chrissy to register a family or for more information.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY**

Strategic Planning Session

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.  
Meeting Minutes – 1/8/2009

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
[www.jeffcoalition.org](http://www.jeffcoalition.org)

Present: Debbie Seifert, JFSO; Karen Wheelles, Oskaloosa Library; Marty Stemmerman, GaDuGi Safe Center; Melody Keirns, F.W.Huston Medical Center; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Eileen Filbert, JCHD; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Chrissy Mayer, DCCCA; Peggy Craig, Oskaloosa Public Schools; Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning; Deanne Armstrong, JCCTCC; Angela Drake, Cottonwood CDDO; Jean Anne Kettler, BBBS; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood, Inc.; Rod Meyer, SRS; Tess Carter-Martin, Doves, Inc; Audrey Wrinkles, GaDuGi Safe Center; Gretchen Auten, WTCS

The meeting was called to order by LeA'nn Glover. Introductions were made by those in attendance. LeA'nn Glover asked for additions to the agenda. DEC Training was added under new business. Karen Wheelles moved and Sharon Branson seconded to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Sharon Branson moved and Eileen Filbert seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the Treasurer's Report for January. The current balance is \$1443.39. Debbie Seifert moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Chrissy Mayer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Strategic Planning Session Results – Committees took assignments from planning session and will be doing additional research.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Twenty-four medical services were provided. Follow-up services have also been completed with individuals attending the clinics. There were many donations made to the clinic. All patients were pleased with the quality of care that was received. Many expressed interest in have dental services available.
- B) Healthy Kids/Health Communities Grant – Eileen Filbert discussed the grant with the Alliance. It has been submitted and we will find out if we are invited to submit a full proposal in mid-March.
- C) DEC Training – At the March meeting, Debbie Seifert will spend one hour sharing information about drug endangered children and substance exposed newborns.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Prevention – The committee will be looking into the issue of poverty. We will be looking at offering an in-service to schools on this topic. We will be researching Ruby Payne and a poverty simulation.

Marketing – SPIRIT Award applications are due on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The June meeting will be the awards luncheon. The committee addressed the topic of communication and is discussing locations for the resource guides and changing the cover of the guide. They will also work with Economic Development to put information about the Alliance into welcome packets.

Planning and Collaboration – The DCCCA intern will be updating the resource directory and adding addresses to it.

#### **AGENCY UPDATES:**

The Guidance Center - The FCSC Flex Funds are available for families of severely, emotionally disturbed children. Currently, \$1525.47 is available. Contact LeA'nn Glover (913) 682-5118 to apply or [www.jeffcoalliance.org](http://www.jeffcoalliance.org) to download an application.

DCCCA – The Prevention Center will be offering Baseline Training on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:00 p.m. at DCCCA, 3312 Clinton Parkway. For more information or to register, contact Chrissy Mayer at [cmayer@dcca.org](mailto:cmayer@dcca.org) or (785) 841-4138.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – New signs are being installed. We have a new logo and slogan. We are looking for residents in Jefferson County for new board members and foundation members. Hospital census is strong and staying steady. “Day of Red” food tasting event on 2/14/09 from 1:00-3:00 on our sun porch for Activities Department.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – Annual Resource Fair at Lawrence Free State High School on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applications to provide a booth are currently being taken until February 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ranita Wilks [ranitaw67@yahoo.com](mailto:ranitaw67@yahoo.com) or Sharon Branson [sbranson@keystonelearning.org](mailto:sbranson@keystonelearning.org) for more information.

Keystone Learning Services – Highway sign is now up on Highway 59.

Oskaloosa Public Library – We are busy with story time and playgroups as well as checking out books, using computers, DVD's and CD's. All of these services are available and FREE!

Cottonwood CDDO – Please write your state senator and representatives to support the Invisible Kansans bill to eliminate the MR/DD waiting list in four years. Visit [www.invisiblekansans.com](http://www.invisiblekansans.com)

The Guidance Center – We continue to expand our services. We now have a full time attendant care worker to work with children.

SRS – State budget shortfalls continue to affect delivery of services. In the NE region, attrition and retirement result in the loss of 2-3 positions per week and with the hiring freeze, positions are going unfulfilled. Many staff caseloads are increasing as they absorb cases of those who depart. The community collaboration and the customer service units are currently being eliminated with the majority of the staff assuming caseloads.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Bowling for Kid Sake will be several weekends in April and May. This is the main money raiser for BBBS. Bowling teams can be formed and may call the Topeka office of BBBS.

DoVES, Inc. – DV outreach coordinator hopes to have a satellite office in McLouth one day per week for 1-2 hours. Office will be advertised to the public and to other helping agencies, healthcare providers, etc. for referrals. SA outreach coordinator continuing to travel to her five county service area which includes Jefferson County targeting key areas to provide awareness.



GaDuGi Safe Center – Calls for service in the county have increased. We are available to provide educational programming to schools and organizations around issues such as bullying, healthy relationships, date and acquaintance rape, sexual harassment, etc. Staff changes – Marty Stemmerman is moving to Wyoming at the end of February. Audrey Wrinkles is taking her place as Regional Outreach Coordinator.

WTCS – We hope to have a name and logo change by the end of March. Possible upcoming funding cuts will not affect Jefferson County services.

JFSO – Mail thefts and residential burglaries are up. Meth labs increasing again, meth quality of that produced locally is higher than imported and is selling higher. Marijuana being taken off the street has been found to be laced with lead shavings to increase weight. May be losing funding for DARE and other things from substance abuse money.

Health Department – Preparing state and federal grants for the next fiscal year. We welcomed new commissioners Richard Malm, Roy Dunnaway and Lynn Luck. Our school health focus this month is on dental hygiene. We anticipate additional immunization requirements for the 2009-10 school year. Flu vaccine for the fall season has been ordered. We appreciated the work and collaboration on the Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities grant completed by Chrissy Mayer of DCCCA.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH**

Lakeside Village Clinic Report  
Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities  
DEC Presentation

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.  
Meeting Minutes – 3/5/2009

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
[www.jeffcoalition.org](http://www.jeffcoalition.org)

Present: Debbie Seifert, Kansas Alliance for DEC; Karen Wheelles, Oskaloosa Library; Melody Keirns, F.W.Huston Medical Center; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Eileen Filbert, JCHD; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Chrissy Mayer, DCCCA; Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning; Deanne Armstrong, JCCTCC; Angela Drake, Cottonwood CDDO; Jean Anne Kettler, BBBS; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood, Inc.; Rod Meyer, SRS; Tess Carter-Martin, Doves, Inc; Audrey Wrinkles, GaDuGi Safe Center; Gretchen Auten, WTCS; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Cindy Williams, MED/Jefferson; Marcie Eckhart-Charay, CMFHP; Linda Angle, JAAA

The meeting was called to order by LeA'nn Glover. Introductions were made by those in attendance. LeA'nn Glover asked for approval of the agenda. Sharon Branson moved and Karen Wheelles seconded the motion to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried.

The incorrect dates were on the minutes. Karen Wheelles moved and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the Treasurer's Report for March. The current balance is \$1468.39. Sharon Branson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Karen Wheelles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Four patients were seen in February with twenty-one medical screenings provided. Ten referrals were made. Follow-up services have also been completed with individuals attending the clinics. Additional advertising will be done for the clinics.
- B) Healthy Kids/Health Communities Grant – The Alliance has not received any additional information about the grant at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) DEC Training – Debbie Seifert provided the Alliance with an excellent presentation on drug endangered children. Certificates for one hour of credit are available for one hour of credit. Contact Debbie for the certificates.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Prevention – The committee continues to look into the issue of poverty. We will be contacting schools to gauge their interest in participating in a poverty simulation during the first semester and possibly inviting Ruby Payne to the county during the second semester.

Marketing – SPIRIT Award applications are due on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There are awards for students, individual and a group. The committee will also be sending out invitations for the reception, so if

you have someone that you would like to invite please let the committee know. There was discussion about where to display the SPIRIT Award plaque. It was suggested that it could be placed in the student's school and moved to other locations across the county.

Planning and Collaboration – The committee would like to have copies of the resource guide put on CD's for various agencies. They would also like to have bound copies made for organizations as well.

#### **AGENCY UPDATES:**

The Guidance Center - The FCSC Flex Funds are available for families of severely, emotionally disturbed children. Currently, \$1045.05 is available. Contact LeAnn Glover (913) 682-5118 to apply or [www.jeffcoalliance.org](http://www.jeffcoalliance.org) to download an application. The Guidance Center – Leavenworth is sponsoring a Families Together Education Advocacy training on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-3:30. This event is free to the public. Contact LeAnn Glover to sign up. Space is limited.

DCCCA – Kelli Flanner will be the new contact person for the prevention center at DCCCA. Her e-mail address is [kflanner@dcca.org](mailto:kflanner@dcca.org). Her phone number is (785) 841-4138.

Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice - February continued to be a busy month in providing Home care services to individuals within the county. We continue to see need and have request for additional Senior Services for those desiring to remain in their own home as long as possible. This has led to the realization that more people have made the investment in Long Term Care Insurance, which is allowing them more flexibility in obtaining the care needed as they age. We are currently looking to add part-time nursing and CNA staff.

State and Federal grant applications are being written for the upcoming year. We have seen the State Legislature reduce funding for Immunizations, general public health, Senior Services, Healthy Start, and Environment/Sanitation. It is anticipated that more severe cuts will be made in the State Fiscal Year 2010.

School Nurses have been busy completing vision referrals, scoliosis screenings and dental health presentations throughout the county schools. KDHE has announced new immunization requirements for the 2009-2010 year which our agency is now seeking clarification on, to allow accurate sharing of information to parents this spring.

Crystal VanHoutan our Preparedness Response Coordinator will be hosting another Medical Reserve Corps training at our office the evening of March 12. It will focus on Respirator Fit Testing, K-Serv, and other Public Health response issues. There should be a new video on our website very shortly—[www.jfcountyks.com](http://www.jfcountyks.com)—that was done by Robert Woods Johnson on Public Health in Disasters in Kansas, which gives an interesting perspective, perhaps not complete, but interesting perspective of Public Health's role in Disaster response.

The agency is also participating in a Multi-state Learning Collaborative sponsored by the National Association of County and City Health Officials and the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation to quantify data resources available to define the status of health within our community, and another project by the same entities related to building capacity to meet community needs with fewer public dollars.

We will continue to move forward with our agency accreditation by National Standards and review within the next two years. Effort to streamline services and meet needs through collaboration with other regional and local partners will be a major part of that effort.

WTCS – We are currently in the process of changing our name. We'll keep you updated. We partnered with DoVES, Inc. and GaDuGi Safe Center to introduce ourselves to Caleb Stegall.

We also had a successful legislative day and Gretchen had a great conversation with Lee Tafenelli.

Meadowlark Extension District – Working on applying for FNP Grant for Jefferson, Jackson and Nemaha counties. Currently working with Grantville Community on Radon Testing. Community partners (4) purchased 150 kits and they gave out 75 of them on 3/4/09 at a public meeting. A follow up meeting on radon mitigation will be held on 5/6/09 in Grantville. Any questions, contact Cindy Williams at 785-863-2212.

DoVES, Inc. – As Gretchen reported we partnered with WTCS and GaDuGi Safe Center to introduce ourselves to newly elected county attorney Caleb Stegall. Kansas Legal Services also involved. We also plan to continue meeting on a regular basis to keep communication lines open. DoVES Domestic Violence Outreach Coordinator has found a site for satellite office hours. She will be at the Valley Falls Library. Watch the area newspapers for the day and time.

Independence, Inc. – We are in the process of updating our website which we are hoping to have up and running soon.

The Guidance Center Oskaloosa – We want to expand our child program to include full time attendant care to child clients in Jefferson County.

Cottonwood CDDO – We received notice from SRS last week that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter state aid payments to CDDO's will be reduced by \$500,000 statewide. Cottonwood's portion will be \$12,000. Cottonwood CDDO will have a booth at the Resource Expo on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cottonwood, Inc. – We will be present at the Expo on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Free State High School. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we are having the Cottonwood Classies annual (academy awards type) celebration where community partners, staff and individuals served are recognized for their commitment to serving people with developmental disabilities.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – Annual Resource Expo will be on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6 p.m. at Lawrence Free State High School.

Cottonwood CDDO – We will be sending out the Family Grant Application in the next two months for families or individuals on the MR/DD waiting list.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – Our medical clinic located in the hospital accepts walk-ins. Our hours are M-W-F 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and T-Th 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We have new signs on our campus. We are still looking for board members. Anyone interested should contact LaMont Cook at 913-774-4340.

JFSO – Very busy with all types of criminal cases, lots of subjects travelling through the county increasing our activity.

GaDuGi – Busy with grants last quarter. Working with DoVES to bring services/advocacy to Jefferson County. See you at the resource expo!

Big Brothers Big Sisters – BBBS is preparing for their big money raising project – Bowling for Kids Sake. It will take place the last weekend in April and first weekend in May.

Oskaloosa Library – We are having our yearly book sale March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. This is a major fundraiser for the library. The book sale will be held in the Library Community Room.

New to You – The thrift store located at the corner of Highway 92 and 59 is having their “Buck a Bag Sale” starting Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>. Bring a dollar and you will receive a

plastic bag that can be filled with winter clothing and household items. Donations are always accepted and volunteers to work the store are always needed. Get involved today!

Jefferson County early Childhood Council – We are gearing up for the Week of the Young Child free fair April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7:30 p.m. This event is open to all residents in Jefferson County with young children ages birth to eight years. The theme this year is Go for the Gold and there will be a variety of family activities offered as well as supper. If your agency would like to be represented you may give copies of information to Karen at the April meeting and she will see that they get into the bags.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL**

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.  
Meeting Minutes – 4/2/2009

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
[www.jeffcoalliance.org](http://www.jeffcoalliance.org)

Present: Karen Wheelles, Oskaloosa Library; Melody Keirns, F.W.Huston Medical Center; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Eileen Filbert, JCHD; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning; Deanne Armstrong, JCCTCC; Jean Anne Kettler, BBBS; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Al Loveall, Meriden Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by LeA'nn Glover. Introductions were made by those in attendance. LeA'nn Glover asked for approval of the agenda with the additions of officer nominations and a visit from Al Loveall. Sharon Branson moved and Karen Wheelles seconded the motion to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Karen Wheelles moved and Eileen Filbert seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the Treasurer's Report for March. The current balance is \$1471.61. Karen Wheelles moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Melody Keirns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Six patients were seen in March with 37 medical screenings provided. Twelve referrals were made. Follow-up services have also been completed with individuals attending the clinics. Two free glucose monitors were provided.
- B) Healthy Kids/Health Communities Grant – The Alliance has been invited to submit a full proposal. Area Health Department representatives and extension agents have collaborated to contribute to the proposal. Letters of support have been provided from various partners. The final proposal is due May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Meriden Fire Department—Al Loveall provided the Alliance information about a new presentation he has developed in response to fatalities attributable to distracted driving, speed, lack of seat belts, and drunk driving. His presentation runs 45-80 minutes and is suitable for students. Members agreed to view the presentation in the future so that we can better promote it to schools and other organizations in need of education about roadway safety.
- B) 2009-2010 Officers – Nominations were made for a new slate of officers to be voted on at May's meeting. Sharon Branson, President; Melody Keirns, Vice-President; Ben Layton, Treasurer; Kelli Flanner, Secretary.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Prevention – The committee continues to look into the issue of poverty. Schools expressed varying degrees of interest in the poverty simulation. The committee will firm up questions on dates for the simulation and who will attend. They look to provide one simulation in August and one in the second semester of school next year. After looking at costs for Ruby Payne training, the committee has tabled that venture for the time being as costs are prohibitive.

Marketing – SPIRIT Award applications are due on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The banquet will take place June 4<sup>th</sup> at noon. Costs for catering led the committee to determine that a taco bar/Mexican fiesta will be an affordable and fun option. Members will sign up to bring ingredients at the May meeting.

Planning and Collaboration – Synopsis of the strategic plan was distributed.

## **AGENCY UPDATES:**

The Guidance Center - The FCSC Flex Funds are available for families of severely, emotionally disturbed children. Currently, \$631.07 is available. Contact LeA'nn Glover (913) 682-5118 to apply or [www.jeffcoalliance.org](http://www.jeffcoalliance.org) to download an application. The Guidance Center – Leavenworth is sponsoring a Families Together Education Advocacy training on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-3:30. This event is free to the public. Call Families Together at 1-800-264-6343 to sign up. Space is limited. CEU's available.

Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice – The Jefferson County Health Department staff is preparing for Tdap clinics for the schools of the county. This will give opportunities for 11 year olds to receive their required immunization prior to the start of the 2009-10 school year.

State and federal grants for the FY 2010 have been prepared and submitted.

WIC clinic services continue to expand. Beginning this summer participants will receive checks to be used for fresh fruits and vegetables. This will encourage healthy snacking and assist in reducing childhood obesity risks. These specific checks can only be used for fresh fruit and vegetables at program vendor stores.

The state of Kansas has recently expanded the function of the communicable disease surveillance systems that health care providers use to report and track communicable diseases, which is a great tool for the agency.

The agency will assist KDHE with the storage of hepatitis vaccine as national supplies dwindle due to manufacturers halting production over the summer months.

Clients served in Home Health and/or Hospice programs continue to increase in members as third party payers continue to reduce the length of allowed hospitalization times.

Staff continues participation in a Robert Wood Johnson program to identify ways of improving prenatal services in the first trimester for pregnant women. Strategies to evaluate and decrease barriers to care access are being identified, tested, and analyzed.

Independence, Inc. – We have been busy preparing for the Resource Expo. We are about halfway through our Food Assistance Outreach grant from SRS and looking for ways to branch out and have outreach activities in Jefferson County.

The Guidance Center Oskaloosa – We want to expand our child program to include full time attendant care to child clients in Jefferson County.

Cottonwood, Inc. – Family Grant applications for eligible individuals are out. Applications are due April 9<sup>th</sup>. These funds can be requested to pay for medical bills/medications/or other items. Also, the Cottonwood Connection is going to be on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 p.m. All are invited. There will be food, fun, and bowling at Countryside Lanes in Oskaloosa.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – Annual Resource Expo will be on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6 p.m. at Lawrence Free State High School.

Keystone Learning Services – 51 students registered to participate in Job Olympics at JCCC on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – We are still looking for board members. We now offer sonogram services once a month. The second annual health fair will be held in June.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – As the year comes to an end, BBBS is doing year-end activities with the Littles appreciating their Bigs. Certificates and thank-yous will be given out.

Oskaloosa Library – We are gearing up for Summer Reading. We will have a celebration in June and another in July. More information to come.

New to You – The thrift store located at the corner of Highway 92 and 59 is doing great. Needed items include: household items, towels, blankets, bedding, and children's clothes.

Jefferson County Early Childhood Council – Week of the Young Child is coming up on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL**

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities



JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.  
Meeting Minutes – 5/7/2009

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Spirit Awards Luncheon**

**LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**[www.jeffcoalliance.org](http://www.jeffcoalliance.org)**

Present: Karen Wheelles, Oskaloosa Library; Melody Keirns, F.W.Huston Medical Center; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Eileen Filbert, JCHD; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning; Deanne Armstrong, JCCTCC; Jean Anne Kettler, BBBS; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Debbie Seifert, Sherriff's Office, Gretchen Auten, WTCS, Cindy Williams, Extension, Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center, Marci Rosencutter, ABC, Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood, Angela Drake, Cottonwood CDDO, Peggy Craig, Oskaloosa Public Schools.

The meeting was called to order by LeA'nn Glover. Introductions were made by those in attendance. LeA'nn Glover asked for approval of the agenda with the addition of officer voting for officers. Sharon Branson moved and Eileen Filbert seconded the motion to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Eileen Filbert moved and Debbie Seifert seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the Treasurer's Report for April. The current balance is \$1431.61. Janet Fouche-Schack moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Debbie Seifert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Six patients were seen in April with 47 medical screenings provided. Fifteen referrals were made. Follow-up services have also been completed with individuals attending the clinics. Free insulin was provided to two patients through a drug company program.
- B) Healthy Kids/Health Communities Grant – Sixteen letters of support were submitted from the health departments, extension, economic development officers, county commissioners, superintendents, and principals throughout the region. The full proposal was submitted on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Marci Rosencutter, Tobacco Compliance – The state rate of tobacco sales compliance is 88%. A passing rate is 80%, and Jefferson County fell short at 79%. Out of 29 licensees, five sold to those underage. All five of those checked the person's identification. Penalties for selling tobacco to persons underage include a graduated fine and a criminal charge against the clerk.
- B) 2009-2010 Officers – Debbie Seifert moved for universal acclimation of the new slate of officers. Motion carried. New officers are as follows: Sharon Branson, President; Melody Keirns, Vice-President; Ben Layton, Treasurer; Kelli Flanner, Secretary.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Prevention – The committee will continue to plan a poverty simulation to be provided for the Jeff West school district on August 17<sup>th</sup>. They will have enough participants to do one full simulation. 15-20 volunteers will be needed on that day to help with the simulation.

Marketing – SPIRIT Awards luncheon will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Two nominees were received for each category. Winners are as follows: Tiffany Taylor (student), Phyllis Hood (volunteer), and Holiday Helpers (group). Mayors will be invited. A sign-up sheet for food assignments was distributed. Please bring a serving container and serving utensil for your food item.

Planning and Collaboration – Did not meet.

## **AGENCY UPDATES:**

The Guidance Center – There is currently \$631.07 remaining in the FCSC flex fund account for this year. This money is earmarked for use for severely emotionally disturbed children and their families. To apply, go online to the Alliance website or call LeA'nn Glover at (913) 682-5118. The Jefferson County Sherriff's Department (Debbie Seifert) will be collaborating with The Guidance Center and presenting "Drug Endangered Children" on May 18<sup>th</sup> for the Leavenworth County Human Service Council.

Cottonwood CDDO – We are alerting everyone to call or email their legislators to tell them to vote against the budget cuts. The House and Senate are proposing a \$20 million cut to DD services.

Cottonwood Inc. – Cottonwood, Inc. just had their annual Classies and honored several staff, consumers, and community partners. We also had our Jefferson County Community Connection at the bowling alley and fun was had by all who attended.

Jefferson County Sherriff – DARE classes are finished, three graduations left, were represented at Patriots Day parade in McLouth April 18<sup>th</sup> Young Child Fair April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Meriden idle School car show May 9<sup>th</sup>. Debbie has been asked to serve on the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children state advisory board and the Kansas Family Partnership RADAR advisory board. State DEC conference will be August 20<sup>th</sup> in Olathe. National DEC conference will be in Seattle.

KEYSTONE Learning Services – 50 students from Jefferson county participated in Job Olympics at Johnson County Community College on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They brought home 22 gold medals, 11 silver medals, 14 bronze medals, and numerous ribbons. Jeff West earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy and Atchison County Community schools earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the small schools category.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties: Another successful Resource Expo was held at Free State High School in Lawrence on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Oskaloosa Public Library – Gearing up for summer reading, "Be Creative at Your Library." There will be several changes made so it will seem like a new event. Last year over 100 students preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade were involved. Reading opportunities project is increasing their board size with the addition of two bringing the board number to seven. Continue to offer free books to any child who is a resident of Jefferson County born after 2006.

New To You – The thrift store in Oskaloosa will be having a buck-a-bag sale starting May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from nine to noon.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – The health fair will be held at the medical center from 8 a.m. to noon on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The hospital will receive a new CT scan in May, and will be offering sonogram services. The clinic is offering reclast injections.

Independence, Inc. – We currently have two positions open: executive director and office manager. We are hoping to fill both of these soon. We just had our Community Access Awards ceremony and that went very well.

Women's Transitional Care Services – WTCS participated in the Week of the Young Child fair, which went very well. Our name change has not happened yet, but we will keep Alliance updated. Gretchen will be moving on to a new position during the summer. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Extension – We put together a speaker bureau, a list of free educational programs for any person or group interested. 150 radon kits were distributed to Kaw Township/Grantville residents. 50 homeowners attended a recent radon mitigation workshop. Walk Kansas had 99 teams and the program recently came to an end. We will be doing waist and wallet-wise programs for Holton parks and recreation. Extension is working with Blue Cross Blue Shield to conduct diabetes management programs in October in Hoyt.

The Guidance Center, Oskaloosa – We are gearing up for our summer programs for early childhood and children in Jefferson county. We hope to exceed our numbers of children in services this summer when compared to 2008, which was a huge increase over 2007.

NEK Tobacco Use Prevention – Valley Falls held a health fair and used a portion of mini-grant funds to provide activities. There will be a school contest for World No Tobacco Day. June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a 5k/1 mile Family Fun Day at Holton Family Health Center. Flyers forthcoming. This is a free event with health booths, kids' activities, and prizes. TASK grants of \$1200 available—apply by May 22. McLouth YADA students completed their CoTo presentations last week and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and want to do it again.

Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice – The Jefferson County Health Department has been busy monitoring the H1N1 influenza situation throughout the country, state and county. Until CDC feels all aspects of this disease have been identified and a threshold of disease has been met, we will continue to assist local primary care providers in completing disease testing, and disease investigation as indicated. We have also been working with KDHE and local entities to assure safe delivery and storage of the SNS, should this disease warrant use of this national resource.

Staff is also providing Tdap clinics throughout various schools this month, to assist parents in assuring their children meet the new requirement for school attendance next fall. Significant immunization requirements will impact students next fall for Tetanus/Pertussis, Varicella (chicken pox), Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis A.

We continue to work with Robert Woods Johnson officials and the National Association of County and City Health Officials to address barriers to prenatal care in Northeast Kansas.

Keystone received word of funding for the collaborative grant submitted in November to the Kansas Optometric Association. These funds will be used to provide financial assistance to those students with need for visual training without other funding for such.

Our environmental program is showing an increase in building within the county, which is a positive economic factor!

The agency continues to be recognized for its excellent Hospice and Home Health services. And, for its quality contraceptive services and women's health services.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials will be at our office June 4<sup>th</sup> to recognize our Medical Reserve Corps program, a first for the state!

Several letters of support for the RWJ Childhood Obesity grant application have been received over the month from partnering county officials, schools, and dentists.

The Lakeside Village Clinic had another successful clinic day seeing more clients than ever. A site visit will be made by Sister of Charity in June or July, which will be a wonderful opportunity for them to see what we are able to do for those adults without medical care access.

We had another successful Team Challenge this year, with over 300 participants. McLouth YADA students completed their tobacco prevention presentation to 6<sup>th</sup> grade last week and really enjoyed that experience and are looking forward to doing it again.

TASK grant applications are available for youth wanting to take the lead in preventing tobacco use. It could be a wonderful grant writing and completion experience for any students interested in doing such a project—it would look great on college and job applications!

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL**

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