

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.
Meeting Minutes – 9/3/2009

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 1st at 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Present: Melody Keirns, F.W.Huston Medical Center; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Eileen Filbert, JCHD; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning; Deanne Armstrong, JCCTCC; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center; Robert Paterson, Eagle Wing Ranch Inc.; Sandra Paterson, Eagle Wing Ranch; Julie Zule, U.S. Bank; Vickie Feuerborn, McLouth USD 342; Catherine Wilcox, WTCS; Lynn Luck, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Marcie Eckhart-Charay, Family Health Partners; Lisa Polaski, NEK-CAP; Linda Aldridge, Keystone Learning.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson who reported briefly on the history of the Alliance from beginning in the fall of 1995 as a result of local individuals who visited a similar organization in Fulton County Kentucky. Pat Happer, currently elementary principal at Jeff West Elementary School, was one of the founders. Sharon passed out a handout of organizational development and examples of collaboration and advocacy accomplishments. She emphasized that members encourage use of the website created and maintained by Ben Layton at <http://www.jeffcoalliance.org>. She reviewed the website information where you can find the Alliance mission, membership (26 agencies last year), agendas and minutes, grants, awards, annual report, Jefferson County Resource Directory and upcoming events.

Those in attendance introduced themselves. Sharon introduced the officers including Melody Keirns as vice president, Ben Layton as treasurer and Kelli Flanner who was unable to attend as secretary.

Two new business items were added to the agenda: Elaine Scott from Parents as Teachers request for financial assistance for a KIM (Kidz in Motion) conference in Texas and April Maddox requesting a partnership in support of a JAAA grant to create an elder abuse coalition in Jefferson County. Agenda was approved as amended. Minutes from the May meeting were approved. There were no June minutes but the main event was Volunteer Appreciation with Tiffany Taylor, student; Phyllis Hood, individual; and Holiday Helpers, group recipients. Karen Wheelles provided pictures for Ben to add to the website.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for September 3, 2009. There is a balance of \$1,438.90 in general funds and \$631.07 in care grant flexible funds. The group voted to approve the report. Ben then passed out membership forms, as these are currently due at \$25 per agency. LeA'nn explained what the flex funds are and how they can be used.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Nine clients visited, 5 new and 4 returning (largest turnout yet!), 53 screenings performed, 36 referrals made. To date 100% of patients have reported satisfaction with care received and indicated they would return to the clinic. Eileen Filbert and Lance Lewis commented on the success of the clinic. Eileen gave an overview and explained the grant funding. Representatives of the Sisters of Charity visited at the end of June and were impressed with the success. December will be the last clinic for this grant and it is not known if there will be money to fund a continuation though a need has been exhibited.
- B) Poverty Simulation – Peggy Craig sent a report and Deanne Armstrong provided information on the Poverty Simulation held for Jeff West Elementary teachers during their

back-to-school orientation. NEK-CAP provided the materials and Alliance members along with family and local church pastors served as volunteers to facilitate the activity. It was well received and will be presented again to Oskaloosa teachers in February. Alliance members will be asked to serve as volunteers. We need the date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Julie Zule, U.S. Bank – Julie Zule explained some of the banking services they are able to provide such as financial training, *i.e.* opening accounts, balancing check books, taking out loans, etc. She is also available to come out to make group presentations and provided everyone with a packet of information.
- B) NEK-CAP – Linda Polasky of NEK-CAP spoke as the case manager for a pilot program through ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) that helps under-employed and unemployed Jefferson and Jackson county residents train to get better employment. Participants receive weekly stipends while training. There is help with job search, job coaching and 50% of the salary is paid to participating employers for the first 12 weeks of employment.
- C) Sharon Worley, JCN elementary and middle school counselor -- sent a request for assistance grant funds to purchase materials for their Character Education and Red Ribbon week programs. She used funds to support their Red Ribbon Week activities last year. The group voted to approve the request provided JCN joins the Alliance this year. Sharon Branson will contact Sharon with the requirements that they join and provide a report of the activities funded last year.
- D) Elaine Scott of PAT (Parents as Teachers) and Love and Logic Trainer sent a request to help cover expenses to a KIM (Kidz in Motion) Child Passenger Safety Conference in Texas she attended last month. This item was not brought up before the council.
- E) April Maddox of the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging sent a request for the Alliance to join a partnership in support of their grant to create an Elder Justice Coalition in Jefferson County. The grant deadline has passed. April will be asked to come present on the grant at a future Alliance meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prevention, Marketing, and Planning and Collaboration committees did not meet this month. Consensus was that they did not need to meet next month and that we will recruit additional committee membership after the Alliance membership is established.

AGENCY UPDATES:

The Guidance Center – LeA'nn Glover administers the flexible funds money in Jefferson, Leavenworth, and Atchison counties. These funds are available for use by any person in these counties who have a severely emotionally disturbed child living in their home (*i.e.* ADHD, bipolar, depression, etc.) These funds can be used to help families who have tried to access or used community resources, or if there are no resources that address their needs. You may view the application on our Alliance website or call me at (913) 682-5118 for further information.

Cottonwood CDDO – The CDDDO is currently getting ready to send out applications for the fall Family Grant for individuals with MR/DD who are currently on waiting lists but not yet receiving services in Douglas/Jefferson counties.

Cottonwood Inc. – Currently getting ready for re-accreditation through CARF.

NEK CAP – ARRA program to help unemployed and underemployed individuals get some education to get a career started rather than just working at a job. We pay these individuals \$150 per week during which time they are going to school. We pay for their schooling. As well as can pay for some minor car repair. Once employed we will pay the employer 50% of their wages for the first 90 days. Each individual will be required to have a high school diploma or GED, as well as complete two weeks of life skills classes.

KEYSTONE Learning Services – School is well underway. Down about five teachers so some caseloads are higher. Para hours have been cut back as well as many other cost-saving measures. Vocational department—we currently have 31 students on work/study jobs in their school districts or community.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – Making plans for annual disability mentoring day at Lawrence businesses on October 21. We hope to have 10-12 juniors and seniors from Perry-Lecompton High School participating.

KEYSTONE – Both new initiatives launched last year (Learning & Leading and Operations & Facilities) survived the economic situation and are expanding. We are excited about Target—a program provided through the Guidance Center and housed in Winchester (JCN school district) that serves high school aged students. The vision grant was written, approved, by the Kansas Optometrists Association and provides new revenue of \$17,000 to help children with perceptual difficulties.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Bigs in high school meet with Littles at 7:30 in the morning once a week at Jeff West & Valley Falls. Now recruiting – meetings will begin in October.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – Our annual fundraiser, Pitchfork Fondue will be held on September 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. In August we received our CT scan which is available 24/7 on a full time basis. We will have a specialized clinic coming in October.

Independence, Inc. – We have hired a new executive director. We have added two new part-time mental health counselors. We have recently had a reduction in staff, but this shouldn't affect any of the services that we offer to consumers.

Women's Transitional Care Services – Catherine Wilcox is the newly hired Jefferson County outreach advocate.

McLouth USD 342 – School got off to a smooth start. Grandparent's Day will be celebrated in the elementary school on September 11. The elementary student council is collecting pop tabs again this year for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Guidance Center, Oskaloosa – We continue to expand both our client base and employee base. We are in full swing with child services in homes and communities.

Eagle Wing Ranch – We are a non-profit faith based ministry. A place to bring healing, a safe place, a refuge. We use animals and horses to help bring healing to the broken. We are a coat of many colors, we are a care ministry for all the faith-based churches. We teach life skills and much more.

DCCCA – Family Day is September 28th. 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 Health Department, Home Health and Hospice – The Jefferson County Health Department has been working with federal and state officials through the summer to identify and investigate cases of H1N1 influenza. To date only one confirmed case has been identified in Jeff.

Co. We know there are over 10,000 cases in the state of Kansas and it is expected the disease will strike community in waves. The first wave of disease in the US was from April through mid-May, numbers of ill dropped until the first of July when the next wave hit through the end of July, and the third wave began the end of August. We should expect these continued waves of disease for the next two years, unless vaccine can be provided to all susceptible people.

Persons with influenza like illness—defined as a temperature over 100 degrees and a sore throat and/or cough—should remain at home away from work, child care, school and community events and locations until they have been fever free for over 24 hours without the aid of fever reducers.

H1N1 vaccine will be in clinical trial until the end of October. Thus it will most likely be the first of Nov. before FDA can review and determine if release of the vaccine is appropriate. Our agency will begin drawing down its federal allocation of the vaccine when/if it is available. Vaccination will begin with the risk groups identified by CDC, and once those risk categories have had opportunity to obtain the free vaccination, the general population (those healthy individuals over the age of 25) will be vaccinated. This is a vaccination process that could be on-going through March 2010 or longer. Depending on demand for vaccination.

Once vaccine is available a schedule of clinics will be set and published in both county papers, and will be placed on the Jefferson County website for public reference. Obviously, anyone willing to help during the vaccination clinics held at schools or within the county's communities can volunteer by calling Crystal VanHoutan at 785-863-2447 any Tuesday or Friday. The county website will be used as the "local bulletin board" for this disease update.

There are five US companies involved in the production of the vaccine which US tax dollars are funding, no other country in the world is providing such opportunity to their citizens.

The only testing for H1N1 that can be done in the US is by CDC or each of the 48 contiguous United States state health department labs. As of a month ago, testing in the US is only being done on specimens from individuals hospitalized for respiratory illness/distress and two specimens a week from 25 of the safety net clinics designated by the KDHE in Kansas.

This testing is to determine the continued presence of H1N1 and to monitor the threat of disease mutation, it is not done to impact treatment, as physicians have been advised to only treat those patients for H1N1 or other influenza like illness with severe disease. H1N1 is normally a mild disease in healthy individuals, so that Tamaflu or Relenza are not recommended, rather fever reducers, rest, and fluids will be sufficient to treat the healthy population.

As fall and allergy/asthma season are upon us in Kansas, the risk of serious illness from H1N1 combined with respiratory distress brought on by allergies is worthy of concern and close monitoring. Thus schools are expected to track Influenza Like Illness and report numbers of cases each week to local health depts. across Kansas. Parents need to monitor their children's health closely, especially the very young who are unable to express illness and teens who are frequently too caught up in activities and school work deadlines to feel they can "afford" to be ill.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report
Elaine Scott's request for funding
April Maddox Elder Abuse Grant
Janet Tust of Count Your Kid In

Minutes composed by Sharon Branson, Melody Keirns and Kelli Flanner

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Meeting Minutes – 10/1/2009

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m.
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Present: Susan Adams, NEK-CAP; Vickie Feuerborn, USD 342; Janet Tust, Keystone Learning Services; Peggy Craig, USD 341; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center; Connie Eckert, SRS; Eileen Filbert, Jefferson County Health Department; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood, Inc.; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning Services; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

One new business item was added to the agenda, a request for funding. Vickie Feuerborn moved to approve the addition and Ben Layton seconded, motion carried.

September's minutes were submitted for approval. Ben Layton moved to approve, Vickie Feuerborn seconded, and the motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for October 1, 2009. There is a balance of \$1,688.90 in general funds and \$1,000 in care grant flexible funds. Dues paid by member agencies to date total \$250. \$631.07 in flex funds were distributed for utilities. Eileen Filbert moved to approve the report and Vickie Feuerborn seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – Four clients visited, two new and two returning. 26 screenings were performed and ten referrals made. Medical staff anticipates an increase in patients as cold and flu season arrive. It is unknown if funding will continue for 2010. A volunteer is needed to coordinate the clinic on October 28th. Susan Adams volunteered to serve as intake coordinator for that day.
- B) Jefferson County North Elementary Assistance Grant Update – Sharon Worley, school counselor, requested funds for Red Ribbon materials contingent on submission of an activities report and JCN joining the Alliance. Both requests were met, therefore Alliance will fund this request.
- C) Request for Funding (Kids in Motion) – Elaine Scott attended a conference in Texas on Child Passenger Safety and is seeking financial assistance to reimburse her travel costs. After much discussion, the group decided to table this issue until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Janet Tust, Count Your Kid In – Count Your Kid in is an early childhood screening and referral program offered at no cost to families through Keystones. Children ages birth through five whose parents who have a concern about their development may receive vision, hearing, cognitive skills, social/emotional skills, motor skills, and speech and language screenings. 200 children are served annually by this program. A child may go to any screening location, not only the screening in their home town. They must have an appointment. Forms may be filled out online (www.keystonelearning.org) in advance or mailed to the family prior to the appointment.

Dates and Locations for screenings:

October 30, 2009	Ozawkie
November 20, 2009	Perry
December 18, 2009	Oskaloosa
January 29, 2010	McLouth
February 26, 2010	Lecompton
March 26, 2010	Valley Falls
April 30, 2010	Meriden
May 21, 2010	Effingham

B) Distribution List – The email distribution list was revised by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prevention, Marketing, and Planning and Collaboration committees did not meet this month. A date has been set for the upcoming poverty simulation at Oskaloosa, February 15th. Alliance will again be supplying volunteers for the simulation.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Cottonwood CDDO – We are still accepting applications for the Fall Family Grant through October 9th, 2009. Applications can be requested or picked up at Cottonwood (785) 842-0550.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – October 15th is College Night from 6:30 to 8:30. Pre-fair panel discussion on disability supports at college from 5:45-6:30 at Lawrence High School. October 21 is disability mentoring day. 11 Perry-Lecompton students are participating by spending a day at a Lawrence business.

Independence, Inc. – Food Assistance Outreach grant has ended. However, we will still assist individuals with disabilities in applying.

Cottonwood, Inc. – We had our two big fundraisers this last summer, the Salute Wine Festival and Classic Golf Tournament, both of which were very successful. Cottonwood continues to accept referrals for case management, day, and residential services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Our CARF survey was a success and Cottonwood will receive another three year accreditation.

McLouth USD 342 – Elementary student council visited the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka. We took 73 pounds of pop tables. This is homecoming week. The district is finishing up on MAP testing. Parent-teacher conferences are in mid-October.

SRS – There has been an increase in applications for cash and food assistance.

DCCCA – 2009 Communities That Care survey data has been analyzed for Jefferson County and will be attached to minutes. State and county 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 risk and protective factors for youth substance use and problem behaviors. Jefferson's participation in the survey continues to fall well below desired rates, at 40% compared to a desired rate of 80%. In 2009 Valley Falls, Jeff West, and McLouth did not take the survey. Results from the CTC survey provide an invaluable source of program planning and evaluation data for agencies serving and seeking funding to serve youth and families in the county. The deadline for registration for the 2010 CTC survey is November 1, 2009. We hope that every district in Jefferson County will participate, providing our community with this program planning and community outcomes tool that is so essential to prevention and early intervention services.

USD 341 – Enrollment numbers are up this year. Football team has a winning record of 4-0, there is a great musical coming up, and volleyball teams are doing great. Many good activities are available for students. College and career fair at Oskaloosa will be October 14th. Juniors and seniors from all area high schools are invited to attend. Recently two students were recognized by National Merit—Brian Henry is a semifinalist and Olivia Brien is a commended student. We have added a half time elementary counselor this year. Had a strong bullying prevention workshop y SuEllen Friend, Bullysafe USA for all staff and plan to follow up with students.

Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice – The primary topic in the public health realm remains H1N1. To date not further cases have been confirmed in Jefferson County, even though there were four deaths in northeast Kansas. These deaths were of a 16 year old, two thirty year olds, and one 39 year old. While each had other underlying health conditions, the hospitalization admissions were listed as due to influenza like illness.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has expressed interest in having the FW Huston Medical Center serve as an area ILI Net site. Which would mean that, should the Center decide to be a site, they could submit two test specimens each week during this disease outbreak to KDHE for H1N1 testing on individuals seen in their clinic with influenza like illness.

During the remainder of this school year, all public schools in Kansas have been asked by KDHE and KDE to submit illness absenteeism rates to their local health department each week. It will then be the duty of each health department to provide KDHE with a tally of those schools reporting illness absenteeism rates over 10%. These reports, along with the influenza testing completed by KDHE through hospital samples and ILI Net site specimen submissions weekly, will assist in identifying increases and declines in illness within each county, as well as in the state.

The department is also assisting the Commission with the development of an illness policy that will require employees with temperatures over 100 degrees to be away from work until they are fever free for over 24 hours without the aid of fever reducers, as well as allow employees to be away from work to care for immediate family members with influenza symptoms without being required to present written release from their medical provider after being away from work for more than three days. It may require employees who have been hospitalized for influenza to have written release, to assure their medical provider does not feel return to work jeopardizes the employee's health.

The agency has drafted a H1N1 clinic schedule to allow vaccination of the identified risk categories prior to vaccinating the rest of our general population. Those risk categories include:

Pregnant women

Health Care Workers

Individuals living with or caring for infants under the age of 6 months

Children 6 months of age to 24 years of age

Individuals with chronic health conditions between the ages of 25-65 years

Once vaccine is available the H1N1 clinic schedule will be published in both local newspapers. Clinics will be held in each school district of the county, with clinic hours being extended into the evenings to allow those 6 mos.-24 years not attending a public school in the county to have opportunity for vaccination. All other Health Department clinics will be held at the Health Department.

So far the FW Huston Medical Center, the McLouth Medical Clinic, the Valley Falls Medical Clinic, the Nortonville Medical Clinic, the Oskaloosa Medical Clinic, and the Winchester Medical Clinic are the private providers within the county pre-registered to be able to administer H1N1 vaccine, as well. No other Long Term Care Facility, pharmacy, or medical clinic in the county has pre-registered to receive H1N1 vaccine for staff or clients. Pre-registration will be accepted by KDHE through October 4, 2009, and that process is completed on-line.

CDC anticipates that the H1N1 virus will circulate through our population and the world for the next two years, thus those not being vaccinated can remain at risk through that period of time. The H1N1 vaccine has been produced under the same safe and stringent guidelines as all vaccines produced within the nation, and the 5 manufacturing companies have committed to producing and releasing 20 million doses per week, beginning this next week. Kansas expects to get about 17,000 per week, and distribute the vaccine based on population, thus it may be the first of November before there is sufficient state supply for our county to receive doses. It will be our department's goal to have all clinics held within a month of vaccine receipt, which hopefully will allow first doses to be available to all those in the risk categories before Thanksgiving travel, and second doses for those under 10 years of age by the second week of December, allowing anyone within the general population to have received the vaccine prior to Christmas travel.

All plans depend on vaccine availability. The health department will not be charging for the administration of the vaccine or the vaccine. Private providers cannot charge for the vaccine, but may charge office and/or administration fees.

Remember the Friends of Hospice of Jefferson County's fund raising event, Taste of Elegance, will be held October 24, 2009 at Perry-Lecompton High School. Tickets always go fast and on Monday the report was that there were a few yet available, \$25 each. With the larger area available for the event, and fewer people at each dining table, there will be room for movement to each of the activities through the evening—The Country Store, the Silent Auction, the Live Auction, the Memorial presentation, and the entertainment.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.
Meeting Minutes – 11/5/2009

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

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**OFFICERS: Sharon Branson, President; Melody Keirns, Vice-President; Ben Layton,
Treasurer; Kelli Flanner, Secretary**

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Present: Vickie Feuerborn, USD 342; Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center; Connie Eckert, SRS; Eileen Filbert, Jefferson County Health Department; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood, Inc.; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning Services; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Catherine Wilcox, WTCS; Wendy Simmons, Tobacco Use Prevention Program; Karen Wheelles, New to You and Reading Opportunities Project; Sarah Davis-Groves, NEK Tiny K; Sharon Worley, USD 339.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Old business items added to the agenda included: update on funding request for Kids in Motion, update on elder abuse grant, poverty simulation, and Communities that Care survey. Eileen Filbert moved to approve the addition and Karen Wheelles seconded, motion carried.

October's minutes were submitted for approval with corrections. Sharon Branson requested officers be added to the minutes heading, and Eileen Filbert requested addition of the website. Vickie Feuerborn moved to approve, Janet Fouche-Shack seconded, and the motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for November 5, 2009. There is a balance of \$1,563.90 in general funds and \$2,000 in care grant flexible funds. Dues paid by member agencies to in the past month were \$75.00. \$200 was dispersed from the general fund for a Red Ribbon grant. Karen Wheelles moved to approve the report and Connie Eckert seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – No clinic was held in October due to illness of medical staff. The next clinic will take place on November 25th. Newspaper ads will run promoting the clinic in both Jefferson County newspapers on November 12th and November 19th. St. Francis Health Center Mission Fund will not fund a clinic in 2010. We are pursuing funding from a private donor at this time in hopes of continuing this great service.
- B) Request for Funding (Kids in Motion) – Elaine Scott received another grant that covered her requested expenses. She is still available to do car seat checks through SafeKids.
- C) Poverty Simulation – Oskaloosa will hold a poverty simulation on February 15th. Peggy Craig is coordinating the simulation with NEK-CAP. 15-20 volunteers are needed from the Alliance. Please contact Peggy at pcraig@usd341.org if you are able to volunteer.
- D) Communities that Care survey – Jefferson County has had low participation in the CTC survey in the past few years. This year every district in Jefferson County has registered to take the survey. Strong participation at every grade level (6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th) is vital to reaching the goal of 80% of eligible students participating. The data collected by the CTC survey provides an invaluable picture of risk and protective factors for youth substance abuse and delinquent behavior, as well as the levels of current issues of concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Assistance Grant – Oskaloosa High School requested \$200 for supplies for their community clean-up project. This project provides a community service as well as an opportunity for youth to engage with adults who do not have a connection to the schools. Karen Wheelles moved for approval of the grant request, and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded. Motion carried.
- B) Red Ribbon Grant – Sharon Worley provided an update on the Red Ribbon grant. Last year funds were used to purchase videos. This year a character education curriculum will be purchased with grant funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prevention, Marketing, and Planning and Collaboration committees did not meet this month. A date has been set for the upcoming poverty simulation at Oskaloosa, February 15th. Alliance will again be supplying volunteers for the simulation. Marketing committee members would like Alliance to brainstorm ideas for new member recruitment. Suggestions included Law Enforcement and economic development professionals. The volunteer recognition awards will be upcoming in June.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Cottonwood CDDO – Family grants will be disbursed this month. Due to funding cuts the amounts we are able to offer have diminished greatly. We encourage families to contact their legislators (www.cddo.cwood.org/legislators.htm). Next grant (if available) would be in April 2010.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – The college fair session on disability supports was well attended. Disability Mentoring Day-11 PLHS students were able to attend the breakfast and keynote speaker and spend the day with a community business person. All thought he/she had the best experience as they discussed their day on the way back to school.

Independence, Inc. – We are in the process of hiring a new AT specialist for our AT department. Also, we have closed our loan bank and are no longer accepting request for durable medical equipment or donations of equipment on a walk-in basis. However, we are still a Kansas Equipment Exchange (KEE) distribution site and can still give out equipment on an appointment-only basis.

McLouth USD 342 – Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week by doing many different activities. One activity the students did was they decorated the grocery store sacks with some sort of anti-drug message. Hopefully families will take this home and discuss the message with their family. YADA students passed out ribbons and information to the middle school and high school students. They also plan to do a presentation about being tobacco free to the 5th graders in spring.

SRS – There have been layoffs, a hiring freeze, and increases in cash and food assistance applications.

DCCCA – We look forward to seeing an increase in Jefferson County's participation in the Communities that Care survey. Strong participation at every grade level will ensure this increase. So far every district in Jefferson County has registered for the 2010 survey—way to go! State and county 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 risk and protective factors for youth substance use and other problem behaviors. Results from the CTC survey provide an invaluable source of program planning and evaluation data for agencies serving and seeking funding to serve youth and families in the county. Results of the survey provide our communities

with a program planning and community outcomes tool that is essential to prevention and early intervention services.

USD 339 – Grant funds were used to buy videos for the Red Ribbon grant in 2008. This year the grant money was used to buy character education materials which will be incorporated in this school year's curriculum.

Women's Transitional Care Services – Finished domestic violence awareness month in October. Beginning to take requests for Thanksgiving dinners for families who have experienced domestic violence. Families can call (785) 843-3333.

Reading Opportunities – 122 children in Jefferson county have been enrolled. This free monthly book is for children born after September 1, 2006 until age 5 or entering kindergarten. Interested people can email imaginationlibrary.com.

New to You – The thrift store in Oskaloosa is doing a good business but because of demand can always use clean, gently used clothing and household items. This store is manned by volunteers only.

Tiny K – Northeast Kansas Infant Toddler Services early intervention services are available for families with children ages birth through 3 with a disability or for at-risk. For more information about accessing the program please contact (785) 887-6004 ext. 3 or toll-free 1-866-987-6004.

The Guidance Center – We continue to expand our services for children and adults, and due to this will be looking to hire new staff positions in the coming months. We also will be adding on to our parking lot.

NEK-TUPP – Great American Smoke Out on November 19th. The theme is "Celebrate More Birthdays." Every year 400 Kansans lose their lives to a tobacco-related illness. Any school group willing to participate in a local event, please contact Wendy Simmons at nekhealth@yahoo.com.

Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice – The Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice appreciated the tremendous work of the Friends of Hospice of Jefferson County in that volunteer organization's fund raising event held October 24, 2009 at the Perry Lecompton High School. Over 500 individuals attended the event, and over 250 items were sold during the live and silent auction, along with a large number items sold in the event's Country Store. The school district provided tremendous support for the event through the allowed use of the facilities, the sound system, and the kitchen facilities. Numerous volunteer organizations and individuals throughout the county donated food for the event and their talent in preparing and serving the elegant foods, along with the generous donation of sale items. While the amount of proceeds from the event has not been announced, all proceeds go towards meeting the medical care needs of individuals served by the Hospice of Jefferson County. This year's Taste of Elegance was exactly that, once again. This was the tenth year the Friends of Hospice has hosted this benefit!

H1N1 disease surveillance and vaccination clinics continue to top the activity of the public health staff. While vaccine supply remains in limited supply, the agency has been able to make all doses arriving in the county available to the priority groups identified thus far in this federally funded national emergency response campaign. The number of deaths from this novel virus rose three fold during October and more than doubled in the state of Kansas. As influenza season approaches and vaccine supply arrives at a slower than expected pace, concern for the next wave of illness grows. This novel virus is expected to circulate through the population until individuals have immunity, be it through disease or immunity due to vaccination. Children and pregnant women continue to be at highest risk of serious disease and life threatening complications from the disease.

The department is updating information about vaccination availability weekly on the county webpage—www.jfcountyks.com, the KDHE Clinic Locator webpage, the CDC Clinic Locator webpage, 211 and through press releases to local newspapers each Monday morning. Many county schools are also keeping this information on their websites for patron reference.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

*Please contact Sharon Branson or Kelli Flanner if you have an idea for a presenter or you would like to give a presentation on behalf of your own agency.

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS, INC.
Meeting Minutes – 12/3/2009

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 7th at 1:00 p.m.
MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETS AT NOON
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Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Connie Eckert, SRS; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning Services; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Catherine Wilcox, WTCS; Karen Wheelles, New to You and Reading Opportunities Project; Sarah Davis-Groves, NEK Tiny K; Melody Keirns, FW Huston Medical Center; Peggy Craig, USD 341; Cindy Williams, K State Research & Extension; LeA'nn Glover, The Guidance Center; Chrissy Heikkila, GaDuGi; Kim Herring, Envision Senior Support Services; Tammi Willhoite, Envision Senior Support Services.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

A request for funds was added to new business. Peggy Craig moved for approval of the agenda, LeA'nn Glover seconded, and the motion carried.

November's minutes were submitted for approval. Karen Wheelles moved for approval of the minutes, Ben Layton seconded, and the motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for December 3, 2009. There is a balance of \$1,413.90 in general funds and \$1,335 in care grant flexible funds. Dues paid by member agencies to in the past month were \$50. \$200 was dispersed from the general fund for a community clean-up grant. \$665 was dispersed from care grant flexible funds. LeA'nn Glover moved to approve the report and Karen Wheelles seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – The clinic held on November 25th drew two returning patients and three new. Flu prevention kits were distributed to all visitors, containing digital thermometers, disinfecting spray, antibacterial hand soap, gel, and wipes, tissue, and chicken noodle soup. The kits were extremely well received and appreciated.
- B) Poverty Simulation – Oskaloosa will hold a poverty simulation on February 15th. Peggy Craig is coordinating the simulation with NEK-CAP. 20 volunteers are needed from the Alliance. Please contact Peggy at pcraig@usd341.org or 863-2281 if you are able to volunteer. The simulation will be held in the morning, a tentative start time is 9 a.m. A sign-up sheet was distributed at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Envision Senior Support Services – Envision is a new resource in Jefferson County, affiliated with FW Houston Medical Center. It is an outpatient mental health program for seniors 55 and over. One out of five older adults will experience mental health problems at some point in their later years. Envision offers psychotherapy, mainly through group therapy but also on an individual basis as necessary. No more than eight clients are enrolled at once, to keep the groups small. Envision also offers assistance in medication management. Eligibility requirements include: those age 55 and over with a mental

health issue, must be medically stable and cognitively able to participate, must have an Axis I psychiatric disorder. This program serves Jefferson County and parts of Atchison and Leavenworth Counties. Transportation is free to and from therapy appointments, and a complimentary lunch is provided. Fees are paid through Medicare/Medicaid and any private insurance the client may have. There is a doctor on staff who sees patients two to four times a month. For more information about this service or for referrals, please call (913) 774-4340.

- B) Funds Request – Reading Opportunities Project submitted a request for funds to support their Imagination Library. This program provides one new book through the mail each month for any Jefferson County child born after September 1, 2006, from birth through their fifth birthday. Peggy Craig moved that the Alliance fund this project in the amount of \$200 and Melody Keirns seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prevention, Marketing, and Planning and Collaboration committees did not meet this month. The marketing committee will meet in January at 12 p.m., weather permitting, to begin planning for the volunteer awards luncheon in spring. Marketing also reports that Dana Boyer will be taking Debbie Seifert's place in representing the Sheriff's Office.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Cottonwood CDDO – Funding situation continues to be difficult. We are encouraging everyone to contact their legislators.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – The next activity we are promoting is the annual Resource Expo on April 1st at Free State High in Lawrence.

Independence, Inc. – We are making preparations to complete our 704 report by the end of the month to submit to the state and federal government.

SRS – Continue to see an increase in applications for cash, food, and medical assistance.

DCCCA – The state Red Ribbon committee will be evaluating nominees for the Red Ribbon awards and we hope to see submissions from Jefferson County schools as each district reported great activities during Red Ribbon Week. The Regional Prevention Centers across the state have experienced our second round of budget cuts for this fiscal year. This means we will be unable to update any resources including DVDs and other prevention education curriculums this year.

Women's Transitional Care Services – There will be three financial workshops in Jefferson County. The workshops are free to attend, lunch is provided and they will be held from 11-3 p.m. They are for women only. Upon completion of the workshop the women will receive a \$25 gas card and a \$25 gift card to the local grocery store. Dates and locations are as follows:

December 17 – Winchester Library
December 18 – Oskaloosa Library
December 22 – Valley Falls Library

For more information, email cwilcox@wtcskansas.org. On January 28, there will be a training on protection order applicability and enforcement issues. This will be held in Oskaloosa. More information will follow.

Reading Opportunities – We are still accepting applications. Applications can be done online at imaginationlibrary@hotmail.com. Paper applications can be found at any of our local libraries.

New to You – The local thrift store in Oskaloosa is run by volunteers and we can always use help. We are open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to noon.

Tiny K – We would like to increase referrals in Jefferson County. Northeast Kansas Infant Toddler Services early intervention services are available for families with children ages birth through 3 with a disability or for at-risk. For more information about accessing the program please contact (785) 887-6004 ext. 3 or toll-free 1-866-987-6004. Please call if you think you may have an eligible family.

The Guidance Center – The current flex funds in Jefferson County are \$1335. These funds are available to families in Jefferson County who have an emotionally disturbed child in the home. TO apply contact LeAnn at 913-682-5118 or an application can be downloaded on the Alliance website.

FW Huston Medical Center – A new rheumatologist has joined the medical clinic. Individuals can call admission at 913-774-4340 for an appointment. Envision Senior Support Services are accepting new patients. Call Kim Herring at 913-774-4340 for a confidential screening.

Meadowlark District Extension – The Oskaloosa office is working on financial education pieces to present various places/news columns. We will be presenting Waist & Wallet Wise for Holton in January.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – The program has 53 matches in Valley Falls—53 littles and 74 bigs. Some students are double-matched. This has been a great year for the program so far.

Keystone Learning Services – 31 students from across the county are participating in a work/study either in their school district or community. Students will be registering to attend Job Olympics at Johnson County Community College.

GaDuGi Safe Center – Chrissy Heikkila is the new Jefferson County outreach coordinator. Anyone interested in presentations, support, or information please contact Chrissy.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

*Please contact Sharon Branson or Kelli Flanner if you have an idea for a presenter or you would like to give a presentation on behalf of your own agency.

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 4th at 1:00 p.m.
MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETS AT NOON
LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY
OFFICERS: Sharon Branson, President; Melody Keirns, Vice-President; Ben Layton,
Treasurer; Kelli Flanner, Secretary
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Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc.; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning Services; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Catherine Wilcox, WTCS; Karen Wheelles, New to You and Reading Opportunities Project; Sarah Davis-Groves, NEK Tiny K; Peggy Craig, USD 341; Kris Pederson, NEK Tiny K; Eileen Filbert, Jefferson County Health Department; Deanne Armstrong, Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Reading of a thank-you letter from Oskaloosa schools was added to new business, along with the St. Francis reception and a speaker coming to Jeff West. Peggy Craig moved for approval of the agenda, Janet Fouche-Schack seconded, and the motion carried.

December's minutes were submitted for approval. Eileen Filbert moved for approval of the minutes, Ben Layton seconded, and the motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for December 3, 2009. There is a balance of \$1,238.90 in general funds and \$1,335 in care grant flexible funds. Janet Fouche-Schack moved to approve the report and Eileen Filbert seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – The clinic held in January received five new visitors, who received 26 screenings, 18 referrals, and two H1N1 vaccinations. St. Francis Health Center Mission Fund agreed to let Alliance use the remaining funds from the 2009 grant to continue services into 2010. The Health Department is also providing funding and staff to continue services. Alliance also received a \$1500 from Goody Two Shoes, Inc. to continue the clinic. Between these three funding sources we hope to continue the clinic on a more limited basis until the St. Francis funds can be applied for again. We also continue to pursue other funding opportunities for this great service.
- B) Poverty Simulation – Oskaloosa will hold a poverty simulation on February 15th. Volunteers are no longer needed from Alliance, as the school staff will be able to provide enough volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Tiny K – Tiny K is an early intervention infant/toddler service for children ages birth to 3. Tiny K identifies children with developmental delays and disorders at no cost to families. They serve six counties in northeast Kansas—a total of 195 children last year. Services include attention to speech and language delays, motor delays, and medical diagnoses. This program has demonstrated effective outcomes and is evidence-based. Please see slides and referral guide attached to minutes for more detailed information.

- B) Oskaloosa Thank You – Oskaloosa sent a thank-you note for the community clean-up grant funding provided by Alliance.
- C) St. Francis Reception – St. Francis Health Center will hold a reception for Mission Fund grant recipients on February 16th. The group determined that those most involved with the Lakeside Village Clinic and the Alliance president should attend, including: Sharon Branson, Kelli Flanner, Jerry White (Lakeside Village board president), Renie Stephan, Debbie McNary, and Crystal VanHoutan.
- D) Jeff West Speaker – Jackson County Communities That Care Coalition is bringing in a speaker, Gruen VonBuren, as part of a spit tobacco grant during the first week in March. Jeff West is also slated to have Mr. VonBuren speak to its students during this time. If any other schools are interested, his fee is \$1500 + expenses. Eileen Filbert moved that any Alliance member wishing to bring in this speaker be supported with a grant of \$200 from the Alliance. Karen Wheelles seconded, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing – The Spirit Awards luncheon will take place on June 3rd. After some discussion, Peggy Craig moved that sandwiches be served and Lance Lewis seconded, the motion carried. Sign-up for meal contributions will be in April. Nominees are needed in the student, group, and individual category. Deadline for nominations is May 6th.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – We are gearing up for 10th annual Resource Expo on April 1 from 4-6. Agencies can sign up for a booth and individuals and families can come to get information. Event will be held at Free State High School in NW Lawrence.

Independence, Inc. – We are still dealing with budget cuts. We are no longer offering computer classes or employment services. Got brand new computers for computer lab and are offering a self-study option for those wanting to build computer skills.

DCCCA – Red Ribbon training and SADD training for middle and high school student groups will be held in Topeka this year instead of Salina. The dates are April 27 & 28.

Women's Transitional Care Services – WTCS, GaDuGi, & DOVEs, in collaboration with the Kansas Coalition of Sexual & Domestic Violence, put on a protection order training for Law Enforcement on January 28th. There was representation from almost every law enforcement department in the area as well as the assistant county attorney and court clerk. WTCS is in the process of developing a support group for survivors of domestic violence in Jefferson County. If Alliance members have clients who may be interested in a support group, please have them call Catherine at 785-840-8084. All conversations will be confidential.

Reading Opportunities – We are still accepting applications for individuals born after September 2006. Applications can be done online at imaginationlibrary@hotmail.com. Paper applications can be found at any of our local libraries. At present we are receiving a monthly stipend of \$500 that is used for enrollment.

New to You – The local thrift store in Oskaloosa is run by volunteers and we can always use help. We are open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to noon. We are always willing to help organizations serve their clients at no cost. We continue to get outstanding donations.

Tiny K – See the attached presentation that reviews Tiny K program, how to refer, and program approach. For more information please contact NEK Infant Toddler Services at 1-866-987-6004.

More information on statistics for Jefferson county and evidence-based model of service delivery will follow.

The Guidance Center – We are dealing with budget cuts, state cutting of Medicaid and grant funding, yet continue to grow. We hired another youth case manager to serve SED children, bringing staff total to 14. We are discussion building expansion as well.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – The program has 54 matches in Valley Falls and Jeff West.

Cottonwood, Inc. – We are dealing with budget cuts like all other social service and educational agencies across the state. Fortunately, so far, we have not laid anyone off or discontinued any of our services. However, we are looking at sharing offices with another social service agency in Jefferson County to reduce our expenses with an office in Oskaloosa.

Jefferson County Health Department -- The severe weather of late December and early January was endured! The agency lost no days of work, Home Care clients were seen, some Senior Care client services had to be moved to another day of the work week, but fortunately everything got accomplished without travel incident!

H1N1 vaccinations continue to be available. Disease and hospitalizations have been showing a slight increase the last two weeks of January, with a significant increase within the pediatric population being hospitalized with influenza and pneumonia. Less than 4,000 of Jefferson County's residents are currently protected from this virus!!!

The last Kansas death occurred last week, bringing the state total to 27, while over 11,000 have died throughout the nation thru January. Normally, we see 36,000 deaths annually to seasonal influenza, so that burden along with H1N1 will make an abnormal burden this season. They have found that like most influenza viruses, H1N1 does make individuals more at risk of pneumonia, and that H1N1 is also creating lesions in the lungs, reducing breathing capacity, which in turn increases risk of succumbing to pneumonia.

The H1N1 vaccination remains free through the Health Department, and evening clinics have been scheduled:

February 16 from 4-7 p.m. at the Department
February 23 from 4-7 p.m. at the Department
March 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Department

The H1N1 vaccine is available every Tuesday and Friday from 8-4 at the Department, at each Community Health Screening Clinic site during February and March, and at the Lakeside Village Clinic Feb. 24 and March 31, 2010.

The Department has under 40 doses of Seasonal Influenza. As Seasonal Influenza is most common in late Feb. to mid-March, it is not too late to get that protection from the Health Department, and will be available at any of the clinics listed above for as long as the vaccine is available. This vaccine is \$25 and for those with Healthwave, Medicaid, or Medicare Part B the agency can bill that entity for that fee.

It has been announced that H1N1 will be one of the three viruses included in the Seasonal Influenza vaccine for the 2010-11 flu season, however, should we be coming into another H1N1 outbreak wave (knowing that Spring Break travel could increase spread of disease, as it did last year) people would be well advised to get this vaccination.

To date no significant reactions to the H1N1 vaccine have been reported in the US. With this vaccine being produced in the very same way that all seasonal influenza vaccines are produced currently, there should be no fear of the vaccine, and having the vaccine used since last July,

give more proof to that fact. Unless a person has an allergy to something within the vaccine, there is no reason for individuals not to afford this protection to themselves or the children they are responsible for. The cost of "free" will surpass illness, lost hours of work, hospitalization and funeral costs every time!!

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

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JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 3/4/2009

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 1st at 1:00 p.m.
MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETS AT NOON
LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY
OFFICERS: Sharon Branson, President; Melody Keirns, Vice-President; Ben Layton,
Treasurer; Kelli Flanner, Secretary
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Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning Services; Kelli Flanner, DCCCA; Catherine Wilcox, WTCS; Karen Wheelles, New to You and Reading Opportunities Project; Sarah Davis-Groves, NEK Tiny K; Peggy Craig, USD 341; Eileen Filbert, Jefferson County Health Department; Janet Fouche-Schack, Cottonwood Inc; Catherine Wilcox, Willow (WCTS); Audra Fullerton, Willow (WTCS); Marcie Eckhart-Charay, Family Health Partners; Vickie Feuerborn, McLouth Elementary; Chrissy Heikkila, GaDuGi, Ryan Kepley, Harvesters; Connie Eckhert, SRS; LeAnn Glover, The Guidance Center; Steve Stallbamer, Jefferson West; Rhonda Frakes, Jefferson West.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Those in attendance introduced themselves. Sharon Branson welcomed new members Steve Stallbamer and Rhonda Frakes from Jeff West schools.

The agenda for March was submitted for approval. Eileen Filbert moved for approval of the agenda, Vicki Feuerborn seconded, and the motion carried.

February's minutes were submitted for approval. Janet Fouche-Schack moved for approval of the minutes, Ben Layton seconded, and the motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for March 4, 2009. There is a balance of \$1,263.90 in general funds and \$1,335 in care grant flexible funds. A deposit of \$25 was made in dues paid by Jefferson West schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – The clinic held in February served five patients, performing 33 screenings and making 22 referrals. Eileen Filbert identified a possible funding source in the Capitol Federal Foundation. Proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis and notification of funding will be made within four to eight weeks. Eileen Filbert moved that the Regional Prevention Center submit a proposal to the foundation for funding the clinic, Chrissy Heikkila seconded, and the motion carried.
- B) Poverty Simulation – Oskaloosa held a poverty simulation on February 15th. The event was successful and received many positive comments and feedback. McLouth is considering holding a poverty simulation in their district. It was suggested that the Kansas legislature could benefit from participating in a poverty simulation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Willow Domestic Violence Center (formerly WTCS) – The Willow center offers a variety of supports for survivors of domestic violence, including safety planning, support, empowerment of women, court advocacy, peer counseling, community support groups, and shelter. One in four women will be assaulted by an intimate partner in their lifetime. A woman is killed by an intimate partner every 24 days in Kansas. Detailed information

on domestic violence and Jefferson County statistics can be found in the attached handout.

- B) Harvesters – The BackSnack program is coming to Jefferson County. This program serves approximate 10,000 students each year, providing kid-friendly food for elementary age children to take home over the weekend. The food doesn't require access to utilities and strives to be as nutritional as possible. In Jefferson County, 42% of elementary students are on free and reduced lunches. This means about 768 students would qualify for the program. Harvesters' goal is to serve 100 children in Jefferson County next year. This is an excellent opportunity for positive interaction between principals and students/families. The program outcome evaluations are attached. Please contact Ryan Kepley at (816) 929-3041 for more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing – The Spirit Awards luncheon will take place on June 3rd. Deadline for nominations is May 6th. Sandwiches will be served.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – We are gearing up for 10th annual Resource Expo on April 1 from 4-6. Agencies can sign up for a booth and individuals and families can come to get information. Event will be held at Free State High School in NW Lawrence. See attached flyer for details.

DCCCA – Red Ribbon training and SADD training for middle and high school student groups will be held in Topeka this year instead of Salina. The dates are April 27 & 28. The events will be held at the Holiday Inn. Visit www.kansasfamily.com for details and registration.

Willow Center (WCTS) – WTCS has changed its name to The Willow Domestic Violence Center. All phone numbers remain the same. For more information about the support group starting in April please contact Catherine Wilcox at (785) 840-8084.

Reading Opportunities – We are still accepting applications for individuals born after September 2006. Applications can be done online at imaginationlibrary@hotmail.com. Paper applications can be found at any of our local libraries. At present we are receiving a monthly stipend of \$500 that is used for enrollment. Children participating will receive a free book each month until age five.

New to You – The local thrift store in Oskaloosa is run by volunteers and we can always use help. We are open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to noon. We are always willing to help organizations serve their clients at no cost. We have inexpensive clothing for children, teens, and adults as well as household items.

Early Childhood Council – Week of the Young Child is April 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Oskaloosa multi-purpose room at the school. If you would like to have an informational booth contact kgwheeles@gmail.com.

The Guidance Center – Flex funds guidelines are available on the Alliance website. There are \$1335.00 available to date. To apply, contact LeAnn Glover at (913) 682 5118 or go online to print an application.

Cottonwood, Inc. – Cottonwood is no longer leasing an office in Oskaloosa and if/when a case manager needs a place to work we are utilizing the Keystone Center in Oskaloosa. Thank you Keystone!

SRS – SRS has been approved to fill a few vacant positions.

GaDuGi Safe Center – We have a bunch of books available to give out by next week—mostly paperback teen. I will deliver them if you want them. Lunafest is this Saturday at Liberty Hall, featuring short films and documentaries for/by/about women (www.lunafest.org). A portion of proceeds go to GaDuGi Safe Center.

McLouth Schools – We celebrated Dr. Seuss Day with a visit from the Cat in the Hat and eating green eggs and ham. State assessments have started and will continue for the next several weeks.

Family Health Partners – Encourage patients with regard to Health Wave and the eligibility process. If sending renewal or application, remember to send all required income and other verification.

Jefferson County Health Department -- Through the end of February hospitalization of Kansans with H1N1 continued and thus the agency extended normal clinic hours each Tuesday evening through March 2, 2010, and will continue to provide H1N1 vaccinations at all weekly Community Health Clinics held throughout the county each Wednesday through March. Should the risk of disease continue the agency will work to keep vaccine available for those not protected. At this time only about 40% of the county's vaccine allotment (10,000 doses) have been given.

The agency's Hospice program continues to have a high utilization rate for the county. It is good that families are taking advantage of the support and guidance provided by this program during a loved one's final phase of life. Home Health client care continues to increase as Medicare and insurance reimbursement rates are lowered by CMS, reducing the desire of other providers to travel into our rural areas to serve residents.

We will be participating in the ARRA program to provide second varicella doses to those county adolescents between 10 and 14 years of age beginning the first Tuesday of May. While the second dose of this vaccine is not required currently for this age group to attend school, that requirement is anticipated in the near future. Thus our participation in this program will allow parents of those children to obtain this vaccination for their adolescent free of charge.

The agency has also completed its procedures for the new HIPAA requirements and will be continue to educate staff on these new changes as we all work to assure the security of personal health information for those served by the agency.

This is the time of year we begin to see rabies in the wild animal population, which puts our pets and humans at risk. Thus we have been working to remind animal and pet owners to keep rabies vaccinations current, report all animal bites to the Sheriff's Dept. to assure appropriate observation of the biting animal, so that animals health can be verified by its veterinarian after the 10 observation period which will then allow any human involved to alerted to any risk in a timely manner to provide humans opportunity for the vaccination protection against that fatal disease, should such be warranted.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is also hosting a poster contest for 5th and 6th grade students in Kansas to carry the message of vector disease prevention. Hopefully the artistic talent and education provided to Kansans through this contest (state winners will be entered into a national contest with significant scholarship prizes) will help all people be aware of what they can do to protect themselves from mosquito and other vector borne illness, such as West Nile Disease, Tularemia, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme's Disease, etc.

It is always wise to remember highway safety and the risks we all carry while traveling on the busy state highways of our county—especially Highways 4, 24, 59 and 92. While Jefferson County's population make up less than 1% of the state's population, our Ambulance service

provides 11% of all Kansas highway crash ambulance transports. We have the second highest number of highway miles in our county and the second highest number of roadway collisions. Another round of Driver's Education students will soon be enrolling and receiving Driver's Education—keeping safety a priority is good not only for the new drivers on our roadways but for the experienced highway users, too. Persons interested in reducing response time of our county ambulance service may want to discuss such with the Commissioner representing them and the County Ambulance Director. With the highway risks present in our county, the availability of paramedics on both sides of Lake Perry could be a huge asset and factor in reducing loss of life and productive years of life.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

Nominating Committee – Election of Officers (vice-president, secretary, treasurer)

*Please contact Sharon Branson or Kelli Flanner if you have an idea for a presenter or you would like to give a presentation on behalf of your own agency.

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 4/1/2010

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 6th at 1:00 p.m.
MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETS AT NOON
LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY
OFFICERS: Sharon Branson, President; Melody Keirns, Vice-President; Ben Layton,
Treasurer; Kelli Flanner, Secretary
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Ben Layton, Cottonwood CDDO; Sharon Branson, Keystone Learning Services; Catherine Wilcox, Willow Domestic Violence Center; Karen Wheelles, New to You and Reading Opportunities Project; Peggy Craig, USD 341; Chrissy Heikkila, GaDuGi, Connie Eckhart, SRS; Melinda Harwood, Oskaloosa United Methodist Church; Melody Keirns, F.W. Huston Medical Center; Deanne Armstrong, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Dana Boyer, Jefferson County Sherriff's Office; Daniel Brown, Independence Inc.; Sarah Jane Russell, GaDuGi; Tess Carter-Martin, DOVES; Lance Lewis, Guidance Center.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for April was submitted and approved.

March minutes were submitted and approved.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for April 2, 2010. There is a balance of \$1,088.90 in general funds and \$1,335 in care grant flexible funds. A deposit of \$25 was made in dues paid by GaDuGi Safe Center. A grant of \$200 was made to USD 340.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – The clinic held in February served eight patients, performing 50 screenings and making 24 referrals. Pastor Melinda Harwood visited the clinic and reported that the medical staff was able to serve the needs of all who visited. The funding request submitted to the Capitol Federal Foundation was not approved. Pastor Harwood has a contract for prescriptions with F.W. Huston.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) DOVES – DOVES is a dual program serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. DOVES serves six counties, and its goals are increasing public awareness on what domestic violence and sexual assault are, and helping victims get help. Tess Carter-Martin is the sexual assault outreach coordinator and director of client services.
- B) GaDuGi – Christy Heikkila is the Jefferson County outreach coordinator. GaDuGi has a 24 hour crisis line. Christy is available for presentations to increase awareness and educate the community about sexual assault.
- C) Nominating committee – A committee consisting of Eileen Filbert, Kelli Flanner, and Sharon Branson were selected to nominate officers for new elections.
- D) Volunteer luncheon – Nominations for the Spirit Award need to be in by May 5th. Nomination forms can be found on the Alliance website. Please have food for the luncheon in the library by 11:45 a.m. on June 3rd. The luncheon will last from 12 – 1 p.m. Our regular meeting will follow at 1 p.m. When award recipients are determined, nominators will need to help invite them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing – Membership is lower than in previous years, down from 27 to 19.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Keystone Learning Services – Job Olympics is next week and 31 students are participating.

Transition Council of Douglas and Jefferson Counties – 10th Annual Resource Expo is today at Free State High School in Lawrence from 4 – 6. Biggest and best ever!

DCCCA – Red Ribbon training and SADD training for middle and high school student groups will be held in Topeka this year instead of Salina. The dates are April 27 & 28. The events will be held at the Holiday Inn. Visit www.kansasfamily.com for details and registration.

F.W. Huston Medical Center – Walk-in clinic (medical) now has late hours. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A doctor and two PAs are now available.

Willow Domestic Violence Center – New support group starts Monday, April 5. Any woman who is interested in attending, please have them call Catherine Wilcox at (785) 840-8084.

GaDuGi – Go to www.gadugisafecenter.org to find out what we're doing for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

DOVES – Sherry Dunn Women of Strength Walk/Run is May 1 in Atchison from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Doves Budget Blues Blast is April 10 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/individual, \$25/couple. Contact Tess Carter-Martin at 367-0365 or tcmartin@dovesatchisonks.org.

Reading Opportunities – We received some more monies to finance more children. We are still accepting applications for individuals born after September 2006. Applications can be done online at imaginationlibrary@hotmail.com. Paper applications can be found at any of our local libraries. Children participating will receive a free book each month until age five.

New to You – We are very busy! Donations are still ongoing. Buck-a-bag sale starts April 13th.

Early Childhood Council – Week of the Young Child family fun fair is April 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Oskaloosa multi-purpose room at the school. If you would like to have an informational booth contact kgwheeles@gmail.com. A person needs to be a resident of Jefferson County. There will be informational booths, activities for children, door prizes and a pizza supper. The theme is "Trash to Treasure: Recycle, Reduce, Reuse."

The Guidance Center – We continue to grow despite cuts in funding by state government. We currently serve over 530 Jefferson county residents and over 100 children in Jefferson County. We are currently looking to hire one full time youth case manager and one full time attendant/care worker.

Cottonwood CDDO – We are continuing to advocate with the state legislature concerning funding cuts.

SRS – LEAP ended on March 31st.

United Methodist Church, Oskaloosa – Providing outreach for community needs.

USD 341 – Testing cycle is ending. Community clean up is rescheduled after three previous rainouts.

USD 340 -- The money donated was used to defray the costs of Gruen Van Berhen. His presentation cost was \$1500. And the travel expenses were around \$80.00, the contribution of \$200.00 was greatly appreciated. It was our hopes that Gruen's presentation would make students stop and consider the consequences of using tobacco products. I do believe he made an impact. We received feedback from student's saying it made them think, I overheard a student telling some of the parents in the stands at the basketball game what he had to say, and a board member said that his boys don't usually talk much about what happened at school, but they talked about Gruen a lot. Thank you very much for assisting us in having this opportunity.

Jefferson County Health Department -- The Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice remained busy with providing care to record numbers of Home Health and Hospice clients. While the impact of Healthcare Reform will be significant on the services many Americans have been accustomed to over the last decades of the 1900's and into the new century, we will continue to strive to maintain those services for the residents of Jefferson County as allowed by these federal directives.

Crystal VanHoutan is representing the agency in an effort to streamline and determine tools that can be used to complete community health assessments as the agency continues to identify and address health needs that arise within our county's communities.

The federal Technical Action Review and audit of the agency's use of federal preparedness and emergency response dollars, was completed this month with the agency receiving an amazing, and record breaking 99% compliance and preparedness score! The input and interaction between all county response entities has been a tremendous contributor to that score. Jefferson County is fortunate to be served by such conscientious, responsive and caring individuals. Our Medicare audit completed in March also documented tremendous attention to detail, thorough care, and strong professional skills for all working within our Home Care programs. Exemplary work was noted by those auditors by our staff!!!

The Public Health staff is gearing up to assist parents and schools understand the changes in immunization requirements for school attendance beginning this coming Sept. 1, 2010. Having to face changes each school year is very frustrating for parents and requires much empathy and patience for staff assisting parents with those changes, which add significant costs to "sending a child" to school!

We continue to appreciate and be amazed at the tremendous assistance the Lakeside Village Clinic is providing individuals accessing that care. It is wonderful to see those previously unable to have health situations appropriately and successfully addressed. This project shows the value and strength of the Alliance and we thank the membership for that dedication to our communities!

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report
Officer Selection
Volunteer Selection
Back Snack program update

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 5/6/10

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 3rd, following luncheon
SPIRIT AWARDS LUNCHEON AT NOON
LOCATION: OSKALOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY
OFFICERS: Sharon Branson, President; Melody Keirns, Vice-President; Ben Layton,
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The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda for May was submitted. Janet Fouche-Schack moved to approve the agenda, and Sarah Davis-Groves seconded. The motion carried.

April minutes were submitted. Sharon Branson noted a correction to the grant award given to USD 340. Ben Layton moved to approve the minutes with revision, and Karen Wheelles seconded. The motion carried.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for May 6, 2010. There is a balance of \$1,088.90 in general funds and \$1,130 in care grant flexible funds. A flex funds disbursement in the amount of \$205 was used.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Lakeside Village Clinic Report – The clinic held in April served thirteen patients, performing 62 screenings and making 46 referrals. This is the busiest clinic to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Officer selection – A slate of nominees was set forward for voting: Tess Carter-Martin for president, Melody Keirns for vice-president, Daniel Brown for treasurer, and Kelli Flanner for secretary. Peggy Craig moved to accept the slate as written, and Janet Fouche-Schack seconded. The motion carried.
- B) Volunteer award selection – Nominations for the Spirit Awards were reviewed and members voted.
- C) Back Snack update – Oskaloosa schools are working with Harvesters to implement the program. Harvesters have not yet had the opportunity to present to the superintendents' meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing – Spirit Award recipients were announced: student – Allyson Ottensmeier; individual – Jerry White; group – Jolly Juniors 4-H. Food assignments for the luncheon were revisited, as Cottonwood will purchase a meat/cheese tray to serve 30. Please be at the library with food ready to be served (and a serving utensil) by 11:45 on June 3rd. Sarah Davis-Groves will photograph the event. Kelli Flanner will compose a letter to notify recipients of their awards.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Keystone Learning Services – On April 7, thirty-one students traveled to Johnson County Community College to participate in Job Olympics. Eleven students from Atchison County Community HS brought home 6 gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze medals and a 2nd place trophy in division 2 schools. Jeff West HS brought home 5 gold, 7 silver, and 4 bronze medals and a 3rd place trophy in division 2 schools. Nine Oskaloosa HS students earned 3 gold and 4 silver medals.

Linda Aldridge, Executive Director, has resigned effective June 30, to take a position with Topeka 501 schools. She will be replaced part time on an interim basis by Dr. Tim Marshall currently superintendent at Jeff County North. He will retire and then come back September 1 to divide his time between JCN and Keystone. Rhonda Denning, currently assistant director of Keystone, will become Director of Special Education. She will be acting Executive Director in July and August. Many cuts are being made to provide the best service to students on less state aid.

John Dewey Learning Academy (JDLA), the alternative high school operated through Keystone, has partnered with The Guidance Center to add staff in order to provide more mental health and social work services during the school day next year. JDLA has also been chosen by the Kansas Association of Conservation, Education and Environment to apply for a \$5 million Federal US Department of Education grant. The grant will be written through Keystone Learning Services for JDLA as lead school with funding to provide environmental education opportunities throughout the 7 participating districts. JDLA was chosen because of the school's current and previous commitment to and work in conservation and environmental education.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Alliance on its work and invite members to come by the Oskaloosa School Library between 4:00 and 5:30 on Wednesday, May 19, to celebrate my retirement (Sharon Branson) after 23 years with Keystone—almost as long as the Alliance has been in existence. You can say, “Hi,” and have a piece of cake. I don't want to say, “Good-bye.”

F.W. Huston Medical Center – Either late summer or early fall we would like to offer free CPR classes to the public. Also, we have received grant funding to train all direct care staff in preventing falls in seniors. This presentation also provides education for non-health care staff and will be presented at a congregate/friendship meal.

Willow Domestic Violence Center – As always, the Jefferson County program coordinator is available to meet with those who are currently or previously experiencing intimate partner abuse. Contact number is (785) 840-8084 or crisis line is (785) 843-3333 or 1-800-770-3030.

Reading Opportunities – This program continues to grow. We have a \$500 monthly grant which helps maintain the program.

New to You – Volunteers have been busy with painting the inside, adding shelves, etc. Come by to visit. Excellent donations continue to arrive.

Early Childhood Council – The council held another successful Week of the Young Child Family Fun Fair. Every county was represented this year.

The Guidance Center – The Guidance Center remains very busy. We have recently filled 2 full time positions for a youth case mgr and youth attendant care worker. We are serving close to 530 Jefferson County Residents now as well. This month we are celebrating the new partnership between The Guidance Center's Oskaloosa office and the John Dewey Learning Academy! More news on that will follow throughout the summer and fall. It is an incredible opportunity to further help not only our local school systems, but most importantly, more of our Jefferson County children.

The Guidance Center – The FCSC flex funds currently has \$1130 for use in Jefferson County. This money is earmarked for families who have a severely emotionally disturbed child in the home. An application was approved by the board today for \$115 to help a student purchase a therapeutic tapper. To view guidelines or download an application online visit www.jeffcoalliance.org or contact LeAnn Glover (913) 682-5118.

Cottonwood, Inc. – A large group of individuals from Cottonwood participated in the Push Day at the state capital last Wednesday to rally and encourage legislators to support reinstating the Medicaid cuts and funding individuals on the waiting list. There are now over 4,000 individuals waiting for MR/DD services. We are now active in contacting our legislators.

Independence, Inc. – Many staff participated in a rally held at the state capital yesterday to encourage legislators to restore previous cuts to Medicaid and dedicate funding to reducing waiting lists for Medicaid waivers serving those with disabilities.

Tiny K – Referrals are increasing. Thank you for spreading the word about the program.

USD 341 – The year is winding down. We have experienced a lot of student movement this year. Testing is complete. We will begin a new type of staff development next year. Funding, of course, remains an issue.

Jefferson County Health Department -- April was a month that saw more H1N1 disease activity, and thus more protective immunizations were given. HHS Secretary Sebelius extended the disease emergency declaration through June 30, 2010. The department continues to have vaccine available for those not yet protected, as does the FW Huston Medical Clinic, McLouth Medical Clinic, and the Winchester and Valley Falls Medical Clinics.

Plans were also undertaken to begin the free Varicella (chicken pox) vaccination campaign for Jefferson County students, age ten to 18 years of age, which officially began May 1, 2010. However, there was an outbreak in one county school during April, and fortunately, this federally provided vaccine was allowed to be used to prevent further disease outbreaks related to that event. The agency will continue to provide free varicella for this age group until the vaccine allotted has been used, or the next school year begins this August. We received 240 doses for all children in this age group who have not received at least two doses or had physician confirmed disease.

The agency continued to work with the other Alliance partners to provide free medical services at the Lakeside Village Clinic site. In the last 6 months 231 health screenings have been provided to adults attending this clinic, with 133 referrals being made to Mental Health, prenatal care, Family Planning care, dental care, prescriptions, and for further medical laboratory testing, as well as for transportation assistance, immunizations and other medical service follow up.

Additionally, the agency has provided informational presentations to the Oskaloosa Rotary and the Economic Development Committee in efforts to encourage donations and funding resources to continue the Lakeside Village Free Clinic, no formal commitment or confirmation of donation has been received to date from those efforts.

The agency will be honoring our 2009 volunteers during a reception to be held in May. Provision of our services are greatly enhanced by those community individuals who are willing to give of their time and talent to assist with various aspects of our service programs.

We continue to share concern for legislative cuts being discussed for Kansas social service programs and communication concerning those risks have continued to receive our attention and lead to communications with our state legislators.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY:

*A brief business meeting will follow the luncheon. We will not meet again until September.

Lakeside Village Clinic Report

JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICE COUNCILS
Meeting Minutes – 6/3/2010

NEXT MEETING: September 2nd, 2010

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The meeting was called to order by Sharon Branson. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Ben Layton provided the treasurer's report for June 3, 2010. There is a balance of \$1,038.15 in general funds and \$1,015 in care grant flexible funds. A flex funds disbursement in the amount of \$115 was used.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Officer selection – Tess Carter-Martin will be unable to serve as next year's president due to a change in DOVEs service area. Chrissy Heikkila was nominated to step in. Eileen Filbert moved that nominations cease, and the motion carried. Chrissy Heikkila will serve as next year's president.
- B) Membership – Beginning in September, we will review the current email list to look for defunct addresses and identify possible new members. Eileen Filbert moved that letters be sent by the secretary to different organizations promoting Alliance prior to the September meetings. These letters will include: synopsis of Alliance mission and work, ten reasons to join, reference to our website, and listing of officers. Melody Keirns seconded and the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Lakeside Village Clinic Report