

**McDonough County Interagency Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 18, 2007**

**Those in Attendance:**

Katie Plock	Victim Services
Cheri Manuel	WIU Social Work Student
Melissa Housinga	BBBS
Rebecca Thinnis	BBBS
Kate McGruder	Early Beginnings/ROE #26
Patricia Bissell	WCI/CIL
Anne Lovdell	TCR & WMC
Janice Whitfield	WIU Social Work Department
Wendy McKeever	Mosaic
Teresa Pender	Bridgeway
Janet Young	TPS – Spoon River College
Phil Bell	Radio Information Services
Cheryl Lefler	ICCS

**Treasury Report**

\$466.56 in the checking account

- No new deposits
- Patricia Bissell from WCI/CIL gave yearly dues

**Agency Sharing:**

***WCI/CIL***

Patricia showed the group her money Braille embossment mechanism that she uses to label money for her awareness.

17<sup>th</sup> Annual ADA Celebration: 7/26/07 at Washington Park in Quincy from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Agencies are invited to come and set up a booth for public awareness.

New office location: 300 Main, Suite 104, Quincy

- Disability Advocacy Assistance available
- Disability awareness and education
- Loan program

Next month a representative from West Central Center for Independent Living will be coming to speak to the group.

***Tri-County Resource/Waste Management*** (McDonough, Warren and Mercer counties)

- New infomercial will be made highlighting the computer/paint recycling center
- Aluminum can recycling program for 4<sup>th</sup> grade to win a trip to the Science and Industry Museum in Chicago
  - o Also receive money for the classroom
  - o Available for any 4<sup>th</sup> grade class in McDonough, Warren and Mercer counties
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> year doing this program
- Housing Authority has embraced a recycling program for Greenbriar Apartments with a celebration on July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Macomb City Council: update recycling contract

- Working with the WIU on media coverage and signage on their recycling program

**Bridgeway:** A lot of changes in funding for both DD and MI population

Brief summary of changes:

- Pushing toward more community integration in work experience/employment
- DD population changes: sheltered workshop (long 6-7 month waiting list)
- Commercial shredder being set up for possible contract shredding in the community

Crisis services for McDonough and Fulton counties will be directed back to North Central Behavior Health Systems from Bridgeway. The rest of the counties will still be served by Bridgeway.

Aimee Anderson is still at Bridgeway and will be overseeing SAS services and Mandi Shipman will be replacing her as the Community Employment Services Director.

**Victim Services:** Economic empowerment training

Victim Services participated in a protest at the courthouse about removing the words victim, rape, etc. in the courtroom.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters:** Been making a lot of matches, but has slowed down a bit this summer.

**Early Beginnings/ROE #26:** Distributed new business cards with new Macomb address: 339 South Johnson Street, Macomb

Please visit our new location for FREE STUFF. After cleaning out cabinet, we have a lot of various items to give away. There is a couple of table located at the entrance of our office with office supplies, software, parenting resources and toys. Please stop by and do some shopping. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Radio Information Service:** Celebrating 30 years of service next year

- Services the print disabled
- Great difficulty finding new listeners
- Adams county is a major listening area
- Tri-State: Iowa, Missouri and Illinois
- Towers in Quincy and Warsaw
- Works with Insight in the Galesburg area to get the signal there
- 24/7 on the air by radio and online (all over the world)
- Read newspapers, magazines, etc.
- All done with volunteers and graduate student workers
- Always have openings for reading volunteers
- Some new public service announcements are being developed right now to be sent to area radio stations
- Developed a power point presentation on awareness
- Readings are recorded digitally so readings can be down at volunteers' homes
  - Call for more information
- **Interested in doing a full presentation here at Interagency**

- Annual online auction that will begin on Halloween this year
  - o Soliciting and accepting auction items now

***Teen Parent Services:*** This program is for those under 21 who are pregnant or have children who have not received their high school degree.

Now the grant is covering three counties: Mason, Fulton and now McDonough.

Janet Young will be in McDonough County on Wednesdays or Fridays at Spoon River College – Macomb Campus if anyone needs to contact her.

**The next Interagency Meeting is August 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.**

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