

**McDonough County Interagency Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15, 2007**

**Those in Attendance:**

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Dustin Gorder	WCICIL
Ryan Jansen	WCICIL
Kathy Millard	McDonough County Housing Authority
Bill Jacobs	McDonough County Housing Authority
Jessica Bolton	Children's Action Network
Lee Trotter-Carew	North Central Behavioral Health Systems
Susan Denecke	NCBHS
Karen Melvin	Macomb City Township
Diana Belknap	USDA Rural Development
Gary Ziegler	WIRC/Transportation
Marge Corwin	Farm Resource Center
Brian Davenport	Dept. of Rehabilitative Services
Marcia Gates	DHS-WIPA Project
Amanda Powell	Alternatives for the Older Adult
Amy McCallister	McDonough County Health Department
Owen Thompson	Salvation Army
Steve Miller	American Red Cross
Dave Macguire	American Red Cross
Anne Lobdell	TCR & WMC
Wendy McKeever	Mosaic
Janet John	Preschool for All
Kathy Drake	Preschool for All
Phil Bell	Radio Information Services
Cheryl Lefler	ICCS
Debbie Vandemark	Volunteer NOW
Ann Chenoweth	WIA

**Presenter:** WCI/CIL: Ryan Jansen – Outreach Director

Counties served: Adams, Brown, Pike, Hancock, Schuyler, and McDonough

Mission: People with disabilities should be able to live with dignity

- No charge for services
- Four core services
  - o Advocacy
  - o Independent Living Skills Training
  - o Information Referral
  - o Peer Counseling
    - Cross Disability Support Group

**Additional Services:**

Re-Integration Program: assist individuals who are not placed in the appropriate facility

Youth Services: education for parents of children with disabilities to be the best advocate for their children

Equipment Loan Program: durable medical equipment on a loan basis

- accept donations for this program

Personal Assistance Program: Train Personal Assistants and then put on a list

Braille Services: Print out large print for community organizations, restaurants, etc. for a minimal cost.

ADA Technical Assistance: Providing various agencies correct information on handicap accessibility.

Ryan Jansen, Outreach Director is available to give presentations for any group on various disability topics.

### **Agency Sharing:**

#### ***North Central Behavioral Health Systems***

Lee Trotter Carew will be taking over the substance abuse prevention grant. Susan Denecke will be returning to case management at North Central.

#### ***Macomb City Township***

- Started a good collaboration with Farm Resource Center

***Rural Development:*** No Carthage office now – in Quincy

Repair Loan Program still available

***Preschool for All:*** Starting classes on Monday, August 20

- 04 Certified teachers provide curriculum at Catch a Star, Head Start, YMCA, Wesley Childcare Center and Hancock County home day cares

### ***TCR & WMC***

Got e-waste? Information available

Tri-CountyResource.org for more information

Fall Colchester Township Cleanup Days is Friday, September 7th - 8:00 am to 3:00 PM and Saturday, September 8th - 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Highway Commissioner Marion Weaver invites Colchester-Tennessee Township residents to participate in Fall Cleanup Days. Marion has arranged for a large dumpster to be placed at the Colchester Township Garage on September 7th and 8th for township residents to use free of charge to dispose of any acceptable materials. Unloading permissible ONLY when Township Officials are present.

The list of acceptable wastes would include:

Over stuffed furniture, mattresses, bedsprings, furniture, bicycles, car parts (rims, fenders), broken toys, kid's pools, old windows, used appliances (TV's, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners), etc.

- Be sure to empty all food wastes from white goods!

The list of unacceptable wastes would include:

Insecticides, gasoline, chemicals, cleaning products, used motor oil, solvents, antifreeze, aerosol products, explosives, propane tanks, batteries, tires, yard waste (all IEPA landfill banned items) and household garbage (food wastes).

Special Notice of New Services

Please keep separate from regular trash:

- Now accepting household paints: both latex and oil based.

Do not mix paints. Sorry, No solvents or thinners, just paint!

- Bring your Household Electronics to be recycled: all computer systems, all cordless appliances, blenders, boom boxes, DVD players, food processors, fax machines, printers, radios, scanners, etc. There is a \$5 fee for computer monitors and portable TVs up to 27”  
If you have, any questions regarding this collection please call 309-776-4235 (Marion) or 309-837-3941 (Chad). Have a small load? Contact your neighbor and split a truckload.

***Farm Resource Center:*** Helping with patient assistance program for medications with the Township offices. Also provides crisis intervention and are trained in suicide prevention. Marge covers six counties.

***DRS:*** Housed at DHS – Family Resource Center since the fire at the old office

***McDonough County Housing Authority:*** David Weaver will be back for one more semester as a Peace Corp. Fellow.

Thanking those who signed the on-line survey on providing low cost housing in the US.

***Working Incentive Planning Project:*** Work incentive seminars will be available soon.

***Alternative for the Older Adults:*** Taking referrals for self-neglect cases for possible services if they get enough referrals. Elder abuse referrals are funded. Call the 1-800-798-0988 for more information..

***WIA:*** The week of 8/26 – 9/1 is Workforce Development week. Demonstrations of the Illinois WorkNet Portal will be given between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on 8/31/07 at the Workforce Investment Office in Macomb. Your front-lie staff are invited to attend. RSVP by 8/29 with # of staff and tentative time. Call 837-1280 for more information.

***American Red Cross:*** Getting new shelter agreements with hotels for disaster relief (federally mandated with no funding). Very successful meetings with area hotels.  
New Program: Master of Disaster for Educators: \$25- lesson plans and activities for kids and their families.

***ICCS:*** Colchester Community Connections: Veteran’s Memorial is raising almost \$50,000. Will now be working on a playground project for Colchester Park.

***Early Beginnings Parent Program:*** Planning the programs for fall with playgroups starting mid-September. August 25<sup>th</sup> will start our Childbirth Education through September. November will be the next Childbirth Education classes.

***Tri-States Audio Information Service:*** Anyone who has a problem reading newspaper or magazine print is eligible for their services. Halloween will be their annual on-line auction. Will be over 100 items to bid on.

***Volunteer NOW:*** Volunteer NOW is growing! We now have two Coordinators! Debbie Vandemark is still with us as Coordinator and our newest Coordinator is Ryan Pridemore. Give us a call, and let us know how we can help promote your volunteer needs! Our phone number is 836-3754 or email us at: [VolunteerNow.Macomb@Gmail.com](mailto:VolunteerNow.Macomb@Gmail.com).

**The next Interagency Meeting is September 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Speaker next meeting Anne Lobdell on e-waste**

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