

**McDonough County Interagency Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2007**

**Those in Attendance:**

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| Kate McGruder        | Early Beginnings/ROE #26           |
| Donnice Hamilton     | Early Beginnings/ROE #26           |
| Kathy Millard        | McDonough County Housing Authority |
| Jessica Bolton       | Children's Action Network          |
| Susan Denecke        | NCBHS                              |
| Marge C.             | Farm Resource Center               |
| Marcia Gates         | DHS-WIPA Project                   |
| Patricia Bissell     | WCICIL                             |
| Amanda Powell        | Alternatives for the Older Adult   |
| Owen Thompson        | Salvation Army                     |
| Anne Lobdell         | TCR & WMC                          |
| Wendy McKeever       | Mosaic                             |
| Janet John           | Preschool for All                  |
| Kathy Drake          | Preschool for All                  |
| Phil Bell            | Radio Information Services         |
| Katie Kerr           | PACT Head Start                    |
| Patty Swank          | PACT Head Start                    |
| Debbie Vandemark     | Volunteer NOW                      |
| Ann Chenoweth        | WIA                                |
| Sue McCance          | DHS/McDonough FCRC                 |
| Janet Young          | SRC-Teen Parent Services           |
| Sarah Kole           | MCHD                               |
| Courtney Blankenship | IParent Magazine                   |
| Tammy La Prad        | IParent Magazine                   |

**Presenter: *Tammy La Prad and Courtney Blankenship – IParent Magazine***

Mission Statement: To educate and inform families by providing them with information and resources.

IParent Magazine, a not for profit corporation, as a vehicle to educate and inform a wide spectrum of McDonough County families from all social and economic backgrounds. Educating parents, parents-to-be, and caregivers is the primary way to create stable families, which in turn creates strong, prosperous communities. Education is the first step in the prevention of a wide range of issues that face families today. IParent sees an opportunity to serve as a conduit between families and the public and private sector, and to help leverage the resources, information and commitment to supporting families that are shared by both sectors. IParent Magazine will initially be published bi-monthly with a primary circulation of 3,000 and will serve McDonough County. IParent Magazine plans to support itself by pursuing grants and partnerships with corporations, foundations, and advertisers. IParent is staffed and supported by professionals-many of them parents. In addition to our own editorial experts, we will feature special columns by local health care, education and social services professionals covering experts, we will feature special columns by local health care, education and social services professionals

covering comprehensive content from birth through teen years, whole families, newly formed families, single parents and all the challenges therein. Further, we plan to widen our editorial scope to include experts on both a state and national level.

- Would like input from the McDonough County agencies
- Would like every family in McDonough County with children could receive this magazine
- Would like an extensive resource directory in our magazine

Features in the magazine:

- Physician feature: OB-GYN's the next issue
- Medical updates
- Prevention issues for children birth to five
- Literacy articles
- Parent/Teacher Conference article
- Father article
- New dental clinic
- Fashion
- Advertisements and corporate sponsors

Focus will be to connect those in the community to their community.

Submitted a few grants:

- Avon Fund for \$5000 a week for a year
- Amber Funds grant

Magazine needs:

- Would like to be on the Interagency Listserv (Donnice)
- Welcome deletions, additions or corrections to the magazine
- Take donations for the magazine
- Need connections to outside towns in McDonough County
- Volunteer efforts for the publication
- Printing is where the cost is

First issue will be the beginnings of October and then bi-monthly.

Submission for Dec/Jan IParent magazine is Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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2<sup>nd</sup> week of November

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#### **Agency Sharing:**

- \$440.00 in the treasury: what should we do with this money?
- **Interagency officer positions will be open starting January 2008. Please consider accepting the following positions: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Interagency County.**

**Early Beginnings:** Newsletters available: distributed to daycares and to families on our extensive mailing list. Play groups have started and families may still sign up.

Grandmother's Tea on Wed. Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at The Old Dairy, 210 S.

Lafayette, Macomb. Sponsored by the McDonough County Breast-Feeding Task Force. For more information call Donnice at 836-5775.

**WIA:** Save the Date: Presentation entitled "State of Working Illinois: Challenges and Opportunities at Macomb City Hall in the Macomb City Hall Community Room on September 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact Dia Cirillo at the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, 312-332-6522, dcirillo@ctbaonline.org.

**Radio Information Service:** For the print impaired other than illiteracy.  
Online auction coming up on October 31<sup>st</sup> and then for the next five days.

**American Red Cross – McDonough County Chapter:** Phil Bell has accepted the position of full-time American Red Cross Program Director. Will be adding back services that have not been available in McDonough County.

- Military personnel services
- International individuals in the community
- More educational classes
- Form better partners in the community

- Blood Drives at WIU, the local office and Industry Elementary this month
- CPR and First Aid Class on October 6: whole class is \$30 or just First Aid is \$15

Call 837-1594 for more information.

**Regional Office of Education/Homeless Grant:**

*4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Symposium, November 2, 2007*

**PULLING THE PIECES TOGETHER: SERVING FAMILIES IN TRANSITION**

Offered by the Area 3 Homeless Liaison Project, Regional Office of Education #26 - Hancock/McDonough, in partnership with Western Illinois University Department of Social Work

Horrabin Hall - *Western Illinois University - Macomb, Illinois*

8-9 – Registration/refreshments - Rm. 3 Horrabin Hall

9-12 – breakout sessions/14 presenters

12-1 – Lunch on own

1-2 – Keynote: Peggy Dunn, Principal Consultant for Homeless Education, ISBE

2-3 – Receive CPDUs or CEUs

To register please send the following to either Eileen Worthington or Janice Whitfield:

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Requesting: CEUs \_\_\_\_ CPDUs

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**WCICIL:** Quincy and Macomb locations. Assist all people with disabilities.

- Wanting to start a visually impaired support group here in this area

In the Macomb office on Wednesday and Fridays – 833-5766

Mentoring Day: Job shadowing with individuals with disabilities

Freecycle.org – excellent resource for the community

**WM/TRC:** Art in the Park in Chandler Park this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Children's activities and Jazz music.

**Children's Action Network:** Provides services for children abused. Work with law enforcement and DCFS services.

**Teen Parent Services:** Employed through Spoon River College covers McDonough, Fulton and Mason counties.

**DHS:** Cash grants for families, link card and medical assistance sign-up

DRS is housed in their office currently.

October is the food stamp standards go up. Changes in link amounts

Illinois Health Connect: Contact every Medicaid, All Kids, Family Care customers and then they will need to name a primary physician. They will also assist families in finding primary physicians.

**Work Incentive Project:** Uses space at the DHS office

**Alternative for the Older Adults:** Caregiver respite program for those caring for those over 60 years old. The state has funds to provide respite care or nursing home (must be respite certified) stays over the weekend or shortened stays. Funds start October 1, 2007. Automatically qualify for this program regardless of income. This is a statewide program. Call Alternatives for more information. Their Galesburg office is moving in the Bondi Building on Main Street in Galesburg.

**McDonough County Health Department:** Paint the Town Pink: October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.: walk, run, roll event. Registration forms at the Chamber and The Eagle  
Girl Scouts are going to sell bracelets for cancer prevention at the Farmer's Market on the square  
Fashion Show/Tea at Secret Garden

**Farm Resource Center:** Crisis intervention and suicide prevention and intervention. Assists individuals with Health Connect.

**Salvation Army:** Red Kettles event coming up soon. Completely volunteers here in McDonough County. Looking for volunteers to be bell ringers.

- Will help with medication assistance
- Works on an as needed basis

**Volunteer NOW:** Try to connect volunteers to opportunities in the community. Works with many non-profit agencies with their volunteer needs. Partner with WIU Volunteer Services.

*Preschool for All:* First back to school period: Parent Advisory Meeting (great showing)

*PACT Head Start:* Serve 66 children in Macomb, full, but will take referrals. WIU Childcare has openings for 3-5. Call 298-3143 for enrollment in WIU Childcare.

*Mosaic:* 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner/Auction at the Forum on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Dinner served by Magnolias. More information coming next meeting.

**The next Interagency Meeting is Wednesday, October 17, 2007**  
**at 9:00 a.m. at the McDonough County Health Department**

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