

McDonough County Interagency Minutes

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Name	Agency
Kim Lampitt	BBBS
Sarah Medina	BBBS
Donnice Hamilton	Early Beginnings
Ann Chenoweth	WIA
William Barnes	Catholic Charities Intern
Missy Kolowski	Alzheimer's Association
Ellie Zoernik	Macomb School social work
Phil Bell	Radio information services
William Wetzel	American Red Cross
Amie Weir	The Salvation Army
Michelle Frederick	Central IL Adult Ed Service Center
Brian Davenport	DHS-DRS
Lisa Fulkerson	U of I Extension
Beth Chatterton	U of I Ext-Family Nutrition Prog
Holly Knight	The Crossing
Sue McCance	DHS-HCD
Lori McAvoy	DHS
Bill Jacobs	Housing Authority

Missy Kolowski from Alzheimer's Association spoke. Alzheimer's Disease is the most common form of dementia. Dementia is an "umbrella" term referring to the memory loss syndrome. In Alzheimer's Disease two proteins enter the brain and attack nerve cells. One enters the cell the other sticks to the outside of the cell causing that area of the brain to die. Alzheimer's Disease is the 6th leading cause of death from fatal diseases.

Doctors accurately diagnose the disease over 90% of the time. Doctors initially attempt to rule out other illnesses that can mimic Alzheimer's such as urinary track infections. Medication complications can also cause symptoms similar to Alzheimer's. There are several drugs that can be prescribed to slow the progression of the disease. There is no cure at this time.

The Alzheimer's Association and Medical Alert offer Safe Return, a program that provides each patient with an ID bracelet with contact information in the event the patient wanders away and is lost. A second bracelet is available to the care providing information in the event the care giver cannot speak for th.

Locally a support group meets monthly at City Hall: the 3rd Thursday, at 1 PM. The Alzheimer's Association has a lending library with books, CD's and DVD's. Periodically there are trainings in various locations in Macomb. Michelle will post upcoming trainings in February, March and April on the list serve.

Missy provided folders with pamphlets and contact information as well as refreshments. Thank you, Missy, for sharing this important information. You may contact her by calling: 309-681-1100.

Agency News:

Salvation Army is finishing up with the Angel Tree gift program. Families still can sign up Tuesday, 11/24 and Wednesday, 11/25, from 1-4 PM. They would like volunteers for bell ringing. These are outside locations: Wal-Mart, both doors, Walgreens and Nieman County Market. Inside locations: Hy-Vee, Farm King and K-Mart. Bell ringers are needed November 20 - December 24, Monday - Saturday, from 10 AM - 8 PM. No Sundays.

There will be a Turkey Dinner at the Salvation Army Church basement, Thursday, November 19, 5-7 PM. Carry-out available. Sponsored w\by WIU-RA Council.

U of I Extension, along with ROE #26 and Spoon River College, will host "Internet Safety for Parents", Tuesday, December 1, from 6-7:30 PM, at Spoon River College, Macomb. Call 309-837-3939 to regeister.

Lisa introduced Beth Chatterton, their new Family Nutrition Program Coordinator. In December she will begin making appointments for presentations.

IMPORTANT: Lisa would like volunteers for the Poverty Simulation, January 5, 7:30 AM - 11 AM, at McDonough District Hospital Auditorium. Call to let her know: 309-837-3939 or email: lfulkers@illinois.edu