

Inter-agency Council  
2/17/10  
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Kathy Perone	WIU Social Work
Natashia Myers	Illinois Mentor
Jade Powers	Catholic Charities
Kelsey Schutz	Catholic Charities
Patty Swank	PACT Head Start
Michelle Frederick	Central Illinois Adult Education Service Center
Missy Kolowski	Alzheimer's Association
Cheryl Blythe	Family Violence Coordinating Council
Bill Jacobs	Housing Authority
Kathy Millard	Housing Authority
Susan Thompson	Addus Healthcare
Donnice Hamilton	Early Beginnings
Jamillah Bivins	Early Beginnings
Allyson Howe	Early Beginnings
Maggie Brooks	NCBHS
Michelle Kinney	NCBHS
JoAnn Hairston-Jones	WIU Beu Health Center
Meghan Rimelspach	WIU Beu Health Center
William Wetzel	American Red Cross
Cathy Rigg	Samaritan Well, Inc.
Lisa Fulkerson	U of I Extension
Meagen Davis	U of I Extension
Krystal Yeoman	ICCS

- **Speaker**
  - Natashia Myers from Illinois Mentor spoke about her program
    - IL Mentor is not the same as a traditional foster care system – they find placement for children with special needs (behavior and health issues) ONLY
    - They try to keep the children in their home community if possible
    - IL Mentor is on contract with DCFS
    - Emphasis is placed on 1:1 relationships
- Family Violence Coordinating Council
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> – Shaken Baby Syndrome Class – Spoon River College, Canton Conference Center
    - Offered to the public. Information will also be presented so attendees can train others.
    - Presented by Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
    - Offered at no cost to participants.
    - For more information call Cheryl Blythe at 309-837-4398.
  - Healthcare packets have been created and distributed with information and tools to assist providers in screening for child abuse, partner violence, and elder abuse.
- Alzheimer's Association
  - New programs are coming to Macomb in the next year.

- Activity/Social interaction program coming in January 2011 for Early Cognitive Impairment. More info will follow later in the year.
- U of I Extension
  - March 4<sup>th</sup> – Director of Extension, Dr. Bob Hoeft, will be in Macomb from 1-3 p.m. to conduct 1 of 12 Extension Reorganization listening sessions throughout the state. The session will be held at the 4-H Auditorium at 3022 West Jackson in Macomb.
  - March 20<sup>th</sup> – Gardner’s Day – Think Spring!
    - 9 a.m. -3 p.m. at the WIU Grand Ballroom
    - Registration deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - March 27<sup>th</sup> – Kiddie Karnival – YMCA – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Beu Health Center
  - Streaming Waters Work Week – June 7-11, 2010
    - Sponsored by Wesley United Methodist Church
    - Application forms due on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Purpose is to identify needs in the McDonough County for simple home repairs, household yard jobs, etc. that home owners cannot do because of limited finances or ability.
    - For more information contact Wesley United Methodist Church at 309-833-2153 or email [office@macombwesleyumc.com](mailto:office@macombwesleyumc.com).
    - American Cancer Society Daffodil Days – March 15<sup>th</sup> – Last chance to order!
- Addus Healthcare
  - We are working with the Center for Elder Veterans Rights to determine if veterans or surviving spouses of a veteran would be eligible for the Aid and Attendance pension program through the Veteran’s Administration.
  - For more information contact Susan at 1-800-755-7922.
- Housing Authority
  - We will open the waiting list for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. We will distribute and accept eligibility applications for 3 days only at our office from 8am-4pm T, W, TH, March 16-18. We will accept mailed applications postmarked those same dates. We will not accept faxed or emailed applications. The application will be available for downloading from our website ([www.mcdonoughhome.org](http://www.mcdonoughhome.org)) on March 16-18.
- PACT Head Start
  - We are currently busy getting ready for our Early Head Start expansion. We will begin serving these children by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - We will be doing our recruitment for the 2010-2011 year March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any referrals please contact Shanna Etison at 800-443-7228. We also take referrals throughout the year for children 0-5 in our home base and center base programs.