

Inter-agency Council  
1/20/10  
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Phil Bell	Radio Information Service
Holly Knight	The Crossing
Kelsey Schutz	Catholic Charities
Carrie Depoy	Catholic Charities
Judy Torres	Housing Authority
Cathy Rigg	Samaritan Well, Inc.
Kim Lampitt	BBBS
Brian Davenport	DHS-DRS
Missy Kolowski	Alzheimer's Assoc.
Beth Chatterton	U of I Extension
Lisa Fulkerson	U of I Extension
Jeff Hunter	Village at Wheeler
Ellie Zoerink	Macomb Schools #185
Michelle Frederick	CIAESC
John Meixner	ROE
Patricia Walton	9 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
Donna Aguiniga	WIU
Kathy Perone	WIU Social Work
Amy McCallister	MCHD

- **YMCA Kiddie Karnival will be held on 3/27/10 in the McDonough County YMCA gym from 10am-1pm.**
  - Masons will be providing child ID kits (fingerprinting, etc.)
  - All booths will have activities for the children as well as providing information to parents on area social services.
- U of I Extension challenges
  - U of I Urbana/Champaign has only received 7% of state allocation for FY10
  - U of I is requiring 4 furlough days due to budget deficit
  - Extension office will be completely reorganized by 7/1/10
    - Rent costs will be reduced
    - Staffing costs will be reduced
    - Retirement buyout--there are many Extension employees nearing retirement
  - **Extension Listening Session will be held on 3/4/10 from 1pm-3pm. The state director, Dr. Bob Hoeft, will be speaking. Meeting place to be announced.**
  - Extension has not gotten ANY state money yet this year. They are operating entirely on local dollars so far. Typically, they are able to use state funding for half of the year local funds for the other half.
  - **Gardner's Day will be held on 3/20/10 at the WIU Grand Ball Room.**
- Health Department
  - Major staff reduction in the last 3 years
  - There were 30 employees when the Health Dept. first opened; now there are 14.
  - Existing employees are absorbing the duties of employees who have been cut, but people are overwhelmed at this point and unable to take on any more work.

- **H1N1 vaccinations on Tuesdays from 7:30am-11:30am and on Thursdays from 1:30pm-5:30pm.**
- Have a new grant for promoting breast cancer awareness.
  - Hoping to reach 400 women
  - Having two walks this year, instead of one. One will be in the fall, the other in the spring.
- Alzheimer's Association
  - They wrote a grant to get in the school districts to educate children and also to get books in the libraries. These efforts will be in full swing this fall.
- Village at Wheeler
  - Almost full, but have a home set aside for someone who had a mobility impairment. This home is available at a lower cost. Please contact Jeff for more information.
- DCFS
  - Macomb office closed. Canton office still operating but will close soon.
  - In the near future, our area will be covered out of the Galesburg office.
  - They are establishing a CASA program in McDonough County and need volunteers. Volunteers will be required to appear in court, meet with the children and their families.
- Housing Authority
  - Have 1-2 and 3-4 bedroom apartments available.
  - They have partnered with the school district on an after school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30pm. They are in need of volunteers.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - **Bowl for Kids Sake will be held on 5/1/10. Time and place to be announced.**
  - Mayor declared January "Mentoring Month".
  - **Volunteer recognition reception on 1/26/10 from 6-7:30pm at the Prairievew Community Center.**

### **For next meeting:**

**Please be prepared to discuss the state budget issue in depth. In order to facilitate this discussion, please forward your answers to the following questions to Michelle Frederick at [ml-frederick@wiu.edu](mailto:ml-frederick@wiu.edu) by 1/31/10. An effort will be made to compile your information into a format that will help us to prepare something for the visit from Rich Myers and John Sullivan (which will possibly be as early as our April meeting).**

- **Please tell us the name of your program and what services it provides.**
- **What impact has the current state budget crisis had on your budget?**
- **What impact has the current state budget crisis had on your staffing?**
- **What impact has the current state budget crisis had on your ability to provide services?**
- **What will happen to your budget/staffing/services if the state budget crisis isn't resolved soon? (Doomsday scenario)**

- **Is there any current/pending legislation that affecting your program that needs to be discussed with our legislators?**