

**McDonough County Interagency Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2011**

In attendance:	Agency:	Email (If Changed):
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Visiting at October 19 Meeting

WIU Professor Zellman's Macro Class from Social Work Dept. in attendance to see workings of IAC

Meeting Topic: Transportation

Guest Speaker: Gary Ziegler, Transit Director, MCPT
McDonough County Public Transportation

- Owned by city of Macomb

Three Divisions:

- Non-emergency medical (out of county-within 2 hours of Macomb)
- Demand Response (call up dispatch to request vehicle)
- Go West (fixed-route bus service)

Non-emergency medical

- Designed for appointments with a specialist not located in McDonough County, with a three times per month maximum.
- Two vehicles are utilized for this service. It is scheduled in advance (there is usually a waiting list) by calling 837-7433.
- Fees are \$5.00 for a round trip
- MCPT also administers the Hancock Co. program for appointments within 2 hours of Carthage. Fee is \$10 for a round trip.
- Alternate arrangements can be made by contacting Tim Lobdell 837-4391
Mobility Management

Demand Response

- This service is primarily reserved for senior citizens, but is available to everyone for any need, with door-to-door service available.
- Hours of operation are 6am-6pm Monday through Friday and 7am-1pm on Saturday
- Fares vary: Sr. Citizens 60+ are free, \$2 within McDonough Co., \$3 outside, \$1 discount for individuals with disabilities.
- Dialysis runs are available earlier in the morning and on holidays

Go West-Fixed Route Bus Service

- Paid for with government funds (60-70%) and student funds (30-40%)
- Operates within Macomb City Limits approximately every 30 minutes (sometimes every 7) from 7am – midnight on Weekdays and 7am-2am on Saturdays
- Fares are free

Capital Projects

- Macomb City Center: a bus transfer facility by Family Video primarily for fixed route transportation

- Will provide sheltered waiting area for bus transfers and parking for Amtrak
- Vehicle Maintenance and Operation Center
 - Corner of Pearl & Pierce: Vehicle storage, maintenance, administrative center
 - Concrete pads and benches at bus stops
 - Some will include shelters (i.e. Eisenhower Tower)

Networking/Agency Sharing:

Missy Kolowski-Alzheimer's Association

- \$18,600 raised from Alzheimer's walk
- \$19,000 expected
- Book program has been very successful and is still in operation

Bill Jacobs-Housing Authority

- Federal funding being cut back
- Offsetting subsidies with housing authority reserves

Jo Anna Eidson-Housing Authority

- Flu Shot Clinic

Jill Beck-United Way

- Goal is \$110,00 for annual campaign
- WIU payroll deduction campaign currently underway

Beth Chatterton-4-H/U of I Extension Office

- Two part-time positions available
- Medical student will be doing a 16-week rotation in Macomb and will be completing a rural community research project, will be doing an assessment of the needs in the community and is asking for suggestions. Any suggestions can be emailed to Beth Chatterton at chattert@illinois.edu

Linda Oprian-Birthright

- Winter Clothes-Out for Newborns-2
- 4 student volunteers from WIU social work department

Jenny Calvert-Advocacy Network for Children

- 30 hour volunteer training
- Work directly with abused/neglected children
- New training session starts in February
- Contact 309.544.0003

Sarah Bobka – Head Start

- New enrollment currently going on
- In need of volunteers at the center

Phil Bell-Macomb Area Christian Minister's Association

Outreach Director for Tri-State's Audio Information Services

- Provide services for the print-impaired (vision-impaired)
- Make available a broadcast of a selection of local newspapers and magazines
- Have signal broadcasters at Quincy University, Knox College, and other transmitters
- Fall auction raised more than \$3000
- Jane Carlson – new director

Yemiymah Yisrael-Housing Authority

- Fun night every Thursday night at Prairie View
- Wave provides volunteers for program
- Starting a homework help program
- Working with BB/BS to provide more Big's
- Boy Scouts – Start an adventuring group out at the high school

Crystal Serrell – Salvation Army

- Sign-up for Christmas assistance starts next week
- Anyone can apply for a Christmas basket; children ages 12 and under are eligible for gifts

Kerry Gardner-Salvation Army

- Red kettle bells start Nov. 18 through Dec. 24
- 12-8 pm – minimum of 2 hours, but can go all day
- Thanksgiving dinner has yet to be given a date and time. It will be announced soon.

Janice Fink-West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living

- Braille available for use at anytime; only charge for Paper

Cynthia Sheffler-Health Department

- Sharps pick-up available: can drop filled sharps containers and pick up new sharps
- CFL drop off program is coming back (fluorescent lights)
- Illinois Breast/Cervical Cancer program
 - provides free mammograms and pap smear screening and diagnostic services for women 35-64 years old with no insurance
 - women diagnosed with breast cancer and without insurance can also contact the health department and we help get public aid for treatment

Eileen Morganson-Regional Office of Education

- Bus Driving Certification/Fingerprinting services/Homeless programs/truancy programs/professional development
- Fall veto session is next Tuesday

Cynthia Stiffler-Director of Samaritan's Well

- Currently doing "Thankful for a Home" campaign
- Asking for donations
- Funding cut by 52%
- Interim Director Cathy Rigg will be leaving Oct 31st. The incoming permanent Director Cynthia Stiffler will be taking over at that time.

Elizabeth Cox-Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging

- Aging/Disability Resource Center for 10 counties based out of Rock Island
- Partnering with the Center for Independent Living
- Matter of Balance – prevention program for seniors

Next McDonough County Interagency Council Meeting will be held on November 16th at 9:00 a.m. at the McDonough County Health Department.