Message from the Director

We hope you are seeing the value of your membership in the Maternal, Child and Family Health Coalition through increased visibility and attention to issues affecting the health and lives of the women, children and families you serve.

The Coalition seeks to improve the overall health of mothers, children and families particularly in areas with the worst outcomes. We do this through identifying trends, developing and promoting best practice strategies, increasing coordination and communication between community agencies, health care and social service providers and other coalitions, and setting the maternal, child and family health agenda for the region. We engage community members to improve health, form collaborations with local organizations to enhance the quality of care, and serve as a resource for members, partner organizations and health providers in need of information and education on how to better serve mothers, infants and families.

The MCFHC exists because of your commitment and desire to make this a safe and healthy place for families. We are excited by the progress we have made as a community and the potential we have to see even greater improvements.

Thank you for all you do for women, children and families.

Warmest Regards,

Kendra Copanas

MCFHC Initiatives and Programs in 2007

The 2007 State of MCH Forum: Medicaid Reform convened 75 stakeholders in April to increase awareness of the proposed changes to the Missouri Medicaid program. Legislators and policy analysts discussed the political climate and the details of pending legislation. Much of the Governor’s plan ultimately passed in the final hours of the session through Senate Bill 577. For a summary of the bill, visit www.mobudget.org and visit www.mokids.org for a summary of legislative session.
Mapping a Course to a Healthier Community

To date, over 200 individuals have shared their knowledge about issues affecting the health of women, children and families through this agenda setting initiative. These issues will be condensed into a set of common themes. Relevant data about the themes will be gathered to guide participants in ranking the importance of each. Meetings will be held later this fall to prioritize the information and subsequently to begin planning action steps to accomplish the agenda. We hope you will continue to be part of this effort to unite and mobilize the community around the top maternal and child health priorities. Call Kendra for more information.

MCFH Education Series Kicked-Off

The “Teaching Parents to Parent” Education Series targets professionals in the health and social service fields who serve parents and who are in a capacity to teach parenting skills. The next session will be held August 28. Thanks to HealthCare USA for sponsoring all 4 sessions, SSM Cardinal Glennon and ARCHS for sponsoring 1 session, and Grace Hill for donating massage certificates. Call Jill for more details and to register. Remember, members receive a discount.

Healthy Start Web Page Goes Live

The St. Louis Healthy Start program has recently published an annual report and now has its own web page. Visit www.stl-mcfhc.org to view the new page and download the annual report.

Immunization Coalition Launches Flu Round Up

The St. Louis Immunization Coalition initiated a year-round effort to increase influenza vaccination by convening approximately 25 stakeholders in quarterly coordination meetings. Improvements to the flu information line and increased promotion targeting under served neighborhoods are planned for the 2007/2008 season.

FIMR Offers Smoking During Pregnancy Training

Through a grant from the March of Dimes, the FIMR Program is sponsoring four free trainings for providers. The purpose of the training is to increase awareness of the need for screening and counseling for pregnant women who smoke. The trainings held September 5, September 19, October 3, and October 17 will provide resources to aid providers. Contact Rochelle for more information.
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2007 Member Organizations and Individuals

Organizations

- American Academy of Pediatrics – MO Chapter
- ARCHS
- Barnes Jewish Hospital
- Behavioral Health Response
- Center for Hearing and Speech
- Child Day Care Association
- Citizens for Missouri’s Children
- Contemporary Living Options
- Deaconess Foundation
- Eastern MO AHEC
- Family Care Health Centers
- Family Support Network
- Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers
- Harmony Health Care
- HealthCare USA
- Incarnate Word Foundation
- Lemay Child and Family Center
- Lift Missouri
- Lutheran Family and Children’s Services
- March of Dimes
- MedImmune, Inc.
- Mental Health Board
- Mercy Health Plans
- Nurses For Newborns Foundation
- Planned Parenthood
- RegionWise
- SSM Healthcare – St. Mary’s Health Center
- SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center
- SSM & Missouri Regional Poison Center
- St. Louis ARC
- St. Louis Children’s Hospital
- St. Louis City Health Department
- St. Louis County Health Department
- St. Louis Crisis Nursery
- St. Louis Empowerment Zone
- St. Louis Public Schools
- St. Louis Regional Health Commission
- SLU Department of Pediatrics
- SLU School of Public Health
- Vision for Children at Risk
- Women’s Safe House

Individuals

- Corliss Burton
- Hilda Chaski-Adams
- Nancy Cibuikka
- Susan Clauss
- Doris Durgins-Johnson
- Sharon Feltman
- Steve Fine
- Louise Flick, PhD
- Mary Galvin
- Donna Gauvain
- Alison Gee
- Elizabeth George
- Debbie Henley-Watson
- Jacqueline Inglis
- Lane Jacobs
- Jamey Johnston
- Nancy Jones
- Katie Kaufman
- Gloria Lee
- Terry Leet
- Cathi Martarella
- Julie McCroskey
- Aileen McMurrer
- Brenda Morrison
- Katie Plax, MD
- Helen Risse, RN
- Christina Randolph
- Darcy Scharff, PhD
- Brooke Sehy
- Jane Tarlow
- Leigh Tenkku
- Corinne Walentik, MD, MPH
- Granada Walker
- Lottchen Wider
- Evelyn Wilson

The list of members and links to organizational members’ websites can be found on the MCFHC website.
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2006 Financial Snapshot

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