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JUNE BOARD ORIENTATION

Programs Focused Orientation

Audubon Area Community Services Board of Directors approved at its April meeting to designate the third-Tuesday-in-June meeting for Board orientation. The focus of the meeting will be on gaining a better insight into the programmatic operations at AACCS. Members of the Senior Staff will present on their respective programs or areas with details on who and how they serve clients. An executive session will be held prior to the meeting to conduct all business. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. We strive to provide information you can take back to your communities.

ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHEILD

Rates Remain Same

Health insurance premiums for Audubon Area employees' will remain the same this year. Previous projections had the agency preparing for double-digit increases, so this news is welcomed. Employees may choose from two plans, enhanced and basic. The majority of employees are enrolled in the enhanced plan and currently pay \$19 per pay period. Employees enrolled in the standard plan pay \$4 per pay period.

GRANGE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT

Central Office Roof Damage

Estimates to repair storm damage to the roof at central office range from \$17,000 to 26,000. The agency has received \$17,000 in claims from Grange Insurance to cover repairs.

Did You Know?

Community Action Agencies were developed with the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Their purpose was to provide services that increase the potential of low-income persons and families and to help them become self-sufficient. That same goal remains unchanged today.

GRITS/HUMAN RESOURCE

Welcome New Employees!

Audubon Area Community Services welcomes *Becky Stinnett* as its new Human Resource Director and *Dan Lanham* as Transit System Manager. Stinnett previously was assistant mother-house administrator at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in Daviess County, Kentucky. Stinnett replaces Judy Grant who retired in April.

Lanham was previously corporate secretary, treasurer and project manager for Lanham General Contractors, a family-owned business. He worked in the business since 1973 and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Kentucky University. Lanham replaces Rajen Shah who left for a position in Virginia in April.

With Shah's departure and the loss of the Human Services Transportation Delivery (HSTD) program contract, a new position, transit system manager, was created at the lower salary grade of 33. Responsibilities will be similar except for HSTD management. The "Transportation Director" position will remain unfilled at this time.

SENIOR SERVICES

Volunteers Recognized

Two Audubon Area Community Services senior volunteers have received Governor's Awards for their outstanding service to their communities. Marilu Goodsell of Daviess County received a Special Category Individual Award, and Mary Banks of Henderson received a Challenge Adult Award. Look for a story in the June issue of *The Curious Journal* for more details.

BOARD MEETING-TIME SURVEY

Current Time Preferred

Most of the respondents to the survey regarding AACCS Board meeting times prefer the current date and time of 5:15 p.m. (dinner) and 6:00 p.m. (meeting) on the *third* Tuesday of every even-numbered month.

Of the sixty (60) surveys that were sent, fourteen (14) were returned. Of those, ten (10) prefer to keep the same date and time. The remainder suggested other days.

Thanks to you all for your participation in the survey.

AACS Current Events

	1 Chip William's Birthday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Barbara Nevill's Birthday	13
14	15	16 Community Services Committee Meets at Noon	17 Matt McKee's Birthday	18 Hon. Henry Lackey's Birthday	19 Child and Family Services Committee Meets at 11:30	20 Vicki Tinsley's Birthday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	May 2006		

Earned Income Tax Credit

A coalition of nonprofits helping low-income people file tax returns saw a 50 percent increase in the numbers they helped last year. This tax season, the Owensboro-Daviess County Asset Building Coalition helped more than 900 families receive \$1.35 million in income tax returns, \$620,000 of which was in Earned Income Tax Credits. That saved these families an estimated \$125,000 in tax preparation fees.

EITC is a federal income tax credit for working single people and families who earn up to \$37,263 for married filing jointly with two more more children or \$11,750 for singles with no children. The maximum credit they could receive was \$4,400. The coalition estimated that the Daviess County community was losing up to \$2 million annually by not applying for the credit.

For the 2006 tax season, the maximum a couple with two or more children can make to qualify for the credit will be \$38,348. For singles with no children, it will be \$12,120.

To find out more about Earned Income Tax Credit, visit the Internal Revenue Service web site at www.irs.gov.

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