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MAYOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Barnett To Receive Award

Ms. Nelda Barnett, member of the Audubon Area Board of Directors, will receive the *Mayor's Award for Excellence* on January 27th, 2004. This *Award of Excellence* is bestowed on individuals for the accomplishments they have achieved and the sense of community they bring to Owensboro. There will be only six Award of Excellence recipients this year. Audubon Area is very proud of Nelda, as well as having one of these recipients on its Board of Directors.

Congratulations, Nelda, for all the wonderful work that you do ... at Audubon and in the community *and the nation!*

COUNSELING SERVICES & CSBG

We've Merged and Moved

On Tuesday, January 20, the Counseling Services and CSBG programs have officially moved into their new home at 4215 Bentree Drive, Owensboro.

Also, as of the close of business Friday, January 16th, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)/LIHEAP-FEMA operations have been consolidated with those of the Counseling Services (FPP-FRP-KISP) department of AACCS, Inc.

This move allows us to conduct these services in a more cost effective manner. No changes have taken place within these programs. They still will be providing the same quality services that they have been. But with the state calling for all agencies to trim unnecessary and duplicative expenses, we felt that the time was right to bring these services together, consolidating their administrations.

Although the consolidation should have no immediate direct impact as far as staff are concerned, Counseling Services Director Cathy Lamar will head the new department, with Fred Goodwin reporting directly to her. The genesis of this consolidation was a joint proposal received from Mr. Goodwin and Ms. Lamar.

As of July 1, 2004, that all CSBG-funded entities must increase and enhance their case management services and capabilities. This move will greatly benefit and enhance the quality of our CSBG case management initiative, CHOICES, due to the closer supervision and of Ms. Lamar and the assistance of her cadre of professionals in the field.

Current emergency/direct services will be maintained throughout the Green River Area counties, as well as current CSBG-funded staffing and services for *F.A.C.T.S.*

CHRISTIAN COUNTY HEAD START

Status of Center Financing

Progress has been slowed due to the Christmas-New Year's holidays, but a good deal of work is now moving forward. BB&T and Hilliard Lyons (Louisville) are working on proposals for financing the new Christian County center.

Some of the delay was due to our awaiting KACo's decision regarding the C.O.L.T. program. Audubon learned during the week of January 20th, that it does not qualify for the C.O.L.T. program. This program would have eliminated much of the upfront costs that Audubon will have with BB&T or Hilliard Lyon. Both companies are nearing completion of their proposals.

At its December meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Committee to receive and act on these proposals. That could come within the next couple of weeks or be delayed until the Board's February meeting. The architect tells AACCS that he feels the bids should be out by the first of March if AACCS is to get the most favorable bids.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

51 Candidates Apply

A preliminary count just after the January 19th application deadline indicates that fifty-one individuals have applied for the position of AACCS "CFO." Several of the candidates are CPAs. In general, the group of candidates appears very strong.


The review process has already begun. A Wednesday, January 21 review will be held with the agency's independent auditor. A number of candidates will be selected for first-round interviews, which will occur the week of January 26-30. Final interviews are planned for the week of February 9-13, with a selection made, hopefully, by the February Board meeting.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

Salary-Benefits-Travel Survey

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has ordered all Head Start grantees to file a report by the close of business, Thursday, January 22nd on director/executive director salaries, benefits, and travel expenses paid directly from Head Start funds. The report stems from a Congressional inquiry into the compensation of executive and administrative personnel in Head Start grantees and delegate agencies. Audubon is compiling this information for a prompt and timely response to this order.

AACS Current Events

		<h2>January</h2>			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		<i>Hon. Sandy Watkins Birthday</i>		<i>Mr. Jerry Manning Birthday</i>			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Board and Committee Meetings...

January 20th, 2004
Community Services Committee

February 17th, 2004
Bi-monthly Board Meeting

With Deepest Sympathy

AACS and the Board of Directors would like to send its deepest sympathy to *Mr. Thomas Jenkins*, alternate for Sturgis Kiwanis, who lost his mother, *Virginia "Belle" Brown* on January 20, 2004.

The Jenkins and Brown families are in our thoughts and prayers.

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