

THE BOARD BULLETIN

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VS. AACCS, INC. — LINCOLNSHIRE AND HEAD START

Two Civil Suits Pending

Audubon Area Community Services Inc. was denied a motion for summary judgment in a lawsuit filed by Colleen Pinkston, former resident of Lincolnshire North who claims she was injured due to a faulty handrail on the property. She alleges that **Lincolnshire North Apartments, Inc.** failed to maintain the premises in a safe manner. However, she submitted a letter after leaving the complex in which she commends the agency. AACCS was *not* notified prior to the initial hearing on April 15th in which she made her claims in court.

A former **Head Start** employee, Frances Morrison, filed a civil complaint on May 18th in Hopkins Circuit Court alleging she was terminated without due cause. She is seeking compensatory damages, including back pay, benefits and attorney fees, and to be reinstated with respect to her seniority. Morrison was terminated November 13 due to what was determined to be improper conduct. Morrison is being represented by the Kentucky Education Support Professional Association, an arm of the KEA, which is attempting, illegally, we think, to enroll some Head Start staff under the premise of KRS 161, relating to *school systems'* classified employees. AACCS employment law attorney Susan Sears will file AACCS' response within the required 20-day period and request a dismissal of the most blatant charges and deny any discrimination. Sears advises taht AACCS' position is "strongly unequivocal and defensible."

FINANCE

2003-04 Audit. 2004-05 Budget

Audubon's 2003-2004 organization-wide audit is presently underway. Alexander & Company, Owensboro, will complete the "Special District" summary in time for publication in the *2003-2004 Annual Report*.

Also, the agency's 2004-05 projected budget will be filed with the Kentucky office of Local Government and the respective county governments in the Green River area by the June 1 deadline, as mandated by state law. Projected **revenues** for AACCS are **\$32,760,000**, excluding the Lincolnshires and CCAP.

Lastly, AACCS has filed that 2004-2005 budget with the Kentucky Association of Counties' Kentucky Advance Revenue Program (KARP). Judge David Martin, KACo's representative, advised AACCS on May 25th that AACCS's budget numbers this year have been qualified for participation. Last year, AACCS received \$19,113 from its participation in the KARP program.

BOARD'S NEW AND RE-TERM-ING MEMBERS

Election, Appointment Results

The results are in, and below are the persons that have either been elected or appointed. The Public Sector's seats remain intact as they were in the 2003-2004 term.

Consumer Sector-Elects...

District I—Union County Mr. Jerry Manning	Mrs. Jeanette Manning
District III—Henderson County Mr. David Ligon	Ms. Leighann Ligon
District V—McLean County Ms. Lisa Ayer	Mr. Marshall Hatfield
District VII—East Daviess County Ms. Jenny Thompson	Ms. Donna Howard
District IX—Ohio County Ms. Barbara Nevill	Ms. Teresa Rae

Private Sector Appointees...

Sturgis Kiwanis Mr. Paul Hart	Mr. Sam Smith
Lewisport Senior Services, Inc. Ms. Fouchee Young	Ms. Patricia Meyer
Henderson NAACP Mr. Chip Williams	Ms. Delilah Cobb
Brescia University Dr. Kathleen McKee	Ms. Vicki Pinsley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Board Orientation Day

This year's annual meeting will be a little different. Board members are being asked to spend **all day June 24** "orientating" (or re-orienting) themselves to Audubon Area Community Services, learning about the agency and why it exists. A committee has been hard at work to make this day an informative as well as enjoyable one for all members, so attendance will be greatly appreciated. *Please, please attend.*

The event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in **Rogers Hall**, which is in the **Winchester Center at Kentucky Wesleyan College** in Owensboro. The event will consist of guest presenters speaking on board governance/shared governance and AACCS departmental/program exhibits staffed by senior management staff to provide you materials and answer your questions about their operations and services.

A **recognition luncheon and Annual Board Meeting** from **12:15 to 1:30 p.m.** If you can attend no other partion of the day, please attend this luncheon!

A relaxing end-of-day **dinner** with entertainment is set for **5:15 p.m.**, at which you may invite your spouse or partner to join you. The remainder of the day will be pure business, so it would likely be of little interest to non-members.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

Christian County Head Start Center Update

Awarding the bid on the new Head Start facility in Christian County has been delayed. Representatives of BB&T Bank, the financial entity issuing the bonds, have a variance between their appraiser's valuation of the building and the low bid that the agency received from A&K, Paducah, and are holding up approving the issuance until the variance is resolved. BB&T has brought in a cost estimator to refigure the project. After that is complete, the figures will be compared. This must all be done, however, before the 60-day bid period expires, which will be the close of business, June 24. AACCS has to award the project before that deadline or the bidding process must begin again.

Meanwhile, the cost continues to increase. As of May 24, the total projected bid cost was \$4,667,593, up from the \$4,651,377 bid that was in effect if the bid had been awarded within the first 30 days. (The cost would have been \$4,645,937 if the contract had been awarded during the first *seven* days.)

Christian County Fiscal Court's first reading and give final approval of the bond issuance are June 8th and June 22nd, respectively. That will give AACCS *two days*, June 23 and 24, to send an official award of the contract to A&K of Paducah.

ANTHEM STOCK

Stockholder Approval for Merger

Anthem and WellPoint have requested their respective stockholders to either approve or reject their proposed merger. The companies signed a definitive merger agreement effective October 26, 2003, creating a company to serve nearly 26 million medical members and operate as a Blue Cross or Blue Cross and Blue Shield licensee in 13 states. The new merged company will be known as **WellPoint, Inc.** ("WLP" on the New York Stock Exchange).

AACS itself owns **21,626 shares** of Anthem stock ("ATH" on the New York Stock Exchange). AACS also presently holds a block of **1,347 shares** in an ERISA-governed brokerage account which is restricted to benefits for employees under a "premium holiday" program.

Ronald Logsdon, AACCS executive director, proposes that AACCS vote all of its owned or controlled shares (22,979 shares) to approve the merger. Votes on the merger must be received by June 27th in order to be counted.

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Board Chairperson—Ms. Daisy James
Board Vice-Chairperson Mr. Thomas Platt
Board Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Royce Pile

FINANCE

Closing Out *State* Fiscal Year

Audubon Area Community Services is in the process of closing out, for this fiscal year, all of the state-awarded grants it receives. The process is a "complicated" one, because the state requires entities to stop spending *before* the end of the fiscal year. "But I think we have it under control," says the AACCS executive director.

AACS COUNSELING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Statewide KISP Award?

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has signaled its intent to award the 2004-2005 Kentucky Intensive Services Program (KISP) contract to Audubon Area Community Services to administer the program *statewide*. Currently, the agency provides this counseling service to every county except for three northern ones, Boone, Campbell, and Kenton.

Under the new DJJ contract, though, Audubon Area will contract with Northern Kentucky Children's Home (NKCH) in Covington, Kentucky, for \$103,950 to deliver the service in those counties. NKCH has provided KISP services in those three northern Kentucky counties for the past two years.

LINCOLNSHIRE AND LICOLNSHIRE NORTH

Vacancy Rates

Lincolnshire Apartments, Inc. and Lincolnshire North Apartments, Inc. continue to hold vacancy rates at or near the "break-even" level of approximately 11 percent. At the end of April, Lincolnshire's vacancy rate was 9.8% and Lincolnshire North's was 16.8%. Early May reports, however, show a substantial decline in vacancies at Lincolnshire North.

SHORT NOTES

1. **C**ounseling Services has just received notice that AACCS, Inc. will receive two additional programs contracted, I believe, from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
2. **W**e are just about finalizing a month-long contract with Area Consulting Group to "optimize" AACCS' IT infrastructure and staffing, add new HelpDesk software, and provide recommendations to senior management.
3. **T**he Head Start Salary Survey has been completed by DHHS, and DHHS Secretary Tommy Thompson reported the results to Congress. Overall, the reception and the media coverage has been favorable. (Website addresses are available for members to get more information on the HHS and media summaries. Check Google.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REMINDER

The 2004 Nominating Committee — **Ms. Daisy James, Ms. Shauna Boom, and Rev. Charles Thomas** — will meet midday, Thursday, June 3rd in Owensboro.

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