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ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REPORT

Tough Times, Tough Going

Speakers at this past week's annual legislative conference gave a pretty dismal assessment of what's going on in Washington. Scholar-author Norman J. Ornstein said that in his thirty-six years in Washington it's never been so bad, that both politics and policy are in disarray. "There's a denial of reality on Capitol Hill, and there's no broadbased bipartisan leadership consensus." He stated, "It'll take another crisis to show we're all in the same boat, then it'll take new leadership." Columnist David Broder said, "It's an interesting time, but not a happy time. There's a high level of tension, and a sense that things are not going well—in the city of the country." Broder also said the level of partisanship and meanness was "as high and as bad as it's ever been."

With this backdrop, CAP lobbyist David Bradley said that this fiscal year despite the President's budget "cap" on domestic spending domestic discretionary funding *must* be expanded, that programs cannot survive more and deeper cuts. There does seem to be some willingness to fund domestic needs higher than the President's requests. Perhaps the most impressive speaker was Senator Blanche Lambert Lincoln of Arkansas. Among her remarks she said, "Many issues are so important to the fabric of our country, and every one of them starts with a human being."

Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa reported on his committee's bill to further strengthen nonprofit accountability. Those reforms are now in House-Senate conference.

Board Meeting-Time Survey

The AACCS Board of Directors currently meets at 6:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of even-numbered month, February, April, so on. A proposal to change to day meetings was considered at the February meeting. The Board has instructed that a survey of members be made to determine what works best for all.

Please return the enclosed survey with your response to Lydia Johnson, public information and outreach director. The survey is also posted at www.audubon-area.com/meetingsurvey.doc in case you'd like to do the survey electronically and return it to Lydia via e-mail at ljohnson@audubon-area.com, or you can call her at (270) 686-1652 and she will happily assist you with your completion of the survey.

HSTD PROGRAM STILL IN DISPUTE

LKLP Protests Again

On February 24th, LKLP filed another protest in the state's decision to grant the Human Services Transportation Delivery (HSTD) contract, which "brokers" transportation delivery services to Medicaid eligible recipients, to LogistiCare Solutions, a for-profit entity based in Atlanta, Georgia. This latest dispute is the third protest filed over who will provide services in the seven-county Green River area.

Audubon and its "GRITS" system originally held the "Region 3" HSTD contract, but lost it to LKLP in April of last year. AACCS then filed a protest, and the state agreed to rebid the contract. In October 2005, the Cabinet awarded the contract to LogistiCare; LKLP appealed the award.

Rajen Shah, GRITS manager, says he has not received word on when this dispute may be settled or what settlement LKLP is seeking. Green River Intra-county Transit System, GRITS, will feel little impact from this second protest.

LOGOS.NET ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

State-of-the-Art Software

Audubon Area Community Services has successfully implemented its new Web-based financial and human resource software package, *Logos.NET*. March 6th was the "go-live" implementation date.

The system enables employees to access pertinent information from any computer worldwide, including all general ledger, accounts payables and receivables and budget analysis. Payroll processing has been enhanced and streamlined as well as applicant tracking and benefits administration. By late 2006, employees will be able to access and key in changes to their own personal information such as dependents and health insurance, which upon HR department approval and confirmation will be "entered" in the system.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

Judy Grant To Retire

It is with regret, thanks, and good wishes that we announce the retirement of Judith Grant, human resource and payroll director at Audubon Area Community Services. Her last day will be March 31st. Judy began her career in 1988. She has since served the agency well in important positions. She will be missed and well-remembered.

AACS Current Events

March 2006		1	2	3	4 <i>Diane Bremer Birthday</i>	5 <i>Amy Lilly Birthday</i>
6	7	8 <i>Marshall Hatfield Birthday</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Frank Eiter Birthday</i>	16 Board Training @ Wendell Foster Lincolnshires' Boards meet, Owensboro	17	18 <i>Reid Haire Birthday</i>	19
20	21	22	23 <i>Nikki Butler Birthday</i>	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Committee Meetings — per mailed</i>	29 <i>Committee notices</i>	30	31 <i>Judy Grant Retirement — effective date</i>	<i>April Events</i> Committee Meetings — per notices Board Meeting — 6:00 p.m., April 18th Early Childhood Field Day — April 29	

Board Members Invited To Training

Members of Audubon Area Community Services Board of Directors are invited to attend a training on board responsibilities March 16 at the Wendell Foster's Campus for Developmental Disabilities, 815 Triplett Street in Owensboro. **Two sessions** are available: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jamie D. Levy, president of JDLevy & Associates and author of "Handbook on Being a Board Member." All those in attendance will receive a free copy.

Topics To Be Covered:

- Tax Exempt status and it's implications
- Legal obligations of the board
- The difference between the board and management
- Liability of board members
- Financial management

Where: Wendell Foster Center, 815 Triplett Street, Owensboro
When: Wednesday, March 16th, 8:30-11:30 a.m. **or** 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Limited Seating: RSVP today (March 13th) if at all possible.
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