



## OPERATION WEATHER SURVIVAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 – 2:30 p.m.  
Via Conference Call  
866-703-0017

### Attendees:

Dr. Adams – St. Louis County Health Department  
Lisa Beatty – Mid-East Area Agency on Aging  
Gary Busiek – The Salvation Army  
Valda Croskey – City of St. Louis Department of Health  
Dennis Diehl – Jefferson County Health Department  
Debbie Fagin – United Way of Greater St. Louis  
Linda Hiette – St. Louis County Dept. of Health  
Jackie Hutchinson – Human Development Corporation  
Jim Kramper – National Weather Service  
Molly Martin – Ameren  
Mike Redman – St. Louis County Police Communications Coordinator  
Susan Rundblad – Jewish Family & Children's Services  
Anneliese Stoeber - St. Louis Area Agency on Aging  
Gloria Thirdkill – Laclede Gas Company  
Cameron Wessel – St. Charles Co. Dept. of Community Health & the Environment  
Becky White – American Red Cross

Meeting called to order by Jim Kramper at 2:37 p.m. Roll call taken of everyone on the call. Jim then asked if anyone had any changes to the minutes that had been sent. Minutes approved as written. Jim indicated that the minutes were posted on the OWS website and a copy of OWS Magnet was posted as well.

### **Weather Report** - Jim

Jim provided everyone with an update of the National Weather Services forecast for the summer. St. Louis area long range out look is that we have

“chances to go in any direction”. Jim surmised that that meant that the weather would be hot where it’s supposed to be hot. Mid-July is customarily the hottest time the St. Louis area.

**Energy Report** - Jackie

HDC will be receiving summer emergency funds (ECIP) in early June. These funds are for “COOLING ASSISTANCE” ONLY. There currently are NO funds for heating assistance. Summer ECIP is for clients who are 125% of poverty level and in threat of disconnect. The maximum assistance is \$300.00 per household. Molly indicated that Dollar More agencies have summer funding, as well, however, there are less dollars than in previous years.

**Home Services Update** - Molly

Fred Weckenman is the acting Director at Home Services. The OWS AC Promotion may be impacted due to a lack of teens normally provided and paid by SLATE. Home Services usually installs 100 AC units each summer through referral from HDC and SLAAA. They also service the existing “loaned” AC units. (Approximately 300 total units per year.)

Ameren is again sponsoring an AC give away through Urban League both City and County. This program should start mid-to-late June for households that qualify. This time frame corresponds nicely with “Missouri Summer Weather Safety Week”, June 21-30.

**Hot Weather Plan**

Annaliese asked that we add the fact that SLAAA would do client outreach and checks for all those seniors receiving home delivered meals anytime there is a heat emergency.

Ameren has sent out letters to the “Cooling Sites from 2006” to see if they would be willing to offer that service again for summer 2007. Responses are being forwarded to Debbie as they arrive. Update Cooling Site list for 2007 should be available for the June meeting.

Becky White and Debbie Fagin will contact YMCA’s to determine if they can be used as cooling sites also.

**Media Packets**

Jackie and HDC have begun to put the 2007 Media Packets together. She asked if United Way could provide the cover labels (approximately 200). Informational stuffers still needed. Ameren and Laclede will help provide some of this information. Molly suggested that we get a small group together to update some of the information that had previously been used in this media packet. Molly will coordinate this.

Once completed the Media Packets will be given to:

- Member OWS Agencies
- Media, when requested
- Supply to Health Departments, HDC, CAAStL, etc. for distribution to clients

Anneliese will again be preparing special Senior Packets for use by the SLAAA Office for their clientele.

### **Media/Outreach**

“Summer Weather Safety Week” is June 24 – June 30. OWS should try to coordinate outreach efforts during this week. As discussed in the April meeting, OWS needs to try to get some time on public access cable both City & County. Jim will further investigate. Last year, Home Services was filmed installing an AC unit by local television. Anneliese is still working with Joe and the NSO’s to help with City Outreach.

### **Other Information**

- Valda reported that there have been 4 cases of heat exhaustion in St. Louis City. These cases were reported during the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>. Three of the cases were women and one man, what is so alarming about this is that these were all relatively young people.
- Dr. Adams had no reports so far this year.
- Debbie gave an update on 2-1-1. Still moving forward for a July “soft launch”.
- Dennis with Jefferson County Health Department reported that in mid June his offices should have approximately 25 AC units for qualified households. This is a program sponsored by Ameren with installation through Vatterotte College.
- Due to a scheduling conflict, it was suggested that the June meeting be moved up one week.

**Next meeting: June 12, 2007 at 2:30 PM at Harris Stowe University (St. Louis Society for the Blind, 8770 Manchester Rd. was not available)**

Conference call ended at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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