



**Johnson County Empowerment Board
Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes
March 28, 2008**

Present: Amy Correia, Johnson County Social Services/Decat; Nadine Fisher, Johnson County Public Health; Susan Gray, 4Cs Child Care Resource & Referral; Ulrike Schultz, U of I College of Public Health; Kelly Vander Werff, MECCA; Peter Wallace, Mercy Hospital; Laurie Nash, Johnson County Empowerment

Introductions

Family & Professional Surveys: To date there are 104 family surveys distributed and collected by MPH students at a variety of local agencies/events. Only 4 families declined to participate. Most data has been input into SPSS and will be analyzed over the next couple of weeks. The professional survey closes today. So far we have received 74 responses. In addition to survey results, we have asked MS. Schultz to track the number of students who participated, the number of student hours volunteered, and the number of hours Ms. Schultz has spent on this project. Ms. Schultz will send the survey results to Ad Hoc Committee members before the next meeting.

Joint Community-Wide Needs Assessment: United Way of Johnson County is working with the University of Iowa Business School and Political Science departments to collect the following:

- What data is already out there that can be utilized locally? This includes agency-specific as well as community-wide data.
- Are considering doing a random sample telephone survey of Johnson County residents to get a sense of community needs.
- Will be doing focus groups.

Discussing the issue of what if the community-identified needs are not documented by the data? How will this information be used?

Next meeting will be **Friday, May 16 at 11:00 am** at the County Administration Building.

With questions about these minutes, please contact Laurie Nash at (319) 339-6179 or empower@jcempowerment.org.

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