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EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL SOCIAL SERVICES SAFETY NET FORUM

***Township Partners with Glen-Ed Ministerial Alliance to discuss
collaborative efforts with more than 40 area organizations***

PHOTO: Edwardsville Township Supervisor Frank Miles speaks at the 2nd Annual Social Service Safety Net Forum held on November 9 at First Christian Church in Edwardsville.

Edwardsville, Illinois – November 16, 2016. Representatives from more than 40 area agencies gathered on November 9th at First Christian Church in Edwardsville to discuss obstacles they face when coordinating resources for the clients they serve.

Edwardsville Township, in partnership with the Glen Ed Ministerial Alliance, held the second annual Social Services Safety Net Forum to bring together area social service agencies, organizations, and churches that provide services to residents of Edwardsville Community School District 7. Edwardsville Township offers two assistance programs to residents, General Assistance and Emergency Assistance. These program assist residents with little to know income with shelter, utilities, food, and personal items.

Speaking at the event Supervisor Miles said, “This past year following the first Social Services Safety Net Forum has been extraordinary. The Township has been able to utilize information that has been discussed at the different Lunch & Learn Workshops this past year to provide many more resources to help our community. The programs in our office combined with the services available in our community have made us more efficient in helping our community members in need. Now we hope to move towards an even more efficient safety net of organizations.”

The Forum opened with a presentation from Deb Little, the Executive Director of Municipal Information Systems Inc. Deb Little addressed this hope of creating a more efficient safety net by utilizing a community database. Her presentation included information regarding the community database. The community database will be a way for organizations to simplify the intake process when clients come in to an organization. It will serve as a coordinated service delivery and will ultimately respect client privacy. “The community database is a way to accurately track and coordinate services across the entire geographical region,” said Deb Little. “The sharing of information increases every organization’s ability to provide the most appropriate services for each client.”

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“The idea behind the Social Services Safety Net has proven to be successful this past year – our next step is to move towards utilizing a program such as this community database in order to simplify the intake process,” said Supervisor Miles. “The Township is excited to work towards adopting a community database and to more successfully help the members of our community.”

For more information about the Social Services Safety Net Forum, please contact Edwardsville Township at 656-0292.

Edwardsville Township is comprised of the City of Edwardsville, Village of Glen Carbon and unincorporated areas just outside of these two municipalities. The Township Supervisor’s office is located at 300 West Park in Edwardsville and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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