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FMC Community Empowerment Schedules July 13th Annual Meeting

Members of the FMC (Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw) Community Empowerment Board will hold their 2009 annual meeting on Monday, July 13th at the Charles City Public Library Meeting Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The fiscal year 2010 executive committee will be named at the evening session. Bob Marreel (Mitchell County Supervisor) will continue as chair for another year and Virgil Pickar, Jr. (Chickasaw County Supervisor) will also maintain his vice-chair position for one more term. Shannon Paulus of Osage will continue as secretary for an additional term.

The Board will also welcome Kay Winkelman of Charles City as a board member, replacing Amy Sauke. Winkelman will hold the consumer representative position. Deb Freeman, RN, Mitchell County Public Health Director, will replace Kathy Babcock, RN, Chickasaw County Public Health Director, for a rotating one-year term.

Other agenda items include a review of past minutes, a review of the Fiscal Year 2009 School Ready and Early Childhood financial reports for the state and updates from Empowerment Coordinator, Laurie Kristiansen.

Fiscal year 2010 will mark FMC Empowerment's 11th year. The three-county area was designated by Iowa Community Empowerment in the fall of 1999. At that time the local board members began work to enact two grants benefiting children ages birth to five and their families.

The FMC Community Empowerment 2009 annual meeting is open to the public. For more information about FMC Empowerment, its programs and services, contact Laurie Kristiansen, Coordinator, at: 641-435-4435 or email: fmc@rconnect.com