

**CHNA-12 Meeting Minutes**  
**April 19, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Pineau.

Ann Lynch, of Project Bread, was introduced and gave a presentation about her organization, Project Bread and Childhood Hunger.

Childhood Hunger project is an outreach of the Department of Education nutrition program. There are many programs available; however, a lot of individuals do not know these programs exist. One in every five youths aged 12 and under are hungry or at risk for hunger. Several schools in the area offer breakfast for these youths, thanks to this program. Summer programs exist: the YMCA and other agencies can access money to feed kids throughout the summer.

Other functions of Project Bread are: Food Stamps, Hotline-referral to food pantries and food banks, Area-eligible After School Programs (snacks), School Breakfast (at a reduced cost: in "mandated schools," the breakfast is free).

Project Bread is working on a food stamp outreach program for eligible people: possibly allow sign-ups at health centers and other locations, to make it easier for eligible individuals to sign up (i.e. accessible locations, extended hours). 3.1 million dollars are raised annually through Project Bread's Walk For Hunger.

If anyone would like to contact Ann, her telephone number at Project Bread is: (617) 239-2515.

Dental Project Update: The project will not be refunded by the Delta Dental Foundation after Sept. 30. Alternative funding sources have been contacted for RFPs. Dental patients will be starting treatment at Boston University Dental School. This is in addition to those in treatment at Tufts Dental School.

American Cancer Society: Relay for Life, held at NECCO. There are many ways, other than walking, to volunteer for this.

**Merrimac Board of Health/Senior Center: Wednesday. luncheon series' topics included: depression in elders; heart disease; tobacco.**

**YWCA-Lawrence: holding a conference for survivors of incest and rape, survivors aged 18 and older, on 5/22/01.**

**Mass. Prevention Center: HIV services available at Anna Jacques, Pettengill House, and TCA.**

**Newburyport Health Fair: correction regarding place, it will be held at the Rupert A. Knock Middle School on May 12.**

**\*\*\*Proof of Hepatitis-B immunizations now required of all entering college freshmen\*\*\*\*\***

**Elder Services: writing area plan (required once every four years). Focus groups--900 surveys mailed out. Title III funds are for services only.**

**Tobacco treatment services include: a six-week program offered once/week; weekend retreat; and "traveling art work" is available.**

**Salisbury Youth Tobacco project: jobs available for 3 Salisbury youth. The salary is \$7.00/hr., 10 hrs./week.**

**Think Twice is a program which battles underage drinking. This program is through Community Action, Haverhill. Works closely with the police (enforcement aspect of the program), Haverhill teen coalition groups, and parents of children who have been arrested for underage drinking (parent group meeting held on monthly basis).**

**Family Ties: parent-to-parent information and support for children with special and/or medical needs: summer camps, respite care, horseback riding.**

**Head Start: recruiting teachers, teacher assistants, and students. Contact Colleen Preto (978) 372-5052 for Head Start jobs. Head start runs for 52 weeks/yr.**

**WIC: 150 individual caseload needed or 20 hr. position will be cut. Nutrition staff provides inservices to school systems, free of charge. Income eligibility for WIC has been revised and as a result at least another 350 individuals can be added.**

**CMSP: 23,259 children enrolled. Enrollment is increasing every week, due to electronic transfer. One application for MA Health-same application goes to CMSP. Mailed to Unicare.**

**Community Health Network: for community health workers. Meets every 2 months in Worcester. DPH received grant to form this, but it's run by the community health workers.**

**YWCA-Newburyport: MA residents under/uninsured eligible. VNA Wise Woman Program. Women 40+ entitled to free pap smears, mammograms, heart disease screening. Women 18+ eligible for free pap smears, and free mammograms if family history of breast cancer.**

**Community Health Education Center: college fair at CHEC Northeast, 144 Merrimack St., Lowell, on Fri., April 20, 10:00-12:00. Violence prevention seminar against women, children, elders, held in mid-May: contact Toy Chao at (978) 452-0003. Networking luncheon, held in conjunction with Prevention Center, held at the CHEC office in Lowell on May 15, 2001, 12:00-2:00. Focus of luncheon is on finding good outreach materials for health topics.**

**Wise Woman Program/VNA Network will have one uniform name: "Women's Health Network".**

**\*\*\*\*\*NOMINATIONS for the 7th annual OUTREACH EDUCATOR AWARD--nominations must be submitted by directors: (617)534-5181. Award ceremony to be held on June 14, from 12:00-3:00, at the Doubletree Hotel in Lowell\*\*\*\*\***

**DPH: Paul stated that data on Asian births will be released in Lowell on 5/9.**

**Next CHNA-12 meeting: Thursday, May 17, 3:00-5:00, at Amesbury Health Center.**