

## **CHNA-12 MEETING** **MINUTES: JUNE 21, 2001**

Wayne Pineau opened the meeting.

Sally Manninen, from the Prevention Center, discussed the CHNA-12 2001 Survey results. Of the 176 members of CHNA 12, 22% responded to the survey. This was a follow-up survey, utilizing the same questionnaire as the previous survey. The results are as follows:

- The respondents of the survey represented no private businesses or consumers.
- 17.9% of respondents are health care workers.
- 35.9% of respondents work in the human service field.
- by-laws of the CHNA may need to be clarified (only 21% know them, compared with 50% of respondents from the first survey).
- 51% know the CHNA's mission statement: this is clearly stated on the letterhead and web-site.
- 67% (both survey years) feel the CHNA's structure is highly developed.
- 44% of respondents are very satisfied with the meetings, and feel that they meet their professional needs. This is an increase over the previous survey (36%).
- respondents indicated that they want to see the following at CHNA meetings (ranked in order of importance): mini-grants, professional training, and health presentations.
- 64% of respondents use the web site: 10% were unaware that the web site exists.
- the most popular use of the web site: general information and meetings.
- 100% found the web site useful.

Paul stated that he is still sending out regular, hard copy minutes of the CHNA meetings to those CHNA members who do not have computers. The highest number of hits the CHNA 12 web site has had in one month is 3,500!

Bill wondered whether the U.S.Census Data link could be added to the web site.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Scott Goodspeed, President and CEO of Anna Jacques Hospital. His presentation, *Building Healthy Communities*, was both informative

and very interesting. His main theme was that hospitals should be concerned and active with community health care needs: not just with what goes on day to day within the hospital's structure. He kindly distributed published articles, which he authored, to those who attended the meeting. Key points, which he discussed, are summarized in one of his articles, entitled "Building Healthy Communities-Six Steps for the Board" (published in Trustee Magazine Vol. 51, Number 1, Jan. 1998).

1. Create awareness of community health issues.
2. Engage others in dialogue.
3. Collaborate with others.
4. Redesign the system
5. Evaluate the process
6. Sustain the gains.

Indicators of a healthy community are the numbers/percentages of the following:

--infant mortality rate

--teenage pregnancy rate

--aggravated assaults

--rapes

--homicides

--elevated blood-lead levels in young children

--pregnant women completing pre-natal care %age

--low-birth-weight babies %age

--young children who have completed immunizations %age

--primary care providers per 100,000 people in state

--deaths caused by unintentional injuries

--total health care expenditures per capita

--health care expenses as a % of the gross state product

MINI-GRANTS will be available. Grant procedures are listed on the web page. Grants should be one to two pages in length.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Charlotte: local CHNA's have been facilitating educational programs.

Betty (Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley): Title III grant applications: RFP for respite care givers; extra money for medication management this year.

Susan Johnson: Tobacco "Weekend to Quit"-will be held 2nd weekend in Sept. 24 people attended the last Weekend to Quit; Boys and Girls Club in Salisbury is running a summer camp, and is hoping to be fully operational for after-school programs in Sept.

MSPCC is offering Merrimack Valley and North Shore parenting classes.

Diana Denning (VNA Care): Her agency has a full-time bilingual father's advocate.

Community Health Education Center in Lowell: held its Outreach Educator Day on June 14th. 48 awards went to outreach educators. Emma Brand received an award!

Lynn Ricketts: 27 students received their GEDs. 18 from Community Action, and 5 from the Haverhill Library program. The majority was between the ages of 16-25, and there was one 70-year-old graduate. MAJOR CHANGES IN GED PROGRAMS. Prospective students must register in October in order to be eligible. She suggests that people register on a waiting list, regardless of whether the class is full. Classes start in Amesbury on Sept. 4th, and the program at Community Action runs through the summer. Amesbury and Haverhill. Community Action also offers ESL classes.

Other classes that are offered: Transition to College (NECCO-Lawrence campus); Career Link (Haverhill Community Action: GED classes in A.M., life skills in P.M. Offered for 16-21 yr. olds).

American Cancer Society: Relay for Life, held at NECCO.

Haverhill Board of Health: pushing for smoke-free restaurants. Hearing on Tues., July 31st.

\*\*\*\*\***CHANGE IN CHNA 12 MEETING SCHEDULE**\*\*\*\*\*

**ALL CHNA MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday August 9, 2001.**