

COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK AREA 12
Amesbury Health Center, Amesbury, MA
September 13, 2001 minutes

- 1.0:** Call to order by Andrea Penney, incoming chairperson with introductions around the table followed by a moment of silent prayer for the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks.
- 2.0:** Introduction of the new Steering Committee members: Andrea Penney, chair; Charlotte Stepanian, secretary; and Judy Anderson, treasurer.
- 3.0: Dental Project:** Kathy Law, our dental hygienist, reported on the current grant seeking activities that have proven quite successful. The Delta Dental grant year concludes at the end of September. Elder Services has awarded CHNA 12 the sum of \$18,300 for the dental program. The Griffin-White Foundation has committed \$10,000 for the dental program. Several other funding sources have been addressed and are pending including an invitation to apply from the Blue Cross foundation. An application has been submitted to Paul Newman's "Newman's Own" for \$50,000. Currently 2 oral surgeons are treating clients in our region. Free transportation is available from the Haverhill Citizens Center. CMSP is being accepted when MassHealth is not. Jacqui Williams can be reached at 617-624-6067 for more information.
- 4.0: Agency Updates:** **Bill Browning**, Haverhill Community Action, is seeking volunteers for the Haverhill Public Broadcasting Station CHNA program. **Nancy Bodwell**, AJH, suggested having a program that addressed the numerous community resources available or possibly a program to develop patient skills. **Mary Raymond**, Haverhill BOH/School Dept. spoke of numerous services provided by the departments. **Pam Brooke**, CAI-Headstart, announced that the program is fully staffed now. **Michele Sosenko**, HealthQuarters, spoke of the diverse programs offered in their reproductive health programs. **Jana Dalton** is the new representative from the American Cancer Society.
- 5.0: Mini-Grants:** Overview was given by Wayne Pineau. Four mini-grants are expected to be awarded in the next fiscal year. A specific form will be used for the applications.
- 6.0: General Discussion:** Several attendees presented overview of their programs. **Tom Barker**, DPH (HIV/AIDS programs for prisoners/releasees in all county jails); **Maribel Goglas**, DPH-Family Services; **Judy Anderson**, HHVNA; **Wayne Pineau**, TCA activities treating drug and behavioral risk clients; **Diane Benson**, Pentucket Early Intervention's child/parent programs; **Karen Webber**, Women's Health now offers cardiovascular disease screening; **Maureen Zuber**, CAI-TTP has received a grant to develop a website for their alcohol prevention program. **Kelly Ryan**, Georgetown COA spoke at length about the services shortfalls across the age spectrum in the region. Sought information about what is available. Nancy Bodwell suggested that we might need to revisit the *Need Food/Housing/Medical Care* Campaign material again.

Steering Committee meeting scheduled at Triton High School, Byfield on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte E. Stepanian, BS, RNC, Secretary