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Coalition

Plans for Year

Each September, the Coalition meeting spends its time setting priorities for the year. This September's meeting brought about forty Coalitioners together to look back and ahead in hopes of creating a useful agenda for the coming year. In addition to the work of setting agendas, Coalitioners gave each other an array of announcements about what each other was doing. Lots of new faces intermingled with familiar faces as the Coalition year of 1993-94 got off to a fresh start.

The meeting welcomed new participants including North Adams state College students Andre Girard, Amanda McCullum, and Peg Pagliarulo; Lorraine Maloney; founder of the 4-C's and support staff of North Adams State College; Wendy Krom, new leader of the Berkshire County Partnership; Amy Hall, social worker at NBMHA; Nadine Kalt of NB Habitat for Humanity; Barbara Filkins, local resident; Terry Louison, local resident; J. Buffoni, new health educator at Drury High School; and Nancy Hulse, new counselor at BCAA.

October Coalition Mtg

First Baptist Church of North Adams

131 Main St., North Adams, MA (enter via Eagle St Entrance)

Friday, October 8, 1993 10 AM to Noon

Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
2. Violence Prevention for Northern Berkshire : *Many of us have been hearing too often of increased violence in communities around our area. This meeting will ask Coalitioners to what extent violence has escalated here in the hopes of creating a prevention plan. It is expected that representatives of schools, police, and local officials will be present.*
3. Adjournment and Conclusion

The Northern Berkshire Health and Human Services Coalition is supported by the Berkshire Area Health Education Center with funding from the UMASS Medical School. It is also supported by contributions from Coalition members. Family and Children's Task Force is supported by the Berkshire-Taconic Foundation. The Coalition is hosted by North Adams State College.

Meeting attendees heard that RapLine now has an office at 85 Main Street in North Adams. HelpLine, Women's Services, and the Rape Crisis Center are all offering training for their hotline volunteers. contact the organization if you're interested

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in volunteering. The North Adams School system is hiring three adjustment counselors (*1 full time at middle school and 2 full time at elementary schools*). Prevention One has lots of substance abuse materials available. They will be creating a bookmobile with a regular stop at the Coalition monthly meetings. A listing of available prevention resources will be out next month. Prevention One hopes to bring the "It Takes a Child" curriculum to Northern Berkshire this year. Once again fraternities and sororities at NASC are interested in getting involved in community events. If you need some "people power", call Steve Green at NASC (664-4511) and he'll be the link to the college students. There's a whole new listing of cultural activities offered at NASC. Contact the college for a brochure. UNO is scheduling its Annual Block Thing neighborhood celebration for October 30th. All are invited. For a listing of other activities in Northern Berkshire, read elsewhere in the newsletter.

For the remainder of the Coalition meeting, participants talked about present and past activities of the Coalition. The Family and Children's Task Force has been busy crafting the

Family Bill of Rights, planning its retreat, and working with a community wide prevention plan. The Public Health Task has directed its activities to the neighborhoods, working with Natalie Cain in hopes of seeing more neighborhood focussed activities in Northern Berkshire. The first round of Public Health Incentive Grants were handed out. Northern Berkshire has been digesting the report, "Ideas for a Healthier Community". Ecu-care has given the area's uninsured hope for health care access. Non-Violent Parenting (NVP) has been an educational program for the Coalition this past year. The parenting video series is out and available in local public libraries.

With all these activities in place, Coalitioners turned to what should be done this coming year. Coalitioners would like to host another Community "Speak-Out" with our local legislators. It was suggested that we have another conversation with local teens like the discussion we had last April. The issue of community violence is still of concern, and there was hopes that attention could be placed on that issue. Despite all its publicity, sexual harassment has increased and this could be coupled with the issue of com-

munity violence. The Northern Berkshire community is becoming more culturally diverse. It's time for many forums for discussions about diversity; the Coalition could be one of those forums. Lastly, a suggestion was offered for a talk about health care reform (that also could be timely).

The steering committee has elected to follow up on our discussions of community violence for the October meeting. See you then!

Coalition Newsletter is a publication of the Northern Berkshire Health and Human Services Coalition. Its function is to keep the mailing informed of what's happening around the Northern Berkshire area. It is a service to the entire Coalition membership and friends (over 340 at this point). Announcements submitted to the newsletter will reach our entire mailing list. So, take advantage of this unique, free mechanism for informing our membership of news important to all. For inclusion into the Nov Newsletter, please submit announcements to Al Bashevkin, Coalition Coordinator, NASC Box 9075, North Adams, MA 05247 by Oct 20, 1993. Coalition Coordinator: Al Bashevkin (413) 664-4511 x 519

NB Legislative Contacts

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- Rep Shaun Kelly 30 Florence St Dalton 01226684-4418
- Sen Jane Swift 8 Bank Row Pittsfield 01201442-5240
- Cong John Olver 78 Center St Pittsfield 01201442-0946

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COALITION

October Coalition Meeting to Discuss Violence

Violence in America and its meaning for rural areas like Northern Berkshire continues to be of concern for Coalition members. It was the most talked about issue of the Coalition September Needs Assessment meeting. It is an issue that warrants revisiting.

The Coalition steering committee set violence as the monthly meeting agenda item for the October and November meetings. It is a bit unusual to set two meetings aside for discussion of any one issue. Yet, the steering committee felt that there are so many facets to this issue that it is necessary to set necessary time aside to discuss it. The October meeting has invited local police and school

officials to talk about violence and youth in Northern Berkshire.

Too many of us have seen images of slain youth on our national news. That could happen here in Northern Berkshire. Now is the time to talk about how to prevent such tragedies from occurring. What are we doing to prevent violence in Northern Berkshire and what could be done? What is the extent of the problem at present. Is it true that there has been a loss of respect in young dating relationships, making these relationships increasingly violent? What is the connection between alcohol and other drugs and violent actions here in Northern Berkshire? How are

our schools and education affected? What can we do? The steering committee hopes that the October meeting about violence can begin serious community discussions about the issue of violence in Northern Berkshire.

Future discussions about violence can talk about different populations in Northern Berkshire. What about our Elders? What about sexual harassment? With new people moving in, is Northern Berkshire prepared to be a multicultural community? What can be done to help people of the area get along better?

We look forward to some interesting discussions for the community and hope that they will serve as a springboard for + prevention programming.

Coalition Meeting Says Goodbye to a Good Friend

Good news and sad news permeated the September Coalition meeting. For one of the regular attendees, a promotion in his job will force a move from the Northern Berkshire area. Sadly, the Northern Berkshire area will be saying goodbye to Steve Ryan, a program manager for the Department of Social Services who will be leaving his job in North Adams and Pittsfield to become Area Director for DSS for Cape Cod and the Islands.

Steve has been one of the most active behind the scenes Coalitioners in Northern Berkshire. He helped to inspire the Parent's Place with a suggestion some three years ago that many

of his staff would like to see programming for parents in Northern Berkshire. Many meetings and discussions later, and the Parent's Place was born with the Family Life Support Center and Berkshire Family for Families and Children sharing responsibility for that program. After some serious discussions about community violence, Steve helped to steer the Task Force Against Violence in a direction that saw roots of community violence in our homes. Many discussions later, a grant application to Citizens Against Child Abuse, and involvement from many in the community, and NVP (non-violent parenting) was born. NVP has distributed

over 30,000 brochures in Northern Berkshire and has gained national recognition for its efforts. Requests for brochures of NVP have come from as far as California and frequently come from outside Northern Berkshire.

We wish Steve best of luck in his new endeavor, but sadly will miss the commitment for change that he has shown in his work in Northern Berkshire.

Ray Burke, Berkshire County Area Director for DSS will be the DSS representative to the Coalition. Ray's got some big shoes to fill, but he is certainly in a position to do that. Welcome aboard Ray! We look forward to working with you!

NBHHS Coalition Supporters

1993-1994 Year :

Organizations

Northern Berkshire Mental Health Association
Family Life Support Center
VNA of Northern Berkshire
Women's Services of Western Mass
DSS Region 1 Advisory Board
Northern Berkshire United Way
Williamstown Youth Center
North Adams State College
City of North Adams Community Development

Individuals

Dan Bosley
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Lorraine Maloney
Susan Pecor
Al Nelson
Rev Robert Buckwalter
Shirley Davis
Nancy Rumbolt-Trzcinski
Len Radin
Jan Keep
Warner Smith
Steve Green
Sue Walker

Please Help us Raise Funds for the Coalition !

We need your help ! The Coalition is presently in the midst of its annual fundraising campaign. In order to meet its budget, the Coalition needs to raise \$8000. These monies are for the Coalition budget year which goes from July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994. In order for the Coalition to plan for the year, we hope that all fundraising resources will be in by December 31. We sent out many letters requesting help and we also have included on the backs of the newsletter, a form that can be sent in with your donation. Please, send your form in now !

In order to raise \$8000, we

need to ask for greater contributions from more individuals and organizations of the area. We are asking organizations to contribute one tenth of one percent of their total operating budgets, with a maximum contribution to be \$500. We are asking individuals to donate from \$10 to \$100 for the Coalition. At present \$1927 has been raised with 26 individuals and organizations taking part in this campaign. We have some new faces joining with us, as well as hefty contributions from some of the larger organizations in the area. If you haven't sent in your donation and plan to, don't delay, do it now !

Coalition Retreat

Andrea Ayvazian, founder and Director of Communitas, Inc. will be the keynote speaker at the First Annual Coalition Retreat. Coming from the work of the Family and Children's Task Force, this retreat was organized to offer the community an opportunity to reflect on the work that we do and to consider what effect we all can have on area child maltreatment.

The cost for this retreat is \$20 and it will be held at the Mt Carmel Christian Center, a beautiful site in Williamstown. It will be held Friday, October 29 from 9 AM to 4 PM. CEU's are available. For a registration form, call 447-2427.

Coalition Bulletin Board

- St John's Church in Williamstown has **inexpensive office space available** for lease to non-profit organizations. Two offices and a waiting room are available in their facility at 35 Park Street in Williamstown. For more information, call Peter Elvin at 458-8144.
- **Volunteer drivers** are desperately need by the VNA of Northern Berkshire. Drivers will take patients who have no other means of transportation to doctors appointments and then back home again. If you are interested, please call Janice O'Keefe at the VNANB at 458-8042. They will keep your name on a list and call you as the situations arise.
- The **VNA Tea and Fashion show** sponsored by the Women's Exchange will be Thursday, October 7 from 4-6 PM at the Williams Inn. A \$5 is requested. There will be refreshments, a pianist, door prizes and fun for all. Tickets can be purchased at the door.
- VNA and HelpLine **walk'n'bow! weekend** will be Saturday, October 16 (walk-a-thon) and Sunday October 17 (bow!-a-thon). For pledge packets call 458-8042.
- Native Americans of the Mohawk Trail are sponsoring a series of **Pow-wows** in Charlemont, Route 2, Indian Plaza. These are scheduled for October 9-11 and October 16-17. Join them for a cultural event.
- Women's Services of Western Mass is scheduling a number of community events. The **Clothesline Project** for Domestic Violence Awareness Month will be displayed at Heritage Park, the Women's Center at North Adams State College, and at the Berkshire Mall, the first two weeks in October. The Clothesline Project will be at the N.O.W. office at the end of the month. The annual **Take Back the Night March** will be September 23 at 7 PM in Pittsfield on North St. On October 17, the **Jane Doe Walk** to raise funds for domestic violence in Boston will be held. For more information on any of these community events, call 663-9709.
- The **Creative Arts Group** for mental health consumers is up and going at St John's Church in North Adams. This group received a Public Health Incentive Grant to hire an art therapist for assistance. Presently there are ten people involved in the program. The group meets Thursdays from 1-3 PM. Call Dianne Currier at 442-6482 for more information, or you can just show up for the group.
- Income guidelines for the **1994 fuel assistance program** are out. for households within 125% of poverty, their benefit limit will be up to \$390. For households up to 150% of poverty limit, they can receive up to \$235. for households up top 175% of poverty limit (no more than a two person household), they can receive up to \$215 for fuel assistance. At this time, people with housing subsidies are eligible for the full amounts. Rates for propane heating are a bit higher. These rates are once again lower than past years. For more information about fuel assistance, or to apply call Northern Berkshire Community Action at 663-9807.
- **Dentistry for All**, providing care in Massachusetts for those on fixed or limited incomes, is available through the Massachusetts Dental Society, 1 800 342-8747.
- **Communities Solutions to Violence** in New England is a conference scheduled for Burlington Vermont on November 4&5. Sponsored by UVM continuing education, the cost for the two day conference is \$225, but is \$175 / participant if more than one come from an area. For a brochure, call 1 800 639-3188.
- Walking Catamount has for sale **Native American Crafts** (bandit bears and dream catchers) which are great for holiday gifts. For info call her at 664-7275.

Habitat for Humanity is Building More Houses

Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity is always seeking families to become Homeowners in Partnership with them in their ministry to help eliminate poverty housing. Together they build simple, decent houses which are purchased at roughly half the normal cost, because of the donated funds and materials and volunteer labor that go into them. Habitat is in the business of building community and making it possible for folks who earn modest incomes to enjoy living in new or rehabilitated homes they own themselves.

The 20-30 year mortgages are offered INTEREST FREE. Eligible families must be living in run-down, substandard or overcrowded conditions, and must be unable to obtain a bank

loan through normal channels. Partner families must put in 500 hours of sweat equity, as well making a token downpayment.

We hope that staff persons in human service agencies will keep Habitat in mind when considering the needs of some of their clients. Preliminary applications may be obtained by calling the NBHfH office, 664-4440. Applications are also found in town libraries and in municipal offices.

Having broken ground on September 19 for its 2nd home in North Adams, NBHfH is also looking for construction volunteers to build it. If this appeals to you . . . regardless of whether or not you have any training and experience, . . . call 664-4440 and

offer your services. There's a job for everyone in this effort to build houses for all.

On Sunday, October 17, walkers will be raising funds for the Berkshire Food Project, the Williamstown Food Pantry, and NBHfH. They'll leave at 1 PM from the parking lot of St Anthony's Church, North Adams, and proceed along Route 2 to the First Congregational Church in Williamstown, just over 5 miles. We'll hope for a repeat of last year's super weather!

Pledge cards are available at all Northern Berkshire Churches. To help on the Walk Committee, call Rev David Baird, Chair at 458-3183.

Public Health Task Force Slates Ambitious Schedule: Report Available

Thanks to the grant from the WK Kellogg Foundation, the Public Health Project will be entering its second year, October 1st. This project has produced the creation of Northern Berkshire Neighbors and the hiring of Natalie Cain to encourage neighborhood efforts. We funded our first round of public health

incentive grants and will be seeing more funds available through the incentive grants late in October, or early November. The report "Ideas for a Healthier Community" written by Craig Stevens and Jim Burdell is completed and awaiting your review. If you would like a copy of this report, leave a message

for Craig Stevens at UMASS SPH (545-6880) or write him at UMASS School of Public Health, Arnold House, Amherst, MA 01003. Craig will send you both the report and a feedback form which you should fill out after reading the report. An analysis of the report and its feedback will be available in a later edition of the Newsletter.

News from the Coalition Steering Committee

The steering committee for the Northern Berkshire Health and Human Services Coalition is welcoming some new faces to its work. The steering committee is that committee that helps to guide the work of the Coalition. We meet monthly, and one major task is to set the agendas for the monthly Coalition meet-

ings based on feedback from the Coalition membership. Steering terms are for two years and are renewable.

At present, the following people are members of the Coalition steering committee: Maggie Bittman (95), Theresa Louison (95), Chris Meehan (95), Neil Novik and Al

Bashevkin (ex-officio), Bob Ronnow (94), Marjorie Cohan (95), Mary Sugden (95), Linda Trala (94), Kate Hill, Janice O'Keefe (94) Steve Green (94), Al Nelson (95), Bill Donovan (95). Welcome aboard to North Adams City Counselor, Bill Donovan.

Coalition Welcomes Two NASC Student Interns

There are two new student interns working this fall with Al Bashevkin: Peggy Pagliarulo and Andre Girard. Peggy is a senior at North Adams State College, and a Registered Nurse. Although Peggy has no definite plans about what she will do after she graduates, she has a few ideas in mind. These include attending graduate school in either Sociology or Nursing, or returning to geriatric nursing, her career for the last eighteen years. Peggy is a 1975 graduate of Berkshire Community College.

Peggy attended her first Coalition meeting in September and has this to say about it: "I was impressed by the amount of energy the representatives of the different agencies and

private citizens brought to the meeting. They seemed to care about the future of their community and are taking action to help Northern Berkshire grow in a positive way. There are many aspects of the Coalition that interest me. I would like to conduct follow-up interview of clients who have received services. I am interested learning more about Ecu-care and plan on attending meetings concerning the program. Also, I'd like to work on videos of various projects. But my first task is digesting all the information I can about the Coalition and last but not least conquering Al's computer. So far so good."

Andre is a senior at North Adams State College majoring in Sociology and Philosophy. His interests include traveling,

Outreach to Women Available in Berkshire County

The Abortion Rights Fund of Western Mass is expanding its outreach to area low-income women seeking to terminate unwanted pregnancies. The Fund provides zero-interest loans to women without resources or insurance to cover needed abortion costs.

This past year the Fund established an open referral system to eliminate the need for referrals to come through Family Planning agencies or abortion provid-

ers. Although the number of women served doubled, there is still need for outreach to unserved women. Your agencies can help assure that anyone in need of financial assistance for abortion, is referred to us. The only requirement is that the woman resides in Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin or Berkshire County.

The Fund maintains a 24-hour answering service. The phone number is (413) 582-3532. An operator will take the caller's

reading, spending time outdoors, and watching college football. After spending two years attending Coastal Carolina College in South Carolina, Andre returned to Massachusetts to finish his degree. He misses the beach but not the temperatures! In the summers he lives in Hopkinton, MA.

Andre is inexperienced, but eager to work with the Coalition. Some of his initial work will be marketing "The Parent Trip" videos so that a wider range of people can benefit from this helpful series. "Because my future plans are uncertain, I am hoping that work with the Coalition will help expose me to many community development and social work directions. If my first Coalition meeting gave any indication, it certainly will."

name and phone number and the Fund's representative will return the call. In an emergency, it is often possible for the service to put the call right through. Complete confidentiality is maintained. The Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts is an all-volunteer non-profit organization. For further information or a Fund brochure, please write to P.O. Box 732, Hadley, MA 01035.

Open Mind, a weekly call-in television show, returns to the air Tuesday, Sep 21, at 7 p.m. This is a new day and time for the show which continues to daily living. Sponsored by Northern Berkshire Mental Health Association (NBMHA), the show is again hosted by the agency's Executive Director, Marjorie Cohan. The show welcomes local experts and community members to engage in an interactive television experience. The first five shows of the season address issues related to the children and adolescence. You are encouraged to participate in these programs by calling in at 664-6674 at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. For suggestions about the show, call NBMHA at 664-4541.

Northern Berkshire Neighbors

How Do Our Neighborhoods Grow?

Last month I began reflecting on the process of growing neighborhoods using the analogy of a garden. A beginning gardener learns a lot by trial and error, I'm sure. In some cases certain plants will only grow in particular places and under particular conditions. On the other hand, it may only take a certain knowledge of how to prepare the soil and the implementation of that knowledge, to discover that a bumper crop can be grown on one's own land.

This month I would like to consider possible ways of preparing the soil. One thing I know is that one can read about methods and consult with others about what has worked for them. To a certain extent I have done this in the past couple of months and will probably continue to do so in the days ahead. However these autumn days carry with them an energy that is urging me

to get out and test the soil. I invite you to consider with me a way of doing this through what is referred to as mapping community capacity.

I think of capacity inventory as a way of testing the soil of the neighborhood to discover what good healthy elements are present. This can be done through a process of inviting individuals in a given neighborhood to explore their own assets. These assets would include the skills, talents, and experience of the residents. This would also encompass individual businesses, home-based enterprises, personal income and the gifts of labeled people. These are the community assets most readily available for growing a healthy neighborhood.

I am in the process of developing such an inventory to be used in our Northern Berkshire

Neighborhoods. The first part of this ground testing will be the gathering of skills information. It is designed to be gathered through a conversational encounter either in a home or at a neighborhood gathering place. Individuals will be asked to consider skills they have (perhaps some they haven't thought of as skills) and places where they have used those skills. Participation will be voluntary and kept confidential. Focusing on skills will provide people with a sense of their own capacity for developing a future in which they have a choice to put their talents to work in their own best interests. There is nothing like home grown produce.

It is my interest to share this inventory and to work with people in Northern Berkshire Neighborhoods to test the soil for what is good and ready to be tilled. Next month we'll reflect upon fertilizer.

News from Shirley's Kitchen

The weather was perfect, not too cool, not too warm. About 50 people attended UNO's second annual picnic and field day. There were three tables full of delicious food that everyone brought. David Dunn, neighborhood organizer, was in charge of the grill and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the hungry crowd. Keith Bona, neighborhood youth team (NYT) leader, supervised the field day events. Each child award stickers on. Sister Natalie entertained the younger children, playing her guitar and singing songs. Guests were Lorraine Maloney and Amanda McCollum from the 4 C's, Wendy Krom from Berkshire AHEC, and Anthony Marable who is working with a neighborhood group in the Church St. area. Everyone had a wonderful time!!! UNO is three years old this October. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!

Our third annual BLOCK THNG will be held on Saturday, October 30, from noon to 3 at the UNO playground and is open to ALL children who wish to attend. There will be a costume parade, games and refreshments. We are also having a House Decorating Contest. You must live in the UNO neighborhood for this contest and register with David Dunn at 663-8808. Judging will take place on Friday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m. and winners will be announced at the Halloween Party.

Keith is entering the neighborhood youth in the Northern Berkshire Fall Foliage Children's Parade. Wait till you see what they have planned! Hope to see you at the parade and the Halloween Block Thing. Remember, fun things are so much better when shared with friends.

Berkshire AHEC Lists Trainings

OCTOBER

Current Issues in Respiratory Care

Tuesday, October 5

6:00 - 9:00 pm/BMC Auditorium,
Pittsfield

Fee: \$18.00

Credit: 3.3 BRT and CRRT; 2.2 RN/
LPN

The Rehabilitation Algorithm: Initial
Steps in Developing Comprehensive
Treatment for Persons With Head
Injuries

Wednesday, October 13

9:00 am - 12:15 pm/Seven Hills Inn,
Lenox

Fee: \$20.00

Credit: 3.6 RN/LPN; 3 Rehab Coun-
sellers; 3 Cat II SW; 3 PSYCH

4th Annual Cancer Symposium

Friday, October 22

8:30 am - 4:00 pm/Berkshire Hilton,
Pittsfield

Fee: \$35 BHS employees/\$40 non
BHS employees

Credit: 6.0 Cat II SW; 7.2 RN/LPN;
3.0 Clergy

Options in Alternative Health Care
Series

BIOFEEDBACK

Tuesday, October 26

9:00 am - 12:15 pm/Oak N' Spruce
Resort, Lee

Fee: \$18.00

Credit: 3.6 RN/LPN; 3 Cat. II SW; 3
PSYCH; 1.5 Clergy

Topics in Mental Health

THE DYNAMICS OF BUILDING
SELF ESTEEM WITH CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES

Friday, October 29

9:00 - 12:15 pm/Silver Screen,
Pittsfield

Fee: \$18.00

Credits: 3.6 RN/LPN; 3 Cat II SW; 1.5
Clergy

NOVEMBER

Topics in Pediatrics

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING FOR
CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC
HEALTH CONDITIONS

Tuesday, November 2

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm/Silver Screen,
Pittsfield

Fee: \$18.00

Credits: 3.6 RN/LPN; 3 Cat II SW; 1.5

Clergy

Alternative Health Care Series

THERAPEUTIC TOUCH

Friday, November 5

9:00 am - 4:30 pm/Oak N' Spruce, Lee

Fee: \$50.00 includes lunch and
materials. Participation is limited to 30
people

Credits: 7.2 RN/LPN; 6 Cat II SW; 6
hrs PSYCH; 6 hrs PTTOT; 3 Clergy

NOTE: We have reached the maximum
participants for this workshop. A
second session is planned for Saturday,
November 6 if there is enough interest.
Please call AHEC 447-2417 if you are
interested.

School for Managers

November 16 - 18

9:00 am - 4:30 pm/Black Swan Inn,
Lee

Fee: \$350/person; \$320/person -
multiple registrations from same
organization

Space limited to 36 participants. This
popular course is always filled to
capacity. Prompt registration is
advised.

NAIKAN THERAPY

Friday, November 19

9:00 am - 4:30 pm/Oak N' Spruce, Lee

Fee: \$55.00 includes lunch and
materials

Credits: 3.0 Clergy; 6.0 Cat I SW
applied; 6.0 Cat I CME MD; 6.0

PSYCH; 7.2 RN/LPN

DECEMBER

2nd ANNUAL BERKSHIRE
COUNTY WORLD AIDS DAY

Wednesday, December 1

8:30 am - 4:30 pm/Berkshire Hilton,
Pittsfield

More information to follow.

THE BOUNDARIES OF CARING:
PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
PARAMETERS OF PROVIDER/
PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS

Friday, December 3

9:00 am - 12:15 pm or 1:15 pm - 4:30
pm

Seven Hills Inn, Lenox

This program is being offered twice.

You may register for EITHER session.
Fee: \$20.00

Credit: 3.6 RN/LPN; 3 other allied

NBMHA Sees Changes

Northern Berkshire Mental Health
Association (NBMHA) has seen many
changes this summer. Two programs
have relocated to attractive new sites.
Adult Day Health, now located on
Union Street in the Coakley, Perpan,
Dolan and Collins Building, is now
able to expand their enrollment. Our
Community Supports Program, which
includes the Friendship Social Club,
Tradewinds - a vocational program,
Outreach Services and Medication
Clinic, are enjoying their new home at
25 Marshall Street in the Mohawk
Plaza. You are encouraged to stop by
and see our new quarters.

There have also been a number of
staff changes. Bruce Smith has been
promoted to a Program Manager in the
Children and Adolescent Services,
replacing Barbara Cece, who after 20
years of service joins CHP's outpatient
practice. Michael Murphy and Bill
Goodman have stepped down from
their leadership positions while they
remain as part-time clinicians. Amy
Hall has joined our staff as a full time
children and adolescent clinician and
Rene Bartovics employment marks
change in our emergency service
system.

We will now have a masters level
clinician available at Hearten House,
our crisis/respite site, until 10:00 p.m.
daily so individuals seeking assessment
and support can more directly access
that service. Our Early Intervention
Program continues to grow. We have
hired Jessica Dym, Developmental
Educator, and Rhonda Rumbel is our
new speech therapist. We are still
seeking another full-time speech
therapist, and full time physical
therapist for EI. There is an outpatient
LICSW clinician position available
also. Please encourage qualified
candidates to apply.

*Northern Berkshire Tonight is
starting a new season. Sharing the
agenda with host Ken Swiatek are
Al Bashevkin and awardee of the
local Public Health Incentive
Grants. Tune in Oct 4 at 7:30 and
Oct 8 at 8 PM on Adelphia Cable
local access TV (CH15/22)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 1.....DSS Commissioner Linda Carlisle with Coalition Haskins Center NA 10 AM
- Oct 4.....NB Tonite : *Public Health Incentive Grants* Adelphia Cable Ch 15/22 7:30 PM
- Oct 5.....Open Mind : *Foster Care* NBMHA Call in TV show : Ch 15/22 7 PM
- Oct 6.....Moving Mountains : AHEC Coalitions Annual Conference call 253-4283 for brochure
- Oct 6.....FACT Haskins Community Center Noon
- Oct 7.....Public Health Task Force NB United Way 1:30 PM
- Oct 7.....UNO Meeting Salvation Army 7 PM
- Oct 8.....All Coalition Meeting Baptist Church North Adams 10 AM - Noon
- Oct 8.....NB Tonite : *Public Health Incentive Grants* Adelphia Cable Ch 15/22 8 PM
- Oct 12.....Open Mind : *Dating Peer Pressure* NBMHA Call in TV show - Ch 15/22 7 PM
- Oct 12.....Coalition Steering Committee NA City Hall 1:30 PM
- Oct 17.....Walk for Humanity : North Adams to Wmsta Call David Baird 458-3183.
- Oct 19.....Open Mind : *Empty Nest Syndrome* NBMHA Call in TV show : Ch 15/22 7 PM

- Oct 29Coalition Retreat: *Caring Community : Williamstown* call 447-2427 for info

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