



Elderberry Institute eNews

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Important Dates!

- **April 4** - CMCOA - 1st Qtr. Data Report & Narrative
- **April 4** - CMCOA - 1st Qtr. Outcomes Report
- **April 4** - CMCOA - 1st Qtr. Financial Report
- **April 4** - Red Cross Transportation 3rd Qtr. Data Report
- **April 4** - MAAA-MCCC 1st Qtr. Data Export Files
- **April 4** - MAAA-MCCC 1st Qtr. Financial Report
- **April 4** - MAAA-MCCC 1st Qtr. General Data
- **April 4** - VOA - 1st Qtr. Financial, Quarterly Services Report & Health Problems Report
- **April 10** - CSG - SPICE Data for Jan., Feb., March
- **April 10** - CSG - 3rd Qtr. Financial Reports
- **April 10** - CDOE Financial & Data Reports
- **April 25** - Quarterly Services Report - 3rd Qtr
(ALL PROGRAMS)
- **April 30** - 3rd Qtr. Financial Report
(31 Programs receiving base dollars)

Program Profile: Merriam Park LAH/BNP

About 1,400 elders who reside in the Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline, Desnoyer Park and Lexington-Hamline neighborhoods of St. Paul are lucky to live in an area with such a great resource - the Merriam Park Living at Home/Block Nurse Program. This Program was incorporated in 1991 and began serving elders in early 1992. It was formed due to the efforts of concerned area citizens who were involved with the Merriam Park Community Council. The Program started out by sharing the fiscal management and administrative duties with the Community Council, but it grew at a rapid pace and quickly separated itself financially.

Today, the Program headquarters are located at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Laurel Avenue in St. Paul. The

area they serve has a population of around 19,000 citizens. Of that number, about 7% are elders, a percentage that has decreased dramatically in the past 15 years. However, the 2000 Census reported that 29% of the elders in the Merriam Park area do live alone.

It is because of these statistics that the Merriam Park LAH/BNP is so important to their surrounding community. They offer their elders nursing services on a sliding scale fee basis to ensure that they are able to receive the care they need in their homes. The Program staff prides themselves on their professional in-home nursing services as well as plenty of community and volunteer support.

The Program is currently run by Director Diane Raff with one block nurse, Maria Duwenhoeger.

Network Meetings Notes...

A Day at the Capitol - Wed., May 5th

If you haven't marked your calendars, do so now! A Day at the Capitol is a chance for you to meet with your Program legislators and discuss the support that they can provide to your Program. Visit www.elderberry.org/articles to download the Legislative Education and Day at the Capitol Packets.

RURAL Role of Health Plans

Please note that this meeting has been re-scheduled to be included in the All-Site Meetings. There will still be a METRO Role of Health Plans, Counties & LAH/BNPs Meeting on April 26th. If you have further questions on this please contact Elderberry.

2006 Annual All-Site Meetings - September

The dates for the Annual & Rural All-Site Meetings have been set. The rural meeting will be on Thursday, September 14th and the Annual Meeting will be on Friday the 15th. Due to survey response, they will once again be held in St. Cloud at the Holiday Inn.

Welcome to the Network!

- Dolly Wood - Board Chair, *Two Harbors*
- Lori Terhaar - Volunteer, *Elderberry Institute*
- Jessica Vanden Berg - Board Chair, *Como Park*

Elderberry Update:

Future Directions Committee Finished Work

The Future Directions Committee has finished its work and has generally found agreement concerning the outlook of Elderberry Institute.

The recommendations made by the Future Directions Committee at its last meeting will be presented to the Elderberry Board of Directors at their April 27th meeting.

Feedback from the Programs was considered and discussed in depth and will be included in the proposal to the Board. However, this feedback has not resulted in significant changes to the committee recommendations.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the work of the Future Directions Committee, please contact Tom at Elderberry.