



Important Dates:

- **Jan 4** - CMCOA Q4 Data Report & Financial
- **Jan 4** - CMCOA Q4 Narrative & Outcomes
- **Jan 4** - MNRAA Financial, Persons Served and Data Reports
- **Jan 4** - MAAA-MCCC Q4 Data Export Files
- **Jan 4** - MAAA-MCCC Q4 Financial & General Data Forms
- **Jan 4** - VOA Q4 Financial, Qtrly Services & Health Problems Reports
- **Jan 10** - CSG - SPICE Data for Oct, Nov, Dec
- **Jan 10** - CSG Q2 Financial Report
- **Jan 10** - CDOE Q2 Financial & Data Reports
- **Jan 25** - **QUARTERLY SERVICES REPORT (Q2) - ALL LAH/BNPS**
- **Jan 31** - **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT (Q2) - 31 LAH/BNPS RECEIVING BASE DOLLARS**

Welcome to the Network!

- Nancy Peterson - Service Coordinator, *Conway-Battle Creek*
- Wanda Alexander - Board Chair, *SouthEast Seniors*
- Ronda Johnson - Program Director, *Grove City*
- Patty Peterson - Volunteer Coordinator, *Middle River*

Farewell & Good Luck!

- Meredith Poppele - Co-Board Chair, *SouthEast Seniors*
- Sarah Godfrey - Co-Board Chair, *SouthEast Seniors*

Elderberry Update:

Seeking new Admin & Outreach Staff

Recent hire Dawna Tierney has left EI in search of other opportunities. Therefore, EI is now looking to re-fill the position of Community Liaison and Outreach Consultant. We hope that staff and volunteers in the LAH/BNP network will be able to help us spread the word of this new opening.

Elderberry is also in the process of reviewing applications for an additional part-time Administrative Support staff member. Interviews are just now being set up, so we are still accepting applications for anyone interested in part-time administrative work. Contact Bernie or Laura for more details.

Network Update: Grant Renewals

As many of you know, all of the grants that Elderberry manages have been renewed for varying time periods. Grants that are renewed are:

Title III:

CMCOA (E & B)
MAAA (Caregiver)

Consumer Directed:

CMCOA (Nutrition & Respite)
MAAA (Nutrition & Respite)
CDOE

All Community Service Grants

Arthritis:

Volunteers of America
MN Department of Health

Alzheimer's:

MNRAA

Program Profile:

Owatonna Healthy Seniors

Today, the Owatonna Healthy Seniors Program is serving somewhere around 900 elders each year. However, like other LAH/BNPs, the Program did not always serve such a large population. A steering committee from 1995-1998 helped acquire 501 (C) (3) status for the Program which then began performing actual services in 1998 in cooperation with a Medicare Demonstration Project. The program then became a United Way participating agency as well as a guest of the Owatonna Hospital which allowed it to utilize all staff services.

At the end of the Medicare Demonstration Project in 2000, the Program focused more on volunteer and service coordination to build a network of volunteers and services in the community. When it started serving all elders living in the Owatonna school district, service and volunteer numbers quickly soared to double and triple the previous numbers. Also in 2000, OHS began working with an Alzheimer's grant which allowed them to focus their mission on identifying caregivers and encouraging caregivers to accept Respite care.

Two years later, the Program received a Faith in Action grant. Additional staff was hired to provide for this extension of the program. Today the Owatonna Healthy Seniors Program is one of the largest Living at Home/Block Nurse Programs in the network. They serve approximately 80% of Steele County, which was listed as having a population of 3,555 persons over the age of 65 in the 2000 Census.

The current Program Director is Cheryl Jeffries. Cheryl has a staff of seven people who do everything from Volunteer and Service Coordination to daily administrative tasks.

Happy Holidays
from Elderberry!