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Network News

Register for the All-Site Conferences!

Elderberry Staff is very excited about the upcoming Annual and Rural All-Site Conferences. With many new and past presenters speaking this year, attendees will have a wide variety of sessions to choose from. The new location is also cause for excitement. The BayView Event Center provides us with a beautiful building and backdrop of Lake Minnetonka.

We hope that Program Directors and Board Chairs will encourage both new and old staff, volunteers and board members to attend. Also, the Conferences are open to the public so please pass the word on to those non-LAH/BNP Network people who may be interested in attending.

Registration forms were mailed via US Postal Mail the week of August 13th

and are due to EI by Thursday, September 13th. Some rural Programs may not have received registrations for the Annual Conference yet. Those were mailed on August 29th so please keep your eyes on the mailbox!

Registration forms are also available for download on the Elderberry Institute website. They're located in both the 'Breaking News' section on the public side and on the main page of the member's only page at www.elderberry.org.

Again, forms are due by September 13th so please sign up now!

Come Celebrate 20 Years of Service!

Rooms have been rented, cakes have been ordered and invitations have been sent! The 20 Year Anniversary Celebration of six local Programs and Elderberry

Institute is also quickly approaching. If you have not received an invitation via US Postal Mail, please contact EI at (800) 320-1707 for event details.

With such a good cause for celebration and former Saint Paul Mayor George Latimer as MC, the night should be a great time. Everyone and anyone is invited so pass the word along and anticipate a great night of good old fun!

Willmar Submits Letter of Intent

A steering committee that was formed in Willmar, Minnesota several months ago has now officially submitted a Letter of Intent to Elderberry Institute.

Willmar is located roughly 100 miles west of the Twin Cities on Highway 12. They will continue to move forward in the steps to become a Living at Home/Block Nurse Program.

Welcome to the Network!

- Cathy Schaub - Volunteer Coordinator, Granite Falls
- Joey Benke - Program Director, Middle River

Farewell & Good Luck!

- Matt Mathiasen - Program Director, Roseville

Important Deadlines

- **Sept. 20** - Rural All-Site Conference
- **Sept. 20** - 20 Year Anniversary Celebration
- **Sept. 21** - Annual All-Site Conference
- **Oct. 1** - Cost & Services Reports (ALL PROGRAMS)

Elderberry Update

Elderberry Database Upgrade UPDATE

Elderberry Database Consultant Laura Muenchow has been working closely with an outside programmer over the past few weeks to finish the upgrade to Version 3.4. As of now, everything is on schedule for the upgrade processes to be in early October.

Database users are asked to watch for the upgrade training session dates to be announced.

Program Profile: Community Partners - Two Harbors LAH/BNP

Located in the Arrowhead region of northeast Minnesota, the city of Two Harbors is the largest town in Lake County. The 2000 Census put their population at 3,613 people with 779 (21.6%) of those people over the age of 65. After noticing a distinct need for elder assistance in their community, a steering committee formed to create the Community Partners - Two Harbors Living at Home/Block Nurse Program.

Doors opened in January of 2000 and the Program has since then grown to be a critical part of the community. With funding from various sources including the Northland Foundation, the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, United Way, the Two Harbors Area Fund and many others, Community Partners served 249 elders in the 2006-07 Fiscal Year, an increase of almost 9% from the previous year.

Community Partners is run by Program Director Kirsten Cruikshank who has served since the fall of 2000. Kirsten also serves as a Coach of for other LAH/BNPs. Their Board Chair is Pastor Scott Nelson.