



# Elderberry Institute eNews

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## ***Important Deadlines***

- **Oct. 1** - Cost & Services Reports (ALL PROGRAMS)
- **Oct. 4** - CMCOA - All 3rd Quarter Reports
- **Oct. 4** - MAAA-MCCC - All 3rd Quarter Reports
- **Oct. 4** - VOA - All 3rd Quarter Reports
- **Oct. 4** - MAAA - Nutrition Reports
- **Oct. 10** - CSG-SPICE - Data for July, Aug, Sept
- **Oct. 10** - CSG - 1st Quarter Financial Report
- **Oct. 10** - CDOE - 1st Quarter Data & Financial Reports
- **Oct. 15** - MDH-Arthritis - All Reports
- **Oct. 25** - Quarterly Services Reports—Quarter 1 (ALL LAH/BNPs)
- **Oct. 25** - Program Client Stories (ALL LAH/BNPs)
- **Oct. 25** - Quarter Financial Reports—Quarter 1 (Base-Funded LAH/BNPs)

## ***Elderberry Update: Database Upgrade***

The Elderberry Database Version 3.4 Upgrade is finished and in the process of being tested. Once testing is finished, Database Consultant Laura Muenchow will be contacting each Program individually to set up a time to install the upgrade. Muenchow will be visiting many of the Programs to do an on-site installment. Other Programs will work with Muenchow to install the upgrade using the phone and e-mail.

There will be a training session on the new features of Version 3.4 for both the metro and rural Programs. Please keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement of those dates and times.

## ***Program Profile: Northeast Neighborhoods***

The newest addition to the Living at Home/Block Nurse Program Network, Northeast Neighborhoods, began services on June 1st of this year. The Program started when concerned members of the District 2 Community Council and other local citizens of the District 2 Area in St. Paul thought their neighborhood could really benefit from the services that an LAH/BNP can provide.

The Northeast Neighborhoods Program is in the final stages of signing a Founder's Agreement with Elderberry Institute. Once that stage is complete, they'll be an official Living at Home/Block Nurse Program. Currently, the Program is run by Board Chair Loretta Novak, along with staff member Lisa Heilman and other volunteer staff.

Northeast Neighborhood's boundaries encompass the area of the District 2 Region of St. Paul. Their service area is bordered on the North by Larpenteur Avenue, the West by Johnson Parkway, the South by Minnehaha Avenue and the East by McKnight Road.

For more information on this emerging Program, contact them via their dedicated cell phone line at 651-808-1901. Or you can send an e-mail to [block-nursed2@qwest.com](mailto:block-nursed2@qwest.com).

## ***Network News***

### **All-Site Conferences a Success!**

The 2007 Rural and Annual All-Site Conferences were well-received by attendees and lauded as a great success! For the first time in years, the event was held at a new location—the BayView Event Center in Excelsior, MN. Conference attendees enjoyed a wonderful view of Lake Minnetonka while attending sessions with topics ranging from Consumer Directed Services to Nutrition to Grant Management. Both the Rural and Annual Conferences were well attended with a total of 37 Programs represented over the course of two days.

Plans are already in motion to pick dates and locations for next year's conferences. If you didn't share your thoughts via the conference evaluation forms, please feel free to let Elderberry know your preferences.

All conference documents, including session notes and handouts will be available as of Monday, October 1st on the Elderberry website. Just visit [www.elderberry.org](http://www.elderberry.org) and click on the "Resources" button located on the left-hand side of the homepage. From there you will see an "Annual & Rural All-Site" link which will take you to the correct pages. Even if you didn't attend a session, these documents can be very helpful and interesting—check them out!

A huge thank you goes out to all the Programs that made it out to the conferences this year. Please let us know if you're interested in helping plan next year's events!

### **20th Anniversary Recognitions - An Evening of Celebration**

The evening of Thursday, September 20th was one to remember. 65 Living at Home/Block Nurse Program representatives, as well as friends, family members and colleagues came together to celebrate the landmark achievement of 20 years of service by six Programs and Elderberry Institute. Through the pouring rain and storms, the event celebrated these six Programs with personal stories and shared achievements. George Latimer, former mayor of St. Paul co-hosted the evening with Vice-Chairman of the Elderberry Board, Roger Cooper, to provide a very entertaining and touching evening.