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Welcome to the Network!

Anastasia Cheney - *Volunteer Coordinator, Como Park*
Galiena Erickson - *Communications and Marketing*
Manger, Elderberry Institute
Judy Powell - *Administrative Assistant, Elderberry*
Institute

Farewell & Good Luck

Cheryl Jeffries - *Program Director, Owatonna*
Rachel Leiterman - *Administrative Assistant,*
Elderberry Institute
Eleni Messiou - *Consumer Directed Services*
Coordinator, Elderberry Institute (Last day will be
June 30)

Important Dates:

June 11 - Working with Elderberry Institute–
Counselor Support Planner training
(Please contact Eleni at
emessiou@elderberry.org for information.)

Elderberry seeks CDS Coordinator

Elderberry Institute seeks a part-time Consumer Directed Services Coordinator. This person will serve as the main point of contact for all activities related to Consumer Directed Services. Watch www.elderberry.org for the complete posting.

CSSD Funding Disappointment

Elderberry was disappointed to learn many CSSD Grant Proposals were not funded. Please do let us know the funding status of your proposal.

Successful 2008 Legislative Action

All the hard work during the 2008 legislative session paid off! On April 3rd, over 50 representatives from 25 LAH/BNPs attended the Elderberry Institute sponsored "Day at the Capitol" to ask their legislators to support the S.F. 3735 and H.F. 4034. Governor Pawlenty signed into law the 2008 Omnibus Supplemental Budget Bill (H.F. 1812) on May 29th. Included in the bill was \$240,000 to fund 8 non-base funded Programs and 4 start-up Programs for Fiscal Year 2009 at \$20,000 per Program. This success was the result of a substantial investment of effort on the part of LAH/BNPs and Elderberry Institute.

Thank you for your efforts to contact and visit with your legislators; your attendance at the April 3rd Day at the Capitol; your dedication to provide excellent social and health care support; and your continued support of the LAH/BNP model! A special thank you to Lee Greenfield, Elderberry Institute chair, for his efforts at the legislature on our behalf.

Thank you all for your dedication!

Glenville Writes Letter of Intent

The Glenville A.G.E Group LAH/BNP steering committee has written a letter of intent to form a LAH/BNP Program in the Glenville area!

Success Story - Atwater Area LAH/BNP

Lisa, age 94, became ill with pneumonia. She was living alone in an upstairs apartment. Her relatives include a foster daughter in town, a niece in Minneapolis and a nephew in Colorado. She was transferred to a nursing home to recover after her hospitalization for pneumonia. While there she received physical therapy and oxygen.

Volunteers from the program continued to visit and saw her determination to return to her apartment. With good nutrition she was gaining strength. Visitors encouraged her to do her daily cares while visiting to see if she would be able to do them when she returned home.

After three weeks, Lisa returned home with the LAH/BNP as a resource. She practiced going up and down stairs for exercise with her niece. LAH/BNP brought a second walker to leave at the bottom of the stairs. Her nephew in Colorado insisted that she have a lifeline. The Program was able to convince her to use it, as her nephew would be paying for it! LAH/BNP helped her to complete the necessary forms, picked up the unit and installed it.

Lisa now goes down the stairs to pick up her mail, orders her groceries for home delivery, cooks balanced meals, attends church and is back in her home, where she wants to be.

Send Us Your Stories! If your Program has a news update or story to share, please send an e-mail to gerickson@elderberry.org