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Elderberry Update:

Database Upgrades Soon Available at www.elderberry.org!

Last Spring, each Program received a new version of the Elderberry Database System (3.3a). The newest upgrade, Version 3.3b, is now ready and includes some small changes that will make various reporting needs a bit easier.

This time around, the upgrade process will be much simpler. The upgrade, as well as future upgrades, will soon be available for download on the all new "Resources" page at www.elderberry.org. Each Program will be assigned a username and password that will allow you to download the Microsoft Access file. You will then be able to perform the upgrade yourself in a very simple process that will take about 10 minutes.

Keep your eyes open for an e-mail announcing that the upgrade is available. Laura Muenchow, Elderberry's Database Consultant, will then be in contact with each Program in order to make the upgrade process go as smoothly as possible.

In other Database news, Elderberry has sold three more copies of the System to non-Living at Home/Block Nurse Programs in the last two months. Non-LAH/BNPs can purchase the system for the low price of \$500. Please help us continue to sell more copies of the database by spreading the word to other programs throughout Minnesota and North Dakota!

Network News:

Upcoming RFP for CS/SD Grant

A new RFP for the upcoming Community Service/Service Development Grant will be published on November 20 or 27, 2006. The application deadline will then be March 2 or 9, 2007. Keep your eyes open for confirmation on these dates. After the applications have gone through, the awards will be announced following the end of the 2007 Legislative Session.

As usual, all Living at Home/Block Nurse Programs may apply. However, newer Programs are especially encouraged to apply for this funding.

The grant focuses on an increased supply of home and community based services as well as support for innovations to transform the long-term care system.

More information will be available through Applicant Video Conferences that will take place on December 7 from 1:30-3:30pm and December 8 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Once the grant is available, you can also find further information by visiting the MN Department of Human Resources website at www.dhs.state.mn.us.



Program Profile:

Grove City Area C.A.R.E...

...also known as the Grove City Area Community Answers for Reaching the Elderly Living at Home/Block Nurse Program. Although the technical name is long and complex, this LAH/BNP has the same simple mission that many other Programs do. They want to keep older adults in their community with dignity, through support, healthcare and information.

The Grove City Area C.A.R.E. Program has been around since 1997 when a group of concerned citizens wanted to help the local seniors remain safe and independent in their own homes. By February of 1998 they had their first Program Director and by the following January they were already serving 46 elders with the help of 39 volunteers. In a service area that extends to the boundaries of the former Grove City School District, the Program is now serving around 50-60 elders each year (they served 55 total in the 2004-05 FY).

Recently, C.A.R.E. took on a new Program Director, Amy Mortenson. She is joined in the office by Volunteer Coordinator Kerri Hendrickson, who is also a fairly recent addition to the Program.

Together, Amy and Kerri are currently working with Elderberry Institute to implement Grove City's third Strategic Plan. They are also in the process of launching a Memory Loss Library along with Alzheimer's and Dementia Programs for both elders and caregivers working with the diseases.

Important Dates!

- **Oct. 31** - Quarterly Financial Report (**31 Base Funded**)
- **Nov. 3** - Program Client Story (**All LAH/BNPs**) - extended deadline!

Welcome to the Network!

- Alice Deschene - Program Director, *Argyle*
- Rhonda Waage Osodo - Program Director, *Middle River-Thief Lake*

Farewell & Good Luck!

- Juanita Peterson - Volunteer Coordinator, *Foley*