#### **Inside This Issue:**

- Article, p.1, 2
- Did You Know That..., p. 2, 3

- Meeting Minutes, p.3-9
- Calendar of Events, p. 9



## THE ADVOCATE



The Newsletter of the Greater Taunton Health & Human Service Coalition (GTHHSC) and the Greater Attleboro Taunton Health & Education Response (GATHER) – <a href="https://www.geocities.com/gathercoalition">www.geocities.com/gathercoalition</a>

Volume XVI, No.6

June 2006

# FREE HEALTH SERVICES For Uninsured & Underinsured Men

(From Men's Health Partnership)



The Men's Health Partnership is a program sponsored by Community Services and Programs Visiting

Nurse Association of Cape Cod in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, partnering with the Morton Hospital & Medical Center's Friedman Clinic in Taunton. It offers FREE health screenings for heart disease, prostate cancer and diabetes to men age 18 or older who do not have health insurance or are underinsured. Services include

- Physical exam
- ➤ Lab work
- Cholesterol Screening
- ➤ Glucose Screening
- ➤ Prostate Screening for men over 50 or over 40 if you are African-American or have a family history
- Primary Care Visit for men ages 18 & older

Risk Assessment and Education

After the initial lab work is completed, a 15 minute screening is set up. If a problem is found, VNA case management will take over, using the community network of the client's area.

The gift of "good health" that program participants give to their families is rewarded with a \$25 Gift Certificate to any Pub 99 in Fairhaven, Fall River, New **Bedford** or Taunton, compliments of the Men's Health Partnership. A participant receives the certificate after his free health consultation. Men are referred primary physicians and specialists for appropriate treatment. Other referrals are available necessary.

Heart Disease is the #1 killer of men in American, and it is preventable. Risk factors include family history of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking obesity and lack of exercise. All men beginning at age 18 should be screened with lab tests for cholesterol and diabetes, and height, weight and blood pressure.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, and is usually curable when caught early. Early prostate cancer has no symptoms. Screening is done by digital rectal exam and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test.

The Men's Health Partnership will be featured on Taunton radio station WPEP 1570 "Pathways to Hope" on Tuesday, June 6, at 1:00 pm. For more information on clinic locations and times, or to set up lab work in your community, please call the Men's Health Partnership at 1-888-557-9994, x7629.



# GTHHSC June Networking Meeting 6/20/06, 9:00

Associates for Human Services, 68 Allison Rd.



## DRESSING RIGHT TO PROTECT AGAINST SKIN CANCER

(American Cancer Society [ACS])

When the weather warms up, many people switch to short sleeves, light colors, and loosely woven fabrics - just the opposite of what they should do to protect themselves from the ultraviolet radiation that causes skin cancer. May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and the ACS says choosing the right clothing is as important as the right sunscreen.

Many people cover their exposed skin with a sunscreen that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher, but the skin under their clothing is not automatically protected from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. This may contribute to later development of skin cancer.

Scientific study shows that special sun-blocking fabrics really work. Choose clothing with a minimum Ultraviolet Protective Factor rating of 15. UPF 25-39 is better, and UPF40-50 is excellent.

You don't have to buy new, high-tech clothes to protect yourself from the sun. By making the right choices among your ordinary clothes.

you can reduce your risk of skin cancer. Here are some tips to follow:

- > Wear 100% polvester clothing for a day in the sun
- Wear dark colors
- > Choose clothes of tightly woven fabrics
- > Wear long sleeves, pants, and skirts, and shirts with collars and high necklines
- > Put on dry clothes or cover up after swimming
- > Use a laundry additive that gives clothes a UPF of 15.

When heading outdoors, wear sunglasses and a hat with a brim wide enough to shade your face, ears, and neck. Avoid direct sun exposure from 10:00-4:00.

Protect your children. Severe sunburns in childhood may greatly increase a person's risk of the most deadly form of skin cancer in later life. People of all ages should avoid tanning beds and sun lamps, which increase exposure to the cumulative damage of UV radiation.

Yearly, more than 1 million Americans are diagnosed with basal cell or squamous cell

cancers (nonmelanoma cancers), the most curable types of skin cancer. These cancers do not often spread to other parts of the body, but should be treated as soon as they are discovered.

Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer, expected to kill 7,910 Americans this year, with about 62,190 news cases diagnosed. If diagnosed early, before it has spread, and treated properly, it can be cured in most cases. Persons at special risk include those with light skin, a family history of melanoma, moles and freckles, or a history of severe sunburn early in life.

Everyone should examine his skin once a month and see his doctor regularly for skin checks. Notice changes in number, size, shape, or color of spots on your skin - the most important warning signs. Other warnings are a sore that does not heal or a new growth.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345, visit www.cancer.org.

## Did You Know That...?

Morton Hospital and Medical Center free offerings include Medication Safety, 6/2/06. Free,

registration required. Childhood ADHD (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), **6/8/06**, 6:30pm, Margaret Stone Conference Room. Free. registration required. Call 508-828-7777.

Health & Medical Issues in **Autism** will be held 6/2/06. 8:30-4:00, at the Taunton Holiday Inn. Register before 5/26/06. Cost: Parents, Direct Care Workers, Educators, etc., \$40; Nurses, \$70 (Includes CEUs); Social Workers, \$70 (CEUs pending). Please call 978-534-8736, or 978-424-7961.

Motivational Interviewing & Health Behavior Change: A Two Day Workshop, will be 6/2/06-6/3/06, held at the Newton Holiday Inn. Cost \$350.00. CEUs. Contact Ann Marie at **781-775-8865**, or amgrd@hotmail.com

Aging with Dignity XI is a conference on preventing and responding to alcohol and other

drug problems among older people, on **6/6/06**, 8:15-4:00, at the Worcester Hotel & Conference Center. \$40. For more information, call AdCare at **508-752-7313**.

Mulligan Center is offering PubMed: A Vital Internet Tool for Health Care Providers, **6/21/06**, 9:30-12:30. (PubMed is the world's premiere biomedical bibliographic database at <a href="http://pubmed.gov">http://pubmed.gov</a>) Registration Deadline June 14<sup>th</sup>. \$40 includes continental breakfast and CEUs. To register, contact Jane Dickey at 508-583-2250, x211, or register online at www.hcsm.org.



**Date** Change: MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Summit - Facilitator training will be held June 16-17, and the summit on June 29-July 2, Clark University, Worcester. For youth delegates and adult advisors. \$100 registration per

participant, deadline May 5, 2006. Contact Bonnie at blai@maddmass.org, or please call 617-227-2701.

Center for NonProfit Management 2006 BreakFACTS Series is offering Reading and **Understanding** Nonprofit Financial Statements, 6/27/06. 8:30-11:00am. Stonehill College. For information or to register, call 508-565-1856. www.stonehill.edu/nonprofit/bre akfacts.htm

Medicare Part D - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has instructed newly eligible "duals" to enroll in Part D through WellPoint only, and this enrollment occurs only at the pharmacy counter. Once a person is enrolled, coverage will be effective immediately. This enrollment WellPoint will prompt CMS to contact the individual for enrollment in a permanent plan. Anyone encountering a pharmacy that is not aware of this process or is

having difficulty can contact the CMS Boston Regional Office at **617-565-1232** or by e-mail at BostonPartDinquiries@cms.hhs.gov

**Extended Enrollment Period for those eligible for the Low Income Subsidy** - Individuals who qualify for Social Security's Low Income Subsidy (LIS) or who were auto-enrolled through Prescription Advantage will be allowed to enroll in Medicare Part D past the May 15 deadline. This Special Enrollment Period (SEP) has been established by CMS. This same group will not be subject to the penalty if they have not enrolled in a Medicare Part D Plan before May 15.

Metro West Alcohol Sting Results – An average 14% of businesses tested in seven towns in May sold alcohol to underage girls. Compliance ranged from 100% in Holliston to 79% in Framingham. (From the MetroWest Daily News, as reported in PolicyImpact Communications)

# COALITION/COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS



CHNA Planning Meeting. 5/3/06, 3:30, Arbour-Fuller Hospital

#### **Discussion Highlights:**

CHNA Coordinating Council Suggested - Work continues on defining the Community Health Network Area #24 structure that includes representatives of all area committees, hospitals, and funders in the greater Attleboro/Taunton area. It is seen as a place for people to gather, share, network, look at evidence-based data, decide on

funding distribution, lining up activities with needs, evaluation, impact, successes, indicators, issues and identifying gaps. A lose affiliation, or forum, perhaps with a newsletter, may make sense in our area. A new name for the CHNA will be selected.

Inclusive, Without a HierarchyA rotating chairmanship that

cycles through all
Attleboro and Taunton area
committees and coalitions was
suggested for quarterly working
meetings. It is not a leadership or
direction group.

Attleboro Outreach – The Area Community Council is an emergency task force that holds a networking meeting with a speaker. They have no

subcommittees, and would like a coordination component, making this a good time for their participation in planning discussions.

#### **DPH**

- CHNA's originate with the DPH and need to grow from the bottom.
- Agencies that receive funding from DPH are required to participate in the CHNA. Membership in any of the area committees may fill this mandate. Who are these groups, and how can they fulfill their mandate to participate in the CHNA?
- There needs to be a CHNA in the Attleboro/Taunton area.

#### **Money Matters**

There isn't a lot of money. Of the \$9,000, \$900 goes to financial management, \$500 to SYNERGY, and \$7600

- keeps coordinator and provides some money to committees.
- Funds are not for direct programming, but are across the board.
- ➤ Southeastern Mobile MRI member hospitals includes Morton Hospital. This group of member hospitals has provided the CHNA with determination of need funding. Sturdy has expressed a more narrow definition of DON funding.

#### Next Steps:

Change	the	name	of
GATHER to	start the	core	group
with a new i	identity. T	The Sto	eering
Committee	becomes	the	Core
group			

Create a system of funding allocation

Plan for furnishing data for needs assessment planning and health indicator data. (Perhaps as

an advisory committee for a United Way needs assessment.

Choose new issues that might need attention, and who will address it

Create a "sales pitch" to get missing core representatives to the table.

Invite all former planning participants to the next meeting.

Discuss the planning committee role, network, funding allocation, group structure (chairperson) and number of meetings per year.

Present summary of this meeting to the GTHHSC during the May meeting.

#### **Next Meetings:**

Structure Committee, 6/7/06, 3:30, Norton Public Library, 66 West Main St., Norton, MA June Networking Meeting, 6/20/06, 9:00, A.H.S.

<u>Contact Person:</u> Richard McMahon, **508-979-7160**, **3010**.



## GATHER Domestic Violence, Violence Prevention (DV/VP) 5/18/06, 3:30, New Hope

#### Discussion Highlights:

#### **Past Events:**

- > CHNA Planning Committee Update – See minutes on pages 3-4.
- **National Crime Victims** Rights Week - Copies of the Enterprise and Taunton Daily Gazette articles on "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity" Silent Vigil were distributed to attendees. Committee thank you letters were sent to both WPRI newspapers and Channel 12 for their excellent coverage of the event. An Attleboro Sun article featured the New Hope presentation at the Attleboro Public Library of
- "Sexual Assault A Broad Perspective".
- > Take Back the Night -Signs from the Silent Vigil were used at the Stonehill College "Take Back the Night" observance. Slogans are "Stop the Violence", "Break the Silence" "Violence is Unacceptable", and "Safe Homes Safe from Abuse". DV Chairperson Annemarie and other SEMA-VAV Volunteers attended.

#### **Continuing Events/Projects:**

> Triumph Head Start Beautification Project -



Volunteers worked on the "Garden of Hope" project on the

- weekend of April 29-30. The community is welcome to volunteer to take part in this landscaping adventure. All activities are on weekends, weather permitting. For details and calendar, contact DV chairperson Annemarie of SEMA-VAV at <a href="matulisannie@msn.com">matulisannie@msn.com</a>, or call 508-824-3227.
- ➤ Verizon Cell Phones
  Project is ongoing. Funding
  goes to the Shelter Alliance
  and clients are able to use
  the 911 feature of the
  phones. The drive is part of a
  grant requirement. Call
  Annemarie for pickup.

#### **Announcements:**

- Dress to **Impress** (a cooperative community service sponsored bv SEMA-VAV, **GATHER**  $\mathbf{DV}$ and First Parish Church) Α press conference to launch and announce the project will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 5:30-6:30 at First Parish Church, Taunton. It will tie in to the 2006 "Make a Difference Day". Dress to Impress will provide free interview attire to low income women and men who are returning to the workforce and don't have the appropriate clothing for interviews. An authorized referral will be required on agency or organization letterhead. The project will be volunteer run and by appointment.
- 2006 Through My Eyes: Voices Against Violence, Voices of Hope 2006 edition submissions are requested.
- Domestic Violence
  Awareness Month. October

  2<sup>nd</sup> is Dress the Silver City in
  Purple!, National Day of
  Unity Candle Light Vigil

- and Clothesline Project display. A Gift of Hope is a National Make a Difference Day project. Invitations will go out to local officials, agencies and businesses to attend. Press releases will encourage the community to bring cell phones and business attire.
- **Bristol County Domestic** Violence Roundtable will be held May 24, 2006, 2:30, at the District Attorney's Office in New Bedford. Received this month and shared with the Committee were the following court cases: Commonwealth v. Howard (4/18/06) in which a investigator, DSS during the course of a 51B investigation questioned a defendant about the crime for which he was already charged without his attorney present, was acting as a government official and was therefore conducting equivalent of direct police interrogation in violation of 6<sup>th</sup> defendant's the amendment right to assistance of counsel. Commonwealth v. Tang (4/11/06) illustrates where a
- 5 year old child's spontaneous utterances to a police officer were not testimonial, and were admissible.
- Registered Sex Offenders –
  Information identifying individuals, their locations, and offenses is available at <a href="https://www.familywatchdog.us">www.familywatchdog.us</a> and <a href="https://www.sexoffenders.com">www.sexoffenders.com</a>. Recent televised 20/20 sting operations were discussed.

Summer Meeting Schedule

- There will be no DV meetings in July and August.

Meeting Structure suggestion was made that starting in September, meeting expand beyond networking, to a more hands on working meetings, with stronger networking between meetings. It was also suggested that more events be brought to Attleboro.

#### Next Meeting:

GATHER DV/VP: **6/15/06**, 3:30, (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month), Mass InfoTech, 9 Taunton Green, Rear

Contact Person: Annemarie Matulis, 508-922-7278 cell, or matulisannie@msn.com

## GATHER/GTHHSC Substance Abuse Committee (SAC). 5/17/06, 3:30, CCBC



**CHNA Planning Committee Update** – See minutes on pages 3-4.

Safe Prom Project – Thank you



letters were sent to newspapers and Fox 25 for covering the awareness campaign.

Project YELL (Youth Endorsing Legal Lifestyles) – The grant award notice has been

received to restore funding the social norms project. The continuation application is brief and non competitive.

- ➤ Preparation Sabrina continues to work on preliminary steps. In addition to writing the job postings, she wrote and shared a Candidate Scoring Sheet and Revised Program Objectives.
- **Program Director** The posting for program director

- was widely distributed, with a June 5 deadline. Grant writing is included in the requirements. Telephone interview screenings will be followed by interviews by a subcommittee of individuals.
- ➤ Grant Writer After a discussion of grant writer applicants, the committee motioned and unanimously voted to hire Anne Kotch as grant writer, based on her



- knowledge and past experience.
- ➤ Expenses The Committee unanimously decided to front \$1,000, to be matched by the GTHHSC, to hire the grant writer.
- ➤ Program Steering
  Committee The Substance
  Abuse Committee will
  take on the roll as Project
  YELL Steering
  Committee.
- Revised Objectives The program director will meet with the T.P.S. Safe and Drug Free Schools Coordinator to become familiarized with school policy and previous work on

the "Get the Word Out" social norms marketing campaign from this spring, The poster campaign distribution will continue. Project YELL peer leaders will be recruited and trained in the MADD Youth In Action program. The science-based parent education program "Guiding Good Choices" will continue in Taunton, and include participant recruitment, location of series. identification of facilitators and a "booster" training. Coalition collaborations will be strengthened. A strategic

plan/needs assessment may be included. A program timeline ranging from May-September was included.

#### Next Steps:

☐ Interview candidates for Project YELL program director ☐ Contact Steering Committee members for input on recommendation to hire grant writer.

Next Meeting: 6/21/06, 3:30, CCBC Family Conference Room, Mill River Professional Center, 1 Washington St.

Contact Persons: Arlene Dickinson, 508-223-4691, Lorraine Rosa, 508-823-4822



#### GTHHSC Child & Family Focus Meeting. 5/16/06, 10:15, Associates for Human Services

#### **Discussion Highlights:**

#### Pathways to Hope Radio Show

- Two committee members will arrange for air time to discuss childhood safety. In addition to the "Top 10 Ways to Keep a Child Safe" the following topics may be included:
- ➤ Pool safety as regards drain suction Parents may not realize that children can become trapped by drain suction in pools or water parks. Use of a cover or adding an extra drain may prevent pressure build up.
- Poison and household chemicals may look like candy to a child
- ➤ Abduction Prevention —
  Police departments often
  provide finger printing kits.
  The Center for Mission and
  Exploited Children also has
  DNA and Safety kits.
  Children should be
  supervised at all times, and
  be taught to not talk to

- strangers if their parents aren't with them. Information should be age appropriate to children.
- Pesticides on children's clothing and 60% hand sanitizers may help keep children safe from disease. DEET should not be put on children's hands.
- > Helmets and other protective sports gear
- > Carbon monoxide poisoning prevention
- Pacifiers are recommended for sleep and naps to minimize SIDS. There is increased incidence of child fatalities in a family bed. Quilts and stuffed animals are not safe in a child's sleep environment. Sleeping children should be placed on their back, but belly time is

- necessary when they're awake for learning and strengthening the arms.
- Car seats recommendations and use
- ➤ Fall injuries, from windows and stairs Adult supervision, approved window guards and stair gates, and other steps save lives.
- > Dog bite prevention

#### Next Steps:

Gather	statistics of	n childho	od
injury for i			
Place	sample	saf	ety
bookmarks	at Berkley	library	
Begin	work on	grant	for
safety book	kmarks		

Next Meeting: **6/20/06**, 10:15, A.H.S.

#### Contact Person:

Lorraine Rosa, 508-823-4822



## GTHHSC General Meeting. 5/16/06, 9:00, Associates for Human Services

#### Discussion Highlights:

Men's Health Partnership – Jim Merchant presented information about a new program that helps un/underinsured men. See cover article for details.

Emergency Task Force – See complete committee minutes, page 8.

Safe Prom Project – The

Substance Abuse Committee's awareness project was featured in Fox 25 news, and in several local newspapers. The Committee sent letters GATHER area schools, parents, hotels, police departments and liquor stores to give a "heads up" on prom dates and cities, in an effort to involve the community environment in supporting young people to have a safe, memorable prom and graduation season.

**Project YELL** – Job postings were advertised for both a grant

writer and a project manager. Several responses have been received. Sabrina is able to assist in a consultant role for a short time. The match grant is a continuation funding of a Drug Free Communities grant. The manager project will supported by the grant, but the grant writer may not be paid from the grant. The GTHHSC unanimously voted to put aside up to \$3500, provided there is an equal match from GATHER, to take care of grant writer expenses. The grant covers from October 2005-September 2006.

CHNA Planning Meeting – A meeting was held May 3 to work on structure of our Community Health Network Area (CHNA). All are invited to attend the next planning meeting on 6/7/06, 3:15, at the Norton Public Library. See complete committee minutes on pages 3-4.

#### **Announcements:**

➤ **ISafe Training** – A number of people in Taunton have

been trained to present internet safety information to parent groups. Taunton schools are looking at developing the program over the summer.

Disabilities Survey – The MA Developmental Disabilities Council 2007-2011 state plan survey was shared with the membership. For information, contact dan.shannon@state.ma.us

#### **Next Steps:**

Show the Fox 25 video of the coverage of the Safe Prom Project.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Structure Committee, 6/7/06, 3:30, Norton Public Library, 66 West Main St., Norton, MA June Networking Meeting, 6/20/06, 9:00, A.H.S.

Contact Person: Richard McMahon, 508-979-7160, 3010.

## Greater Taunton Mayor's AIDS Consortium. 5/17/06, 10:00, CCBC

#### **Discussion Highlights:**

**Treasurer** – Linda was appointed as official treasurer of the consortium.

New Case Manager, Riley Mailhot has joined the Community Counseling of Bristol County (CCB) Case Management Program.

HIV+/AIDS Records – The Commonwealth of MA will now be reporting names of those who are HIV+. Until recently, a unique identifier code was used for reporting HIV+ cases. AIDS

cases have always been reported by name. The DPH AIDS Bureau has assured that confidentiality will be ensured.

Service Coordination
Collaborative held a summit with the SCC from the South Coastal region in Middleboro. Attendance at the networking meeting was over 100, with a good turnout from substance abuse agencies. Web site is www.hcsm.org/scc.htm

Healthy Relationships: A powerful Program for HIV+

Gay and Bisexual Men will be held June 24-25, 9:00-4:00, at CCBC. Limited seating available. For information or to register, call 508-828-6692.Free. Includes continental breakfast and lunch

**Open House** sponsored by the Consumer Advisory Board will be held **6/14/06**, 5:00pm, at CCBC.

**Educational Groups** are held at BAMSI in Brockton due to poor attendance in Taunton. If

interested in going, please contact Linda at **508-828-6733**.

Emergency Fund Call Committee – Volunteers Cindy and Rob were accepted as provider and consumer members.

**Elections** for GTMAC officers will be held at the July meeting.

Next Meeting: **6/14/06**, 10:00, CCBC

Contact Person: Richard McMahon, 508-979-7160, 3010

### Safe Neighborhood Initiative. 4/26/06, 8:00, Fairfax Gardens Community Room

#### **Discussion Highlights:**

Criminal Justice Committee Three names were deleted from
the high-risk offender list, the
total is now 15. A gang meeting
was held. They are very
interested in working in this
area

**Crisis Intervention Team** - A training will be held May 9-11, 2006. Brockton, Easton and Attleboro have registered. DSS, DYS, CCBC and also DMR will attend the next training.

Treatment and Prevention Committee- Lorraine used a lap top to show a segment that was aired on Channel 25 News. Deb Brown and Arlene Dickinson as well as a high school student were interviewed. A local liquor store owner was also interviewed. He appreciated the heads up on the dates and locations of the Proms. The Safe Prom Project hopes that the

video may get parents thinking about what their children will be doing after the prom. GATHER and the GTHHSC have mailed letters, along with high school Prom dates to area Police, hotels and liquor store owners in an effort to safeguard students on Prom night.

**Community Crisis Spiritual Response Team-** No report **Education Committee** - The Taunton Junior Prom will be May 20<sup>th</sup> and the Taunton Senior Prom will be May 21, 2006. The students and faculty seem ready for the Breathalyzer. Bristol Plymouth and Coyle & Cassidy may adopt this as well. Officer Dora & Officer DeMello are planning on having a lock-down at the Taunton high school in May; the other two schools are also planning to have a lockdown as well

Program Update - Lisa Watt will collect all surveys that have been done in our neighborhoods. Once completed a plan of action will be developed from the information provided. Α downtown meeting will be held on 4/26/06, and Sgt. Medas will be speaking on behalf of Chief O' Berg and his commitment to our neighborhoods. Sgt. Medas will also be promoting the TipLine. Mark Hall will be giving an update on the security camera for Union Street and Colonel Gavigan from the Bristol County Sheriff's department will be speaking to the residents on Identity Theft.

Next Meeting: 6/21/06, 8:00, Fairfax Gardens Community Center.

Contact Person: Robert Cammarata, **508-821-1420** 

## **Taunton Emergency Task Force.** 5/2/06, 9:30, GATRA Conference Room, Oak St.

## <u>Discussion Highlights:</u>

#### **Obituaries:**

- Mary Louise Cobbs, MLC Counseling and Learning Center passed away.
- The wife of Bob Barbour, Red Cross Representative passed away last week.

**Welcome** to Community Police Officer Steven Wayslow,

Taunton Police Department representative.

#### **Fuel Fund/Emergency Services**

- TMLP and Bay State Gas have started shutting off services to individuals that have not made a payment in several months. Full payment is required for turn on, with some funds paid by customer (not all community resources)

Family Self-Sufficiency
Program – The Coordinator's grant has been completed and submitted to HUD. A closing on a lottery home in Wareham is scheduled for this week, bringing the number of home owners to 4.

**Donation Letter** for area businesses will be mailed out this month.

**Fundraising Committee** will meet 5/9/06 at 10:00 to finalize details for a raffle. Tickets will be sent to all members to sell.

**Press Coverage** – An article highlighting Emergency Task Force accomplishments and fundraising needs will be printed in the Silver City Bulletin.

**An Annual Report** will be completed end of September.

This report is required by certain grants.

**211** - A state directory for services and resources will begin this July.

A Nominating Committee will be established during summer break (July and August) for October's elections. Executive Board will meet to discuss extending tenure of officers.

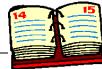
Fundraising/grant applications
Nominating Committee

Next Meeting: 6/6/06, 9:30, GATRA Conference Room, Bloom Bus Terminal, Oak St.

This will be the last meeting before summer break.

#### Contact Person:

Milly Burrows, 508-880-0202



## **UPCOMING AREA MEETINGS**

June 6	Taunton Emergency Task Force.
9:30	GATRA Administrative Bldg, Conference Room, 10 Oak St.
June 7	CHNA #24 Structure Planning Meeting. Norton Public Library.
3:15	
June 14,	Greater Taunton Mayor's AIDS Consortium. CCBC, 1 Washington
10:00	St.
June 15	GATHER Domestic Violence Committee. Mass InfoTech, 9 Taunton
3:30	Green, Rear.
June 20	GTHHSC Networking Meeting.
9:00	Associates for Human Services, 68 Allison Rd.
June 20	GTHHSC Child & Family Focus Committee. A.H.S., 68 Allison Rd.
10:15	
June 21	Safe Neighborhood Initiative Annual Meeting. Fairfax Gardens
8:00	Community Room.
June 21	GATHER/GTHHSC Substance Abuse Committee. CCBC, Mill
3:30	River Place

This month's Advocate was published by Lorraine Rosa, Coordinator, with funds from GATHER MRI and GTHHSC dues. To submit an article, announcement or other information, email <a href="mailto:mcaprosa@hotmail.com">mcaprosa@hotmail.com</a>, or call **508-823-4822** by June 30, 2006. You may also access copies of The Advocate at <a href="www.geocities.com/gathercoalition">www.geocities.com/gathercoalition</a>.

