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Greater New Bedford Health & Human Services Coalition

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A network of health and human service providers and community members, dedicated to enhancing the human condition in Greater New Bedford. By providing a forum for action, advocacy, coordination and education, we focus on fostering a community where residents are supported to achieve healthy and fulfilling lives.

Steering Meeting: May 19, 2006, 12:30, Family Planning, Howland Place

Attendees: Robin Cleveland, Jean DeCoffe, Ron O'Connor, Lorraine Rosa

Discussion Highlights:

- Finances - Shields MRI will provide \$67,000 for the past two years, then be asked to submit \$33,500 every June. Payment is needed to pay the contractual obligations to Isherwood and Moore.
- Health Access Committee is working on a postpartum depression initiative. DPH brochures and posters customized with local information are available. New Bedford could be a pilot project.

Marketing/Website Development: A Summer Planning Meeting with Isherwood and Moore

- Contract: Isherwood and Moore may have a template of a contract they can submit. Coalition members and a legal consultant can look it over.
- A working lunch/retreat, "A Day at the Zoo" (City sponsorship needed)
- Everyone invited to a planning meeting, followed by a meeting with Isherwood and Moore
- Break-out groups for recommended actions and ideas
- Help from Katy at SCHC
- Distribution of materials about programs
- Brainstorm about who are the area youth agencies

June Meeting Agenda:

- Introductions
- Review April Minutes
- In Depth Networking – Changes, What's Happening, What's New
- Steering Committee Update: Summer Retreat Working Lunch with Isherwood and Moore
- Subcommittee Reports
- Next meetings / Keeping in Touch this Summer

Next Steps:

- Send June meeting reminder of location change and sharing meeting (Lorraine)
- Contact DV Committee for minutes (Lorraine)
- Bring copies of the C.O.A.S.T. Connections newsletter to the June meeting (Lorraine)
- Contact CHNA25 for the Legislative Breakfast expenses (Lorraine)
- Discuss The contract with Isherwood and Moore, and Advocates for Youth next steps at the June Steering Committee meeting (Steering Committee)
- Call Jocelyn for list of, and to invite youth agency representatives to summer retreat (Robin)
- Letter of endorsement (Jean, Robin, Lorraine)
- Contact Shields MRI for past DON funding, with expectation of future payment each June. (Ron)
- Propose that New Bedford be a pilot for the DPH postpartum depression initiative (Ron)
- Select a date and location for an August retreat, preferably not on a Tuesday or Wednesday. (GNBHSC)

Next Meeting:

June 16, 2006, 12:30, Family Planning, Howland Place.