

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

Networking Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2011

9:00 A.M. Sharp

Hosted by:

**Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC)
27 Congress Street, Suite 204, Street, Salem, MA**

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO SHEILA ORTIZ AT 978-744-2299 x10 OR AT sheilao@hawcdv.org

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Candace Waldron, Executive Director
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 69th Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in February)
*E-mail your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for November, December, January and February to jguy@salem.com
– Deadline 1/26/12*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, March 8, 2012 – Seeking host agency
Thursday, June 14, 2012 – Salem Council on Aging
Thursday, September 13, 2012 - Haven From Hunger (tentative)
Please email jguy@salem.com if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*

Networking & Refreshments

*If you no longer wish to receive emails for Salem HOPE,
please send an email to jguy@salem.com asking to be removed from this distribution list.*

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~ A newsletter for social service agencies ~

November, 2011

Salem YMCA hosted Autumn Meeting

The September, 2011 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by the [Salem YMCA](#). Representing the agency was Executive Branch Director Mari Matt. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Barbara St. Pierre of North Shore Infant & Toddler Program, Sonya Snow-Parish of North Shore Community College, Jacqui Curcio of HealthQuarters, Lisa Rose of the Independent Living Center, Barbara Reeder of NSCAP, Anne Marie D'Angelo Florent of MassHealth, Myra Terry and Teury Marte of Mass Rehab Commission, Joy Winkler of the North Shore CDC, Gail Kelley of Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, Charlene Snow of North Shore Career Center and Julia Westley of the Children's Law Center.

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Ms. Matt stated that she has been the Branch Executive Director for approximately one month. The Salem YMCA has a fitness center, a child care center and a teen center. She is working with other agencies to help fit their mission and find ways that the YMCA can help. They offer programs for pre-school, youth development, tutoring, college prep, swimming lessons and Tae Kwon Do. Their teen program allows memberships for teens at a reduced cost, based on household income. She noted that all branches of the YMCA of the North Shore have financial assistance programs. They are

undergoing a capital campaign to repurpose the YMCA as a creative art center. They are restoring the gym as the theatre. The goal is to incorporate arts in the building, including painting studies and pottery.

Ms. Kelley stated that [Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries](#) provides jobs skills and training to individuals with disabilities with the goal of finding competitive employment. They are in partnership with Stop n' Shop's Peapod operation. They have a new H.E.L.P. Program to help people to be able to be placed in the human services area.

Ms. Curcio of [Healthquarters](#) stated that they have a clinic at their Beverly location. They provide GYN exams, birth control, emergency contraception, counseling and pregnancy and HIV testing.



Click on the logo for information on the North Shore YMCA Theatre Company's production.

Ms. Snow stated that she provides outreach to employers for the [North Shore Career Center](#). They have job fairs coming up in September and November. They have a youth center in the Lynn office.

Ms. Marte stated that [Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission](#) just got fully staffed with counselors. They work with people with disabilities to try to get them back into the labor market.

Ms. D'Angelo Florent stated that [MassHealth](#) is eligibility based. She is the member education representative and will visit agencies.

Ms. Snow-Parish stated that the [North Shore Community College Adult Learning Center](#) is at the Cumming Center in Beverly. They have four levels of GED classes. They are turning into a drop-in center for a couple hours of the week for students on the waitlist who test to GED level (9th grade reading level or higher).

Ms. Reeder stated that [NSCAP](#) has two sites in Peabody. They offer 3 levels of ESOL classes. She stated that she assesses what level to place an individual. Level 1 has the longest wait list (6-12 months). NSCAP also offers fuel assistance. Any household that got fuel assistance last year will receive an application for this year. New applicants can call to make an appointment.

Ms. Rose stated that the [Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann, Inc.](#) works with persons of all ages and disabilities. They provide information and referral, advocacy, monthly support groups and monthly application assistance. They will survey buildings for accessibility through their APAB program.

Ms. St. Pierre stated that [Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Massachusetts](#) has locations in Salem and Lynn and serves ten cities. North Shore Infant & Toddler Program is an early intervention program for birth to age 3 with disabilities or developmental delays. The evaluation is at no cost to the family. They have weekly toddler groups for all children for socialization. She can come to agencies to talk to staff.

Ms. Winkler stated that she is new to the [North Shore CDC](#). They are an affordable housing agency. They also offer ESL classes in Salem. She will work toward getting community engagement in the Point area of Salem and Gloucester Crossing.

Ms. Westley stated that she is the new Americore Vista at the [Children's Law Center](#). The CLC represents children in certain court cases. They have an intake line. They provide training on various topics at organizations, such as rights for children. She provides community outreach.

Ms. Guy of the [City of Salem](#) Department of Planning & Community Development stated that the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will be available next week for a 15 day comment period. She reminded the group to forward event notices, job openings, etc. to her and she will either forward them on to the Salem HOPE email distribution list or include it in an upcoming newsletter.

Salem YMCA Programs

- [Aquatics \(Swim Lessons, Physical Therapy\)](#)
- [Arts & Humanities](#)
- [Birthday Parties](#)
- [Camp](#)
- [Competitive Aquatics](#)
- [Health & Wellness](#)
- [Sports & Gymnastics](#)
- [Teen Center](#)
- [Y Theatre Company](#)
- [Child Care](#)
- [Salem YMCA Family Room](#)

Salem YMCA

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Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday: 5:00 am to 10:00 pm

Saturday: 6:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Important MassHealth Application Update: “Visitor” Vs. “Residency” Question

In late October, the question on both the paper and Virtual Gateway MassHealth applications that asked if the applicant was “visiting” Massachusetts was CHANGED to ask whether the applicant is “living” in Massachusetts. ***While both the old and new questions are Yes/No questions, the OLD question asked about VISITING the state, while the NEW question asks about LIVING in Massachusetts.***

OLD QUESTION – “VISITING”

Is this person visiting Massachusetts from another US state, US Territory or foreign country?
Yes/No

The answer was NO if the person was residing in and not visiting MA.

NEW QUESTION – “RESIDENCY”

“Is this person who is applying for benefits living in Massachusetts with the intention to stay?
Do not include infants born in Massachusetts who have not left the state.”
Yes/No

The answer is YES if the person is residing in and not visiting Massachusetts.

**** IMPORTANT REMINDER: ****

Please note the difference between the old and new questions as they each ask something DIFFERENT. As you go through the application, please read this (and every) question CAREFULLY. Your work has a direct impact on facilitating – or delaying - the submission and processing of applications.

CEO / Executive Director Group Openings

There are still spots open for the Million Dollar CEO Group. If you are interested please contact Christine Sullivan 978-542-7039 or csullivan@enterprisectr.org. Also ***if you serve on the board of a non-profit or know a non-profit director please pass the below message along.***

Not too late to sign up for Non-Profit Executive Director Group

**Join us for an Orientation Meeting:
Wednesday, November 30th 8:00-9:30am
121 Loring Ave, Salem, MA 01970**

Who better to help than another Executive Director who understands the issues and has experienced the challenges running a non-profit organization?

[Click here to register for the orientation meeting.](#)

What are Enterprise Center Non-Profit Executive Director Groups?

They are ***confidential monthly meetings where Executive Directors can share challenges and exchange ideas.*** Your peers can become great advisors and you can help your peers-that's what these groups are all about. Organizations come together for a morning once a month with a facilitator in a confidential setting with a facilitator to talk about challenges they are facing organizations. All meetings are held at the Enterprise Center, 121 Loring Ave., Salem MA 01970. Specifically the groups include:

- 7-12 peers of non-competing non-profit organizations
- Facilitated by an experienced leader to help guide Executive Directors in their particular business needs
- Confidentiality agreements must be signed so that the discussions can be open

At the information you will hear more about these groups and talk with other potential group members. There is no charge to join a group until the second meeting. So if you want to try a group in January when it opens, you are welcome to do so at no obligation. Hope to see you on the 30th. [Click here to register for the orientation meeting.](#)

Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 8:30-10:30am – Managing Change & Transition free non-profit workshop – [Enterprise Center @ Salem State University](#)
- Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 1:00-3:00pm – Project Impact Benefits Planning – [Independent Living Center](#), 27 Congress Street, Suite 107
- Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 6:00-9:00pm – [North Shore CDC](#)'s Seventh Annual "No Place Like Home" Auction – Danversport Yacht Club
- Thursday, December 8, 2011, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Winter Meeting – HAWC, 27 Congress St. Suite 204

- Friday, December 9, 2011, 1:30-4:00pm – ILCNSCA Holiday Open House – 27 Congress Street, Suite 107
- Thursday, March 8, 2012, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – Seeking host agency
- Thursday, June 14, 2012, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Summer Meeting – Salem Council on Aging
- Thursday, September 13, 2012 – Salem HOPE Autumn Meeting - Haven From Hunger, Peabody (tentative)
- Thursday, December 13, 2012 – Salem HOPE Winter Meeting - Seeking host agency

Please also check the City of Salem's [Meetings Calendar](#) and [Events Calendar](#), as well as the [Destination, Culture, Activities & Events](#) page. For additional workshops for businesses and non-profits, go to the [Enterprise Center at Salem State College](#).

www.salem.com has [links to social service agencies](#), as well as information on [housing programs](#) and [foreclosure prevention and legal resources](#).

What is Salem H.O.P.E. ?

Salem H.O.P.E. is a networking group of human service agencies that provide programs and services to Salem residents. It is a free forum for agencies to learn about the services being provided by other agencies in order to fill in gaps, coordinate efforts and avoid the duplication of services. All human service agency representatives are welcome to attend the quarterly breakfast meetings held at rotating locations.

We need your announcements, notices and articles for this newsletter. Share your resources; advertise a job opening; seek out agencies to collaborate on a grant application; announce new programs; publicize your events, etc. Please e-mail your submissions or requests to be added to the newsletter e-mail distribution list to jguy@salem.com. Newsletter printed four times per year. However, information that needs to be disseminated in a more timely manner will be forwarded to the listserv upon receipt.

The Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter is prepared and distributed by Jane Guy of the Department of Planning & Community Development of the City of Salem, Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor.



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The ILCNSCA serves the following communities:

Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester, Marblehead, Melrose, Middleton, Nahant, North Reading, Peabody, Reading, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Saugus, Stoneham, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wakefield, and Wenham.

November 9, 2011

To the Editor,

We held our 4th Annual Music for Independent Living Benefit Concert on Saturday, November 5th at the Knights of Columbus in Salem. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser of the Independent Living Center of North Shore and Cape Ann, Inc. (ILCNSCA), 27 Congress St., Suite 107, Salem supports some of our community activities during the year. These augment our individual and community services to all who live with disabilities of all ages on the North Shore and Cape Ann.

The concert featured local artists who donated their time and talent: Julie Dougherty, Spike Emerson, Julian Baptista, Denny Tentindo and Courtney P. & Company and was coordinated by Meredith Bolden Linehan, consultant to the ILCNSCA Board of Directors, Margaret Joan Adrien, Chair, and Stephen Turner Board member of the ILCNSCA Board of Directors Resource Development Committee and we publicly send a shout out of 'Thank You'!

The ILCNSCA would like to thank all who attended, and the following sponsors: Wicked Hawt: Elder Service Plan of the North Shore, Inc.: Amramp: Bolden & Associates, LLC,: and the Northeast Independent Living Program/North East Recovery Learning Community. We also thank those businesses that supported us: Flowers by Darlene which donated flowers for the centerpieces, and to the following who donated food: Damatas Pizza, Uno's Chicago Grill, Swampscott, Blue Ribbon Bakery, Plum Tomatoes Brick Oven Pizza and Petrillo's Restaurant. A variety of businesses and individuals provided items which were raffled off, such as gift certificates from Mighty Aphrodite Maternity Consignment, Marblehead Bank, Seacoast Lock & Safe, The Landing, Front Street Coffehouse, The Traveling Vineyard, Elite Design and Consign, Old Tyme Italian Cuisine, City Bar & Grill, Tastefully Simple, Arabella Lingerie, Olive Garden, Wit & Whimsy Children's bookstore, Wordly Pets, Shubie's Marketplace, Pawsitively Marblehead, Nails 2004, DS Designs, Adriatic Restaurant and Flores Mantilla.

Donations of original art works by Tom Gagnon, TJG-Designs and Brian Belanger were raffle prizes, as well as items donated by Marcia Brennan, Arthur Athas, Jane and Joe Karaman, Betty MacIsaac, Pauline Brennan, Emily Almas, author Kristie A. Poehler (The Cause signed book), Janice Young (Aflac duck and other items), Marilyn Balderelli, Noreen Cousins, Courtni Laracy, Lisa Dolloff Bernardo, Dawn Shaw (Independent Wine Consultant), Candis Bolden, and Margaret 'Joan' Adrien.

The ILCNSCA serves 25 cities and towns on the North Shore and Cape Ann, from Melrose to Rockport, and all of the generous donations help us to provide resources and advocacy to people with disabilities, and we are grateful for this outpouring of support. With such wide community support we are closer to full inclusion and access by those of us living with disabilities. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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