

Community Health Advocate Report to the Steering Committee

July 13th, 1999

Lara's work report: In the month of May

- Began research for Sarah Harrison's suggested manual updates i.e. information on discrimination, depression, "eating disorders" etc.
- Attended two meetings regarding Health Services in the Downtown Eastside. A summary of the meetings is available in Angela's CHA binder.
- Prepared the CHA meeting minutes and monthly mail out.
- Began research for the CHA training i.e. information on welfare, disabilities and social housing. Contacts include the Newt Advocacy Group, Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation, BC Disability Coalition, Legal Aid, Vancouver Status of Women etc. The "library research" for the training is in process.
- Updated the Women's Organization data base. Local contacts were updated and a few new organizations were added to the list. *There are 80 long distance addresses that have to be contacted and confirmed.*
- Began to compile a list of community organizations that the collective can connect with (75 contacts so far). The list to date includes organizations that may also be good places to connect with around the CHA project in order to reduce the violence women face in the health care system.

In the month of June....

- Continued researching the manual updates suggested by Sarah Harrison and wrote a draft of "ism" definitions.
- Attended a meeting at the Centre of Excellence for Women's Health regarding women centred care in the Addictions and Dependency field. A summary of the meeting is available in Angela's CHA binder.
- Looked into programming the women & community organizations numbers into the fax machine and found that it will not be possible.
- Critiqued the Information Centre's Health Practitioner Survey.
- Researched, planned, co-facilitated and evaluated the CHA training on Advocacy, Welfare & Disability Issues. Extra handouts are available and an evaluation of the training is in Angela's CHA binder.
- Researched and put together a folder of funding alternatives for the CHA project.

In the first week of July....

- Finished contacting the long distance numbers to update the women's org list.
- Finished compiling the community org list (about 170 orgs).
- Began meeting with the CHA's around the Health Practitioner Survey.
- Continued working on the manual updates.