



Community Health Advocate Coordinator

Report to Steering Committee

October 13th, 1998

It has been a busy month - so much action and so little time! I have been networking a lot and really enjoying myself, with a few frustrations. But, hey....such is life! Now, when I feel anxious, I convince myself that I am "very excited!" Strangely, it seems to work.

What have I been doing ?

Meetings

Community

- ☞ Downtown Eastside Women's Centre (Sept 17th) (Tamara Cowen joined me)
- ☞ Vancouver Status of Women AGM (Sept 23) - interestingly run AGM. Good stuff that we may want to consider for next year
- ☞ Multicultural Family Centre (Sept 24) - with Pat Dabiri. Identified three potential CHAs from three different ethnic groups (African, Latin-American, and Somali)
- ☞ AMSSA (Multicultural Services Society) AGM (Sept 25th) - Nothing terribly enlightening about the meeting. Pretty business-like. Attorney-General was guest speaker, so that made it worthwhile.
- ☞ The Centre LGBT (Formerly the Gay and Lesbian Centre) had another meeting about their community health centre project. (Sept 24th). Good group and good brainstorming!
- ☞ Westend Senior's Network (Sept 28th) - identified potential CHA for senior women in the west end. Great meeting.
- ☞ Vancouver Status of Women (Sept 28th) - rather frustrating and deflating meeting. Some good stuff came out of it - potential contacts for downtown eastside women.
- ☞ Volunteer Vancouver (October 2nd) - Discussed ways to get volunteers. All committees need to fill out form. Clarity is important!!! We can do it for Bingo volunteers also.

Collective Stuff

- ☞ Anne Merret-Hiley (Sept 21st) - we discussed her involvement in the evaluation of CHA
- ☞ Info Centre Meeting - Fun fun fun!
- ☞ Interviews for CHA Trainer - (Sept 28th and Oct 6th) Interviewed 5 women (Hiring Committee : Marion, Kelli, Renee, and Brenda) Decision will be made soon.
- ☞ WHIN Committee meeting (Oct 7th)
- ☞ Met with Tamara Cowen - She was soooooo great in chatting with me for several hours about health info for the Manual. Thanks a ton!! (And on 2 hours sleep, even!!)

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Other things...

- ☞ I have over half of the Manual done in DRAFT. I will be asking for 4 - 5 women to proof read and offer suggestions. All assistance appreciated!
- ☞ I developed the CHA application form and general info. Faxed and mailed to all interested women. So far, I have received three filled-in and submitted (South Asian woman, two women from Pacific DAWN, and a Somali woman)
- ☞ Want to try and connect with a sex-trade worker who may want to be a CHA.
- ☞ Training sessions will start on Wednesday, November 17th in the evening. There will be two to three more training sessions after that, likely Sat mornings/early afternoon. I am planning for 3 training sessions total, but it may be extended depending on how everything goes.
- ☞ Arranged a Meeting with the CHA Advisory Committee (Seven women in different communities to give guidance on the project). Will be meeting on Thursday, October 15th from 2:00 - 4:00pm.

Overtime accumulated since July 6th, 1998 - 26 hours

Holidays taken - one week