



General Membership Meeting
November 5, 2015 – 9:35 a.m. - 10:57 a.m.

1736 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740-6821

Members present (10): Linda Aguiar, Stephanie Boulay, Arthur Briggs, NEW Shelley Capidoos, Elizabeth Leatham, Cristal Medeiros, Maria Mendes, Claudia Soares, Karen Vernen-Thompson, Brenda Viveiros

UMD College of Nursing (7): Nicole Chahwan, Joanna Garry, Elizabeth Savadyga, Emily Karas, Zachary Drolette, Kendra Romanowicz, Mikayla Florio

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Steering Committee member, Arthur Briggs. New Member introductions included:

- UMD College of Nursing students (7) currently interning Mercy Meals and More
- Shelley Cardoos, shelley@eforall.org, Executive Director for *Entrepreneurship for All (E for All)*
Action: contact Brenda for contact information for PACE re: grant to help with insurance applications as a speaker
- Linda Aguiar, laguiar@coastlinenb.org, Money Management Program Manager for Coastline

Presentation – Open Enrollment Health Insurance – Brenda Viveiros Community Outreach Supervisor for Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan (BMCHP) gave an overview of health insurance options for persons under 65 years of age. The managed health care open enrollment period runs from November 1 through January 31 annually versus Medicare (November 1 through January 1). Contact Brenda for more information: brenda.viveiros@bmchp.org, 508-990-2435.

Business meeting – September 3, 2015 minutes and November Treasurer's Report deferred until December 3rd.

Strategic Planning meeting, Nov 20, 10am-3pm – the call to action meeting's registration is still open. The location will be determined on the final count – either SERHO or GNBCHC.

Standing Committee reports

- Health Equity – Liz updated members present about the Cancer Disparities pilot project
- No reports were available for Domestic Violence, Health Access, or Youth Empowerment

Member Announcements - members are welcome to provide handouts for others and to share upcoming events

- **Alzheimer's partnership –** "The Genius of Marian, there's no place like home"; Aha night, November 12th
- **Mercy Meals and More –** UMD College of Nursing students' intern, with retired Dr. Fogg and nurses to care for guests feet. The "Sole Food Clinic" foot care clinic is Thursdays, 6:30-8am. Blood pressure, height, weight, nutrition, and referrals are provided as needed. Donations welcome: blankets, socks, winter shoes, boots and coats for men and women. Contact Arthur Briggs abriggs471@aol.com.
- **Stabilized Home-Base program –** plans in place to close motel shelters housing families. \$8000.00 vouchers for one year placement and support. Contact Maria Mendes: nini7803@gmail.com.
- **Community Nurse Home Care (VNA/Hospice/Private/Wellness)** formally name change.