



## MINUTES

**MEETING OF  
THE ADRC of the GREATER NORTH SHORE  
PARTNERS COMMITTEE  
Offices of North Shore Elder Services  
152 Sylvan Street, Danvers, Massachusetts  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

Present at the meeting: Jane Militello, Carol Suleski, Roger Kolakowski, Emily Kearns, Jean Rockett, Mary Margaret Moore, Patty Berling, Cheryl Krisko, Stacey Minichello, Valerie Parker-Callahan, Debra Katt-Lloyd, Michael Oliver, Mark Whitmore, Paul Lanzikos, and Patricia Cox.

### **Opening**

Paul called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM. Self-introductions were made. Paul reminded everyone that the gathering will be called the *Partners Group*, not the Steering Committee. To broaden the agenda of the meeting beyond reporting out, an educational component will be added.

Contact Patricia Cox at [pcox@nselder.org](mailto:pcox@nselder.org), if you would like to make a presentation or to suggest a speaker and topic. Shawn McDuff and Lisa Rose of the ILCNSCA will present at the July 20 meeting on All People Accessible Businesses (APAB), which is featured in the May 18 edition of the Salem News.

### **ADRC Response to Section 3026 Care Transitions Funding Opportunity**

Valerie reported the 3026 application process is open. The ADRCGNS will apply in cooperation with North Shore Medical Center and North East Health Systems. The root cause analysis information will be provided by the hospitals. The application will be submitted in September. *Partnerships for Patients* is the alternative name for 3026.

### **Under 65 Dually Eligible Initiative**

Mary Margaret described the Request for Information (RFI) and new funding under Medicare and Medicaid. The system is intended to provide consumer choice, autonomy, and self-determination.

## **Program Updates**

- Options Program: Carol Suleski reported the program is active in all Massachusetts ADRC's. The program will continue to receive state funding in FY2012, under Chapter 211.
- Care Transitions: Cheryl Krisko announced 77 referrals have been made since March 1; four are completed, seven are in process. Development of the MOU between the ADRCGNS and the nursing facilities is in progress.
- Transportation/Mobility Programs: Mark Whitmore summarized the May 9 meeting of Greater North Shore On The Move. The Beverly COA ride program needs additional resources in order to continue. Emily Kearns explained the Mobility Links project, which involves community educational presentations. Mark described the Employment Express program that provides transportation to jobs in Danvers, Peabody, and Danvers; along Route 114 and Route 1. Individuals living in surrounding communities, who have access to the commuter rail, will be picked up at the Salem train station and taken to their place of employment.
- Life Span Respite: Mike Oliver reported a Web site will soon be up. The respite program is severely underfunded by federal money. Needs assessment will be conducted. Mike will send me a list of focus group opportunities to share with the ADRCGNS. Caregiver experiences are sought. The focus groups will be over the summer.

## **ADRCGNS Annual Conference**

Patricia Cox distributed a "Save The Date" flyer. The conference has been moved to the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, and will be on Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM. Suggestions for sponsors and exhibitors should be sent to Patricia at [pcox@neslder.org](mailto:pcox@neslder.org).

## **Legislative Breakfast**

Mary Margaret received congratulations all around for a successful, exciting, best ever event. All invited legislators, except one who was ill, attended. The audience filled the room; registrations had to be cut off two days earlier.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.