

FY2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

Starting Balance		\$46,051.29
Income		\$31,953.45
	Grant Money	\$6,000.00
	DON Payments	\$25,953.45
Expenses		\$20,739.85
	Staff Support & Education	\$12,847.34
	GLHA Appreciation	\$106.00
	Food & Functions	\$1,049.46
	Office Supplies	\$208.74
	General Supplies	\$928.29
	Insurance & Legal Fees	\$2,794.00
	Books & Subscriptions	\$1,075.34
	Outside Professional Fees	\$1,510.00
	Printing	\$169.90
	Postage	\$21.28
	Travel	\$29.50
Ending Balance*		\$57,264.89

*Balance as of 8/31/2010

2011 Goals

- Increase membership to communities outside Lowell and encourage active representation on the task forces
- Expand education through social media
- Continue to seek grant funding opportunities
- Establish a task force to focus on Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Engage with UMass Lowell to develop a strategic plan with goals for each task force using findings from the community health needs assessment
- Increase participation in state-wide level with other Community Health Network Areas
- Expand education to youth and the senior population and increase our capacity to reach out to the immigrant communities

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GLHA Member Organizations

African Center of Merrimack Valley	Latin American Health Institute	Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board
Alternative House	Lowell Community Health Center	Network Health
Anne Sullivan Center	Lowell General Hospital	Northeast Center for Healthy Communities
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	Lowell Health Department	ONE Lowell
Billerica House of Corrections	Lowell House, Inc.	Pawtucketville Neighborhood Association
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts	Lowell Police Department	Project BEAM Early Intervention
Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan	Lowell Public Schools	Project Bread
CAB Health and Recovery Services, Inc.	Lowell Senior Center	Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association	Lowell Transitional Living Center	Saints Medical Center
Christ Jubilee International Ministries	Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)	Senior Whole Health
City of Lowell	Massachusetts Department of Public Health	Sisters of Notre Dame
Community Teamwork, Inc.	Mass Health Operations	SolAmor Hospice
Department of Social Services	Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	South Bay Mental Health
Department of Veteran Services	Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell	Spina Bifida Association of Massachusetts
D'Youville Senior Care	Middlesex Community College	Statewide Head Injury Program
Elder Services of Merrimack Valley	Middlesex Sheriff's Office	SunBridge Healthcare Corporation
F.O.C.U.S. Program	Merrimack Valley AHEC	Tewksbury State Hospital
Genesis HealthCare	Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities	Town of Chelmsford
Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts	Merrimack Valley Food Bank	Trinity EMS
Glenwood Care and Rehab	Merrimack Valley Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	United Teen Equality Center
Greater Lowell YMCA	Merrimack Valley Legal Services, Inc.	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Home Away from Home	Merrimack Valley Trauma Services, Inc.	VNA of Greater Lowell
Home Health VNA		Westford Board of Health
Institute for Health and Recovery		
International Institute of Lowell		

Working together to build healthier communities.

A Letter from the Executive Director

October 2010

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

In the several years that the Greater Lowell Health Alliance (GLHA) has been in existence, profound changes have occurred. Currently, we have four task forces addressing the following health disparities: cultural competence, healthy weight, mental health, and tobacco prevention and cessation. We have grown to have a membership of over 275 members representing more than 70 organizations.

We are committed to bringing together individuals and organizations within the Greater Lowell community. This has strengthened our ability to collectively enrich our communities, network and share ideas with people with similar interest in building a healthier Greater Lowell community, and to gain more knowledge about health-related issues and topics than we would alone.

Moving forward with our mission, we will continue to identify and address healthcare issues facing the Greater Lowell community. By raising awareness and providing resources for our communities, schools, civic and business leaders, and healthcare providers, we empower them to make decisions and take actions that will lead to an improvement in the overall health of our communities.

The events of this past year have helped us stay on target as we move forward to promote the growth and success of the Greater Lowell Health Alliance. We have hired an administrative coordinator and will continue to work towards securing financing and grant opportunities for the future of the GLHA. We have begun to focus our priorities to address the unmet health needs of the community and align with the priorities of the state. To enhance our communication efforts, we expanded our weekly newsletter, updated our website, and have explored further options to promote the health alliance and upcoming events and programs.

While we face a long road ahead to address the health disparities in our community, we are pleased to share some good news! We invite you to read the stories of four remarkable task forces in this annual report. Each one has made significant progress over the past year and advanced innovative efforts that help people collaboratively improve the health of Greater Lowell. We have tremendous confidence in the creativity and resiliency of these task forces to continue their good work over the next several years. We look forward to working with you, and other partners, to continue to serve and advance our community.

Best regards,



Winfield Brown
Executive Director
Greater Lowell Health Alliance

2009 - 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Executive Director
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Rachel Chaddock
VNA of Greater Lowell

Cultural Competence Task Force

Chairs: Mercy Anampiu and Sheila Och, Lowell Community Health Center

- Received \$1,000 Greater Lowell Community Foundation grant to develop a community-wide campaign around unnatural causes to be carried out in 2011
- Expanded the Bridging the Gap Interpreter Training Program to provide up to 5 scholarships each session for individuals from member organizations of the GLHA, which has increased the language capacity of trained interpreters in Greater Lowell to now include Nepali and Arabic
- Compiled a comprehensive list of GLHA organizations who utilize interpreter services in order to help individuals who complete the Bridging the Gap training find volunteer and employment opportunities
- The GLHA has representation by several members of Cultural Competence Task Force on the newly formed Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) task force, as we continue to expand our definition of culture to provide culturally competent care to all

Mental Health Task Force

Chair: Sheila Och, Lowell Community Health Center

- Received over \$25,000 through a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation focused on depression education and screenings. This enabled us to award mini-grants to the Latin American Health Institute, Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, and Christ Jubilee Ministries. Task force members and grant recipients also participate in quarterly state-wide Learning Communities
- Established quarterly forums for organizations to collaborate around the topic of depression in our immigrant communities
- Currently in the process of compiling a comprehensive list of mental health resources that will be distributed throughout the community
- Working with the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness subcommittee on behavioral health

2010 Additional Accomplishments:

- Hired an administrative coordinator to handle the day to day operations of the GLHA
- Initiated inaugural annual meeting and established annual community awards on behalf of the GLHA
- Formalized tracking system for GLHA and task force activities
- Expanded presence of GLHA on community coalitions and task forces that address a wide array of health issues
- Continued to expand our reach to the Greater Lowell area by joining forces and providing support and leadership as they formed the Healthy Chelmsford committee.
- Joined the Healthy Chelmsford committee

Healthy Weight Task Force

Chairs: Deirdra Murphy, University of Massachusetts Lowell and Margaret Wandrey, Lowell General Hospital

- Developed monthly articles on a healthy weight topics that are distributed to various organizations and are available in multiple languages
- In partnership with Lowell General Hospital and the University of Massachusetts Lowell, members of the task force received an American Heart Association (AHA) grant for a pediatric create your weight program which ran with 10 children and their families in the fall of 2009 for 10 weeks
- Attended the Merrimack Valley Food Bank's community market bi-weekly throughout the summer to provide information on nutrition for children
- Joined forces with the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and increase food security and are working on a plan to conduct a food assessment of Lowell
- Participated in the annual wellness fair at the Lowell Public Schools providing information on healthy weight and physical activity
- Conducted a food drive for the Merrimack Valley Food Bank and successfully collected 250 pounds of food

Tobacco Prevention and Smoking Cessation Task Force

Chairs: Julie Brodie, Lowell General Hospital and Chris Morin, Lowell Health Department

- Successfully presented tobacco prevention program to 21 5th grade classrooms during the 2009-2010 school year at Lowell Public Schools with an average percent gain of 19% (using pre- and post- test results)
- Expanding the tobacco prevention program in 2010-2011 to include teacher evaluation surveys and resource packets
- Received \$5,000 TeamWalk for CancerCare grant to provide additional staff support for and expand the 5th grade tobacco prevention program outside of the Lowell Public School system
- Participated in a training for the Police and Community Together (PACT)-360 educational and awareness program, which is designed to help communities, parents and law enforcement appreciate the importance in preventing and responding to substance abuse