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Patient Dumping/Maine Med Clinic/Medicaid/Issues Affecting PWA’s

As many of you may know by now, a semi-historic meeting took place on June 20th at the PWA Coalition between the PWA community and personnel from Maine Medical Center. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues that have arisen around reports of poor quality patient care at the Maine Med Clinic and problems around physicians refusing to see PWA’s with Medicaid.

The attendance at the meeting was impressive. The room was packed with administrators, physicians, medical residents, nurses and clerical staff from the Maine Med Clinic and PWA’s, concerned friends and supporters, and even several Medicaid workers showed up from the Portland DHS office to lend their support to PWA’s.

Many of the PWA’s present took the opportunity to express their concerns about physicians who refuse to treat PWA’s with Medicaid and problems in receiving quality care at the Maine Med Clinic. Several PWA’s spoke eloquently about their personal experiences as patients at the clinic. Everyone present agreed that there has been a serious lack of communication between patients and health care providers. Both physicians and PWA’s offered suggestions as to how to improve communication when problems arise at the clinic. Everyone agreed that when patients experience problems with their physicians they need to address it immediately with clinic personnel.

Since that meeting, many PWA’s and others in the AIDS community have expressed feeling encouraged by the enthusiastic response from Maine Medical Center. However, the consensus among many is that while the meeting has opened a door to better communication, and hopefully better health care, it should not end here.

In response to this the PWA Coalition has formed a task force whose role it will be to follow up and continue to address the issues raised at the meeting on June 20th. So far, some suggested roles for this task force are:

1. To act as a liaison between the PWA community and the physician community;
2. To continue to keep the pressure on Maine Medical Center to see that PWA’s receive the quality care they deserve;
3. To collect on-going reports of sub-standard medical treatment from PWA’s and to take action in response to those reports with the appropriate medical personnel;
4. To address the issue of “patient dumping” by physicians who are unwilling to treat PWA’s with Medicaid.

The first meeting of the task force was on Wednesday, July 11th at the PWA Coalition, 377 Cumberland Avenue in Portland. All PWA’s and other concerned individuals are encouraged to participate in the task force. Your ideas are urgently needed. Please call Toby or Sean at 774-6877 if you are interested in getting involved in the task force.

From the Board of Directors

John Preston, President of the Board of Directors

For the past eight months The AIDS Project has been lucky to have Perry Sutherland serving as Acting Executive Director. Perry had originally been hired to be the Program Director of the agency but, when it became clear that The AIDS Project couldn’t afford two executive positions because of a severe funding shortfall, he was willing and able to step in and take leadership of the organization. He’s done great work that’s been well appreciated by the staff, our community and the board. Now it’s time for him to move on, to return to Community Counseling Center and a prized position as senior clinician there. He leaves with our gratitude and appreciation for a job well done.

Last autumn, when we undertook an extensive search for a new Executive Director, one of the most impressive candidates for the position was Marjorie Love. With great serendipity, Marjorie was available to take over the position of executive director this summer. The board was able to offer Marjorie a contract which she’s accepted. She and Perry began making the transition on July 23 and she assumed her position on August 3.

Marjorie comes to us with a rich and extensive background. A graduate of Connecticut College, she earned her MSW from the University of Pennsylvania. Her past positions include being an outreach worker for Augusta Family Planning and public health advisor for the Bureau of Health.
From The Board of Directors

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STD Program. More recently she was the Executive Director of the Sacopee Valley Health Center in Kezar Falls from 1983-1988. In addition to her work experience, Marjorie is a past president of the board of directors of both Hospice of Maine and the Maine Ambulatory Care Association.

While we are sorry to see Perry leave The AIDS Project, we also know his new position is one that uniquely fits his qualifications, experience and personal goals. We wish him the very best.

We also welcome Marjorie to the agency. The board is convinced that she brings to her own new position unique abilities and personal commitment to our work.

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The Every Penny Counts campaign continues to be an important source of funding for The AIDS Project. Volunteers take the responsibility to place canisters in businesses in our four county area: York, Cumberland, Androscoggin and Oxford. They arrange for a business to collect the proceeds and deliver the collections to our office at Monument Square. The income from this project is vital to the financial health of the agency. If you would be interested in volunteering to take part in Every Penny Counts, please come by the office. Everyone's participation is welcome and critical.

Auction'90 -- Services and Products Auction to be held at Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords Street, Portland, ME, Saturday, September 22, 1990 at 7:30 P.M. All proceeds will benefit AIDS related programs and Services at The AIDS Project. FMI Call Jeannie at 774-6877

The Names Project
International AIDS Memorial Quilt

By Chuck Sawyer

As of February, 1990, the Names Project had 11,425 3'x6' panels. Nineteen countries are represented: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, West Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, and the United States (all 50 States and Puerto Rico). The Quilt panels represent 16% of all U.S. AIDS deaths and 1.1% of AIDS deaths in the world. Although the Quilt can never again be shown in its entirety, sections of the Quilt will continue to tour the Nation and the World.

Boston will have 2,000 panels on display from September 21 to September 23 at Johnson Arena. 700 Volunteers are needed to make this display possible. If you are interested, please contact The Names Project Maine at 774-2198. If you would like to have a panel on display we can accept it at The Names Project Maine office until September 1, 1990, And we will bring it down to Boston before it is sent to San Francisco.

Calendar of Conferences

October 13, 1990 - Conference for professionals and paraprofessionals. How AIDS affects service providers.
Contact: Bobbie Poulin, DEAN, 114 State Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605 (207) 667-3506 (Leave Message)

November 16, 1990 - Living With AIDS in Maine. Call The AIDS Project for More Information at: (207) 774-6877 between 9 and 5

November 17, 1990 - Women and AIDS Conference, Contact: Ruth Lockhart, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, P.O. Box 20, Bangor, ME 04401 (207) 947-5337 (Leave Message)
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The Evangel - A Newsletter

Two Letters to The Evangel - A Newsletter of the Parish of St. Luke's Cathedral Parish.

The AIDS Candlelight Memorial

The AIDS Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Gathering is over, and I would like to say that it was the largest event of its kind in here in Portland.

I have heard positive remarks about our Cathedral and the service. A special thanks to the Dean for his support in hosting this event.

My heartfelt thanks also go to those who helped with the reception after the memorial gathering: Louise Gibson, Marnie Whimninhey, Jennifer Read, Dee Post, David Savage, and Marlene Cordes. I would also like to commend Jerry American for the prompt rearrangement of Cathedral Hall after that afternoon's wedding reception.

I am sure that everyone who attended left with a new feeling of hope and love.

Chuck Sawyer, Outreach Committee

Chuck Sawyer suggested that I might want to add some personal reactions to the AIDS Memorial Gathering, as I had not attended such an event before. I had made contributions to the AIDS Christmas Stockings and Easter Baskets, but I had never given much thought to the people who would receive them. I was, I thought, deeply moved by The Quilt last year; the love that has generated so much creativity

I am grateful to the organizers of the Memorial Gathering for bringing that community to the Cathedral, and I am proud to be a member of the Cathedral community that welcomed them. Thank you, Chuck, for enabling people like me to be of service to those we are too likely not to be aware of.

Jennifer A.T. Read

THEATRE PRODUCTION TO BENEFIT THE AIDS PROJECT

Contact: Linda Frechette, Osteopathic Hospital of Maine, Public Relations 879-8035

PORTLAND, ME, July 12, 1990 – The Maine premiere of "Dr. Antonioni's Imaginary Disease," a one-man satire on modern medicine, will be presented on September 22 and 23 at the Performing Arts Center in Portland. The play, which will benefit the AIDS Project, is being sponsored by the medical staff of the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine (OHM) in Portland, with support from the Maine Osteopathic Association and the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM).

"Dr. Antonioni's Imaginary Disease" may be the world's first AIDS comedy. Actor and playwright Mike Chappelle tells about a new disease he's invented and his reasons for inventing it. Although he never refers to it by name, it's clear that he's talking about AIDS. But before the startling facts are revealed, however, he provides a brief history of medicine that attempts to take some of the mystique out of the profession. After challenging, baffling, and angering the audience with his skillfully presented ideas, he concludes the performance with a question and answer session.

Charles Perakis, D.O., a member of the medical staff at OHM with a private family practice in Scarborough, first became aware of the play on national radio public relations. "I caught my interest," he said, "because much of what the playwright was saying was truthful, based on my experience. The play deals with the ethical issues that are faced everyday in the practice of medicine."

"The medical community needs to be more attentive to how it is perceived by the public," he said, "in order to help the public better understand the profession." Dr. Perakis hopes that the performance will in itself create an opportunity for dialogue between the medical profession and the public.

The play will be performed at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23.
Visualization and Healing

By C. Regina Kelley

Becoming active in our own healing process can begin with the affirmation “I am a wise person, rich in experience, and capable of making good decisions about my health and my body.” Every action that contributes to our wellbeing is healing if only because it lessens the feeling of helplessness that so often accompanies serious illness. Visualization is a method of discovering and putting to use the considerable powers of your imagination, intuition and willpower as healing tools.

To best use the following visualization make yourself comfortable and set aside 20-30 minutes free from interruptions. You can familiarize yourself with the visualization and guide yourself, you can make a tape reading the visualization or you can ask a friend to work with you. Remember that you know what is best for you. You are invited to change or adapt this visualization in any way that makes it useful to you.

Relax, take some deep breaths. Very slowly allow your breath first to fill your stomach. Exhale slowly. Allow your breath to gradually reach each part of your body - nourishing and soothing as you inhale, relaxing and massaging as you exhale! Take some time to breathe into any tense or uncomfortable area of your body. Remind yourself that in this moment all is well, you are safe and you are breathing. Any image that arises in your mind is OK and you have permission to change any disturbing image.

Recall your favorite outdoors location. Create it in great detail. What are the colors, the smells, the sounds? What time of year, what kind of day? Explore the area and when you are ready, lie down. Feel the sun on your body, the breeze. Relax as the earth softly holds you, cradles you. Smell the earth, feel the texture of the surface underneath you. Feel yourself merging with the earth. Slowly, your body sends roots from your spine, your head, your sacrum. Gently the roots descend. They reach water, minerals, the heat at the very core of the earth! The earth begins to feed you through the roots. Water comes up enters your body cleansing, massaging away discomfort. Allow the water to take away anything your body no longer needs. What can you let go of...minerals come through your roots as color, purple of amethyst, blue turquoise, emerald green, orange jasper, yellow amber, iron ruby red. Different colors go to different area of your body strengthening and vitalizing each organ. Allow your body to tell you what colors it needs...The care of the earth radiates warmth and light through you roots. It vibrates into your body cauterizing wounds, energizing and activating all of your systems. Where do you need more warmth, extra energy...The earth has no limits. Take all the time you need to be fully nourished... When you are ready ask your body if it needs anything else. Take whatever is necessary through your roots. Release anything that is unnecessary out through your roots, building compost. Thank the earth and pull your roots back into your body, knowing they are available whenever you need them. Rest as long as you wish.

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Maine programs affected by these cuts include education efforts aimed at the public, education targeting people engaged in risky behavior, education for people of color, outreach to substance users and their sexual partners, and education for school-aged children.

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**The AIDS Project is Pleased to Announce:**

_the opening of our Lewiston office to serve the residents of Androscoggin and Oxford Counties. Diana Carrigan, a case manager with The AIDS Project will be staffing this office, which is located with Family Planning, 239 Main Street, Lewiston 04240. The phone number is 783-4301. There will be an answering machine to cover the phone while Diana is out of the office. The AIDS Project can also be reached at 774-6877 in case of emergencies._

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**HIV+ Participants Sought for Research Study**

HIV infected/diagnosed men and women are needed to participate in a research study on this group of people. Participants in the study involves a one hour interview which is strictly confidential. Interviews may be conducted either over the telephone or in person. Participants will be asked to provide information about their knowledge and practice of "safer sex", their experience of telling others of their diagnosis and changes in their relationships, dating and sexual practices since their diagnosis. If you are willing to participate, contact Dr. Sandra L. Caron, School of Human Development, University of Maine, Orono - 381-3138, or John Silvernail, Eastern Maine AIDS Network, Bangor - 990-3626.

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**Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services Announces Training**

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services (MASS) announces that the fall Buddy Training will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 14, 15, 21, and 22. The Friday sessions are 6:00-8:00 P.M. while the Saturdays are 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. It is necessary that a person attend all four sessions.

Being a Buddy to a person with AIDS, consists of spending some quality time each week with the person the Buddy is assigned to. As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to share with a person who is sick, and who may not have as many resources as someone who is healthy. A Buddy is not a caregiver, but rather a friend and a person to talk with. MASS oversees the Buddy program for most of the state, and at this time people are needed for those whom have AIDS and would like some companionship.

If you are interested in becoming a Buddy or would like more information on the Buddy Program, please contact MASS at the office at 725-4955, P.O. Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011. MASS is funded in part by a contribution from the United Way of Mid-Coast Maine.

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**AIDS WINS**

Rumors are sometimes true, And yes, I have AIDS. And No, I don't show it... It is if you really would want to see it anyway. No, I am not gay! I am someone who lived his life... I took a chance, and lost. I now live my life fighting to keep up with my weight... And to stay awake... I sometimes feel this unbelievable tiredness. Day by day, I am becoming weaker, And my disease is growing stronger. The pain I feel mostly - is knowing... I lost my future to a disease.

Francis Hobbs, 1989

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**Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition (AVAC) is a not-for-profit organization with the following goals: To provide community education about AIDS/HIV; to coordinate and support community-based services to people living with AIDS/HIV, their families and significant others; to assess AIDS needs in our communities and present a unified front on AIDS needs issues; and to provide a forum for the exchange of support, professional skills and technical resources. We have been meeting regularly at the Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross in Auburn since late 1988, and welcome all interested parties to attend our meetings. For more information please write AVAC, P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, ME 04240, or call 795-4357.**

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Ongoing Calendar of Meetings

MONDAY

AIDS Response of the Seacoast in Portsmouth, NH, runs a support group for PWA’s, PWARC’s and HIV+’s. The group is open to people from York County. This group is lead by professional facilitators utilizing holistic healing techniques, meditation, visualization, heart centering, music and touch in a supportive and loving environment. For more information and an intake interview, contact: Suzanne Bowman (207) 439-2136.

Support Group for PWA’s, families, friends and significant others, every other Monday at Miles Conference Center, Damariscotta, 6:00-7:00 P.M. Contact Kandy Powell at 563-1709. Sponsored by AIDS Coalition for Lincoln County.

Belfast Area AIDS Support in Waldo County. For PWA’s, PWARC’s, HIV+’s, friends, family and caregivers. Call 338-3736 (Family Planning) Mon-Thurs 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M. or Alan 548-2929 evenings/weekends for information.

TUESDAY

Morning Support for PWA’s, PWARC’s, HIV+’s, their families, friends and caregivers meets from 10:30-12:00 Noon. Location: The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Square, 5th Floor, Portland. Call 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more details.

Support group for PLWA’s, PWARC’s, HIV+’s their Partners, Families and Friends - 7:30-9:30. Meets in the CDU Building, 2nd floor, Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Whitehall Road (Route 16), Rochester, NH.

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services (MASS) A support group for families, partners & friends of persons with AIDS and HIV disease. Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00-8:30 P.M. at Parkview Hospital Library in Brunswick. Contact 725-4955.

Downeast AIDS Network (DEAN) holds a support group for people affected by AIDS every Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. in Ellsworth. Call 326-8580 for the location.

AIDS Education & Support Group for Knox County, P.O. Box 1613, Rockland, Maine 04841. Public meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the University of Maine at Augusta’s Thomaston Center. For more information call 354-6906 or 596-6979 or write.

WEDNESDAY

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services (MASS) sponsors a group for family and friends of People With AIDS or who are HIV+ which meets Wednesdays 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Square, 5th Floor, Portland. Facilitated by Diane Elze and Jan Carter. This group is for Women with AIDS, ARC or HIV+ only. Call 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.

Support Group for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Pilgrim House, 9 Cleveland Street, Brunswick. Call 729-9843 for more information.

THURSDAY

Women’s AIDS, ARC & HIV+ support group. The group meets 10:30-12:00 at The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Square, 5th Floor, Portland. Facilitated by Diane Elze and Jan Carter. This group is for Women with AIDS, ARC or HIV+ only. Call 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.

Bangor Area AIDS Support Group meets every Thursday evening. Contact the Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN) at P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, ME 04401, or call 990-3626

HIV+ Support Group meets from 5:30-7:00 P.M. at The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Square, 5th Floor, Portland. This is an open group, no advance contact is needed. Call 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437.

A Healing Circle for People affected by AIDS is held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in Hancock County. Sponsored by the Downeast AIDS Network (DEAN). For information and directions, call 326-8580.

Support group for People With AIDS or HIV-infection, sponsored by Merrymeeting Support Services, meets every Thursday at 3:15 P.M. - 4:30 P.M for more information call MASS at 725-4955.

FRIDAY

Support group for PLWA’s, PWARC’s, HIV+’s their Partners, Families and Friends - 7:30-9:30. at Portsmouth Hospital, Classroom B, Near Main Entrance.

OTHER

AIDS Coalition of Lincoln County is a group focusing on AIDS education in Maine. We welcome PWA’s, PWARC’s, HIV+’s and their lovers, friends and family members, as well as all concerned people to our meetings. For time and place, call Barbara Brampton at 563-3032.

Out-of-State Hotlines

NH-AIDS Info Line:
(603) 224-3341
(800) 752-AIDS (24 hr. Hotline)

VT- AIDS Info Line:
(802) 254-4444
(800) 882-2437 (VT Only)

Mass.-AIDS Info Line:
(617) 536-7733
(800) 235-2331 (MA Only)

National AIDS Hotline:
(800) 342-AIDS

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AIDS Coalition of Lincoln County is a group focusing on AIDS education in Maine. We welcome PWAs, PWARC's, HIV-'. Their lovers, friends and family members, as well as all concerned people to our meetings. For more information call Barbara Brampton at 725-3032.

Out-of-State Hotlines
NH-AIDS Info Line: (603) 224-3341
Mass.-AIDS Info Line: (617) 356-7773
VT-AIDS Info Line: (802) 254-4444

To express condolences for the loss of loved ones, many friends choose to make a memorial gift to The AIDS Project. A letter will be sent to notify a surviving loved one or friend of your gift.

A Memorial Contribution

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AIDS Education

The Down East AIDS Network is pleased to announce their new location at 114 State Street, Ellsworth, ME 04606. D.E.A.N. is also pleased to announce that Roberta Poulin, MS, has been hired as Educator/Outreach Coordinator. Roberta has worked extensively in education and outreach involving such issues as families affected by alcoholism, domestic violence and poverty. Prior to moving back to Maine, her home state, Roberta was licensed in Massachusetts as a certified social worker and a certified alcoholism counselor. She has worked in a community crisis center, a non-profit organization and a community mental health center. Roberta is excited to be working with D.E.A.N. and we are proud to offer her assistance to those concerned about AIDS.

The new number for D.E.A.N. is 667-3506. People concerned about issues related to AIDS are encouraged to call. For those who are not comfortable to leave their numbers on an answering machine, Roberta will generally be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays. A support group for people affected by AIDS or HIV infection meets Tuesday evenings in Ellsworth. Anyone interested in attending may call for more information. D.E.A.N. also runs an informal "buddy" program for persons living with AIDS. All services are completely confidential. D.E.A.N.'s active speaker's bureau is available to schools, health care and service providers, businesses, community groups, and others who may be concerned about AIDS.

1st Annual Mainewalk '90, will be held in the Portland Area, Sunday, October 7, 1990 at 2:00 P.M. stepping off from St. Pius Church, 492 Ocean Avenue, Portland. For More Information, please contact Jeannie Ross at The AIDS Project at 774-6877

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with the loss of funding. This cuts will undo years of work. And, without money going into prevention and education, we can expect the cases of HIV disease to rise in Maine.

The names and address for Robert Byrd and Maine's Congressional delegation:

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United States Senate
246 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Joseph Brennan
1429 Longworth Building
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