

Town of Groton, CT
Real Choice Model Community
Grant Meeting
July 25, 2003 Noon – 2 p.m.

Committee members present: Gary Lehrman, Gary Patterson, Jan Lehrman, Mary Jo Riley, Vicki Beaman, Eileen Cicchese, Mary Hannigan, Sue Zimmerman

Guests present: Michelle Pearson, Lisa Cooney, Simone Gauthier, Kim Shepardson

Simone Gauthier spoke before the Grant Committee. Some of the highlights were:

211 is the recognized number to contact Infoline in CT

There are over 42,000 services available to residents within CT

Groton Senior Center was recognized for its value as far as transporting seniors to Dr's. appt. and shopping, banking, etc.

There were over 40,000 calls to 211 from residents and businesses in Southeastern CT last year

Infoline will provide current information on grants and foundations that will provide money to agencies. The amounts range from a few hundred dollars and up.

Gary Lehrman reported that they are working with Melissa Marshall to facilitate the Sensitivity Awareness Training Program for town employees. Information was distributed to all committee members present for their information.

Topics to be covered will also include ADA Law. She will be responsible for the training for the department heads, the management team, the RTM and Town Council.

Mary Hannigan briefly spoke concerning the recent meeting with the Town department heads. They were supportive of the grant and questions concerning the grant application and the process were answered. It was also decided that the Town would participate in Disabilities Mentoring Day on October 15. Department heads or representatives from each department would serve as a mentor for students enrolled at Fitch that day. Details will be worked out when school resumes in August. The website to gain info is www.dmd.com.

Mary Hannigan spoke with Chris Gaynor concerning the distribution of money to pay for the grant programs. The possibility of doing reimbursement over direct payment needs to be worked out during phase 1 of this program.

Lisa Cooney spoke concerning an up coming workshop entitled "Mental Health in the Early Years". The workshop has received very positive response from the pre-school community. Lisa also spoke concerning the workshops offered for pre-schools and day cares. Jan Lehrman spoke very positive about the Learn Community Education Programs.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.