

## Western Massachusetts

# Health Access Network Notes



**COMMUNITY PARTNERS, INC.**

Friday, April 6, 2007  
Jones Library, Upstairs Meeting Room  
Amherst, Massachusetts

### Attendance:

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Stacey	Auger	Health Care For All	(617) 275-2935	
John	Bergeron	Hilltown Community Health Center	(413) 667-2203	
Danna	Boughton	Healthy Connections-FCAC	(978) 249-5634	
Sonia	Bouvier	Cooley Dickinson Hospital	(413) 582-2848	x5
Cameron	Carey	Community Health Center of Franklin County	(413) 772-3748	x147
Amanda	Cook	Baystate Medical Center	(413) 794-9450	
Michael	DeChiara	Community Partners Inc.	(413) 253-4283	x12
Raye	Delmolino	Ecu-Health Care Inc.		
Brian	Eno	Community Action	(978) 249-5634	
Carolyn	Ford	Berkshire AHEC	(413) 447-2417	
Roxanne	Gawthrop	Advocacy for Access	(413) 528-5045	
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Julia	Hallman	Community Partners Inc.	(413) 253-4283	x13
Octavio	Hernandez	Community Health Programs	(413) 528-8580	
Michelle	Hill	Accent on Health-HCAP	(413) 447-2397	
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Stefanie	Krantz	Disability Law Center	(413) 584-6337	
Giselle	Lanausse	Stavros - Center for Independent Living Inc.	(413) 781-5555	x326
Ana	Martinez	Baystate Health System	(413) 794-3336	
Ada	Masiero	Community Health Center of the Berkshires	(413) 528-8580	
Susan	McIntosh	Huntington Democratic Committee	(413) 667-8893	
Sharleen	Moffatt	Franklin County Home Care	(413) 773-5555	x285
Dan	Moraski	Social Security Administration	(413) 785-5891	x3064
Anneliese	Mordhorst	Tapestry Health	(413) 548-9992	
Simon	Muil	Insurance Partnership/Employee Benefits Resources	(413) 896-0080	
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Jan	Peterson	Connecticut River Internists	(413) 774-5554	
Steven	Randall	Hampshire Healthcare Coalition	(413) 256-2130	
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Nicole	Rodriguez	Stavros - Center for Independent Living Inc.	(413) 256-0473	x316
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Anne	Rosen	Community Partners Inc.	(413) 253-4283	x19
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## AGENDA

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| 9:50 AM | Refreshments and settle in  |
| 10:00   | Welcome, introductions; review agenda and materials   |
| 10:15   | Community updates   |
| 11:00   | State program and policy developments: Health Care For All  |
| 11:25   | Commonwealth Choice and the private insurance market:<br><i>Lisa Kaplan Howe, Health Care For All</i> |
| 12:00   | Adjourn   |

## Group Mission and Agreements

The Western Massachusetts Health Access Network (HAN) meeting is designed to bring together individuals, organizations, and systems around health care access issues in Massachusetts. Though participants may embrace different perspectives on how best to expand health care services, all are committed to improving access to care for low and moderate-income members of their communities.

HAN meeting participants generally fall within three different groups. The first group consists of the community-based organizations that provide frontline services to individuals in need of health benefits. The second group is the state agencies that run the state's publicly funded health care programs. And the third is a group of advocates that track public policy and promote community engagement in health access issues on a legislative level.

Community Partner's role in HAN is to facilitate the meetings and to create a safe space in which people are comfortable engaging with one another on issues related to health care access. Community Partners also provides administrative support for these meetings.

The meetings serve 4 objectives:

1. to exchange information among meeting participants
2. to build relationships and support one another in our collective work
3. to share experiences and best practices, and
4. to advocate for increases in the number of people who receive the health care services they need

## Group Agreements

1. Listen respectfully. Talk one at a time
2. Everyone will be heard
3. Act as a reliable resource for others – bring printed information to share
4. Welcome new people – this is not a closed group
5. Appreciate our successes
6. Give constructive criticism
7. Respect that there is a limited amount of time for everyone to speak
8. Have a clear agenda
9. Start and end on time
10. Provide meeting-to-meeting follow-up
11. Explain acronyms