

1995 Highlights of Accomplishments

Acute\Primary Care

- ! Developed Survey of Employee Attitudes about Managed Care with support from the Cornell University Faculty Fellows Grant program. Made this available to interested people.
- ! Monitored changes in plans for the Medicaid Managed Care program in Tompkins County.
- ! Provided community comments on the operation of HMO-PHP to concerned parties.
- ! Started needs assessment about Primary Care Providers, particularly asking "Can low-moderate income people find primary care when they need it?"
- ! Publicized existence of Child Health Plus. Increased enrollees from 378 in January to 507 in October, a 34% increase. Worked with community agencies, employer groups, schools and the medical community.
- ! Helped review data and made recommendations on TC Medicaid Transportation Committee early this year.

Long Term Care

- ! Worked with citizen groups and nursing home administrators to protest the New York State cuts.
- ! Fought cuts in the Governor's budget. Collected data about potential impact of reductions. Testified at various meetings. Distributed summary of the impact.
- ! Nearing completion on the Long Term Care Insurance brochure. Secured money for printing and distribution of the brochure from the Cornell University Faculty Fellows Grant program.
- ! Recommended that there was not need for a 20-person adult day care program in Cortland.
- ! Supported the community need for the renovation/expansion of the adult living services at Ithacare.
- ! Raised \$4,200 to continue the Bathroom Safety Program, shifting from Federal support to a three-part ongoing community effort.
 1. Supplied equipment to three local loan closets.
 2. Encouraged re-use of the equipment already given to individuals.
 3. Purchased some equipment for long-term loan to low-income people.

Advisory Board

- ! Conducted an update of the strategic planning process.
- ! Requested additional support from the County Board to fund a full 70% of the Program Director's time.
- ! Invited many informative speakers to the Board meetings, providing information to the Council as well as the public.
- ! Appointed liaisons to other County and regional boards, including CNYHSA, TC Planning Committee, Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca, Aids Coalition, Family Resources Coalition, and the Healthcare Coalition.
- ! Updated Work Rules (By-Laws) to incorporate needed changes.
- ! Submitted the HPC budget request to the County as an integral part of the Human Services Coalition budget, rather than a separate budget item.
- ! Reported regularly to the Health and Environmental Quality Committee.
- ! Sent four press releases and one letter to the editor about HPC activities.
- ! Maintained close contact with Human Services Coalition staff and Board.