

Newton-Wellesley Hospital - FY2001

Summary Narratives

Community Benefits Mission Statement

- To increase access to care in an equitable and efficient fashion to all
- To identify and address specific health care needs which are unique to the hospital's community
- To improve the health of the community and reduce health care costs through programs of preventive medicine and health promotion

Program Organization and Management

Newton-Wellesley Hospital's Community Benefit Committee (CBC) comprises a diverse representation of Trustees, Overseers, senior management and the representatives of the local health departments. The Chair of the CBC is Gene Miller, a Hospital Trustee. Management responsibility has been delegated to the Senior Vice President for Administration, Patrick F. Jordan, III, and Ron Ponte, Director, Patient Relations and Community Partnerships.

Key Collaborations and Partnerships

American Cancer Society
Boston Athletic Association
Breast Cancer Networking Group of the Wellness Community of Greater Boston
Brigham Community House
Cambridge Health Alliance
City of Newton
Communities United Health Advisory Committee
Harvard School of Public Health
Middlesex Child Fatality Review Team
New England Research Institutes
Newton Board of Aldermen
Newton District Court Advisory Board
Newton Girls, Newton Youth, Needham youth & Wellesley Youth Soccer Organizations
Newton, Needham, Wellesley & Weston Councils on Aging
Newton, Needham, Wellesley & Weston Health Departments
Newton, Needham, Wellesley & Weston School Departments
Norfolk District Attorney's Health Committee of the Children's Advocacy Center
Project Safeguard
The Second Step, Inc.
Wellesley Board of Selectmen
Wellesley Cancer Prevention Project
Wellesley Health Council
Wellesley Study Circle
Weston Health Council
West Suburban Health Network (CHNA 18) Steering Committee
Voluntary Hospitals of America Community Health Initiative

Community Health Needs Assessment

In developing its community benefit plan, input from community residents was sought in a number of venues. Ideas generated from meetings with the Newton Board of Alderman, the chairman of the Wellesley Board of Selectman, superintendents of schools, the West Suburban Health Network (CHNA 18) Steering Committee, and local health directors have been incorporated into the process. Besides the formal leadership in the communities served, providers, citizens, local business and service organizations have been consulted through focus groups, inter-agency meetings, and networking. In addition to the hospital's collaboration with community representatives, health

information and data was collected from various public sources of health data.

Community Benefits Plan

Using the data collected to create a community health profile, and considering the input of community residents, the Community Benefit Committee set priorities for the most achievable health goals for the community. The areas chosen for FY2001 included:

- Occupational Medicine
- Child & Adolescent Health
- Empowering Seniors in Medical Encounters
- Fall-Related Injuries Among Community Dwelling Elders
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Cancer
- Environmental Health
- Community Services

Key Accomplishments of Reporting Year

Working with community groups, and guided by research, nearly twenty separate community benefit programs have been implemented and conducted in FY2001. Key accomplishments include:

- More than 600 encounters for Newton city employees through the Health At Work Program
- A campaign to change Wellesley students' perceptions of peer substance abuse
- Development of several programs to assist seniors in managing their fear of falling, and restoring their health after falling
- Partnership with a local organization providing transitional assistance to intimate partner violence survivors
- Contributions to environmental health through partnerships with local organizations
- A range of health education and community services programs

Plans for Next Reporting Year

In addition to ongoing programs, the hospital is planning three new initiatives in the upcoming year:

- Restorative Justice – A proposed project before the Newton District Court Community advisory Board aimed at victim/offender mediation, restitution, and community service
- Brigham Community House – A partnership with a non-profit community center for youth ages 9 to 19
- The Women and Family Life Project - Newton-Wellesley Hospital will be one of four sites in a Harvard University School of Public Health research project to conduct a longitudinal study evaluating screening procedures, medical responses, and health outcomes of women experiencing Intimate Partner Violence

Select Community Benefits Programs

A Matter of Balance

Brief Description or Objective	To help senior citizens manage their fear of falling
Program Type	Direct Services
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regions Served:Needham, Newton, Wellesley, Weston• Health Indicator:Physical Activity• Sex:Not Specified• Age Group:Adult-Elder• Ethnic Group:Not Specified• Language:Not Specified
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Senior Centers• New England Research Institute (NERI)

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Detailed Description	Not Specified
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CEO Challenge: Partners Against Domestic Violence

Brief Description or Objective	Women and children who have been subjected to domestic violence
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Program Type	Direct Services
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Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regions Served:Needham, Newton, Wellesley, Weston• Health Indicator:Injury and Violence, Other: Domestic Violence, Other: Safety - Home• Sex:Female• Age Group:Adult, Child-Infant, Child-Preschool, Child-Primary School, Child-Teen, Child-Toddler• Ethnic Group:Not Specified• Language:Not Specified
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Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Second Step, Inc.
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Detailed Description	Not Specified
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Against Breast Cancer

Brief Description or Objective	To provide free mammograms to uninsured women in the community over age 40
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Program Type	Direct Services, Health Screening
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Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regions Served:Needham, Newton, Wellesley, Weston• Health Indicator:Access to Health Care, Other: Cancer - Breast• Sex:Female• Age Group:Adult• Ethnic Group:Not Specified• Language:Not Specified
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Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Cancer Society• Local Health Departments
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Detailed Description

Not Specified

Program Type	Estimated Total Expenditures for FY2001	Approved Program Budget for 2002
Community Benefits Programs	<u>Direct Expenses</u> \$300,000 <u>Associated Expenses</u> Not Specified <u>Determination of Need Expenditures</u> Not Specified <u>Employee Volunteerism</u> Not Specified <u>Other Leveraged Resources</u> Not Specified	Not Specified <small>* Excluding expenditures that cannot be projected at the time of the report.</small>
Community Service Programs	<u>Direct Expenses</u> Not Specified <u>Associated Expenses</u> Not Specified <u>Determination of Need Expenditures</u> Not Specified <u>Employee Volunteerism</u> Not Specified <u>Other Leveraged Resources</u> Not Specified	
Net Charity Care	\$5,200,000	
Corporate Sponsorships	Not Specified	
	Total Expenditures \$5,500,000	

Total Patient Care-Related Expenses for FY2001

\$124,500,000

Comments: Approved Program Budget for FY 2002: Resources allocated to community benefits programs will be commensurate with the previous years.

Corporate Sponsorships: NWH makes a number of donations to community organizations.

Where "unspecified" is reported, it should be noted that although amounts are not available for reporting, Partners hospitals, health centers, and physicians provide substantial contributions.

Because its 403 report had not been filed at the time this report went to print, FY2000 patient care-related expenses are reported for Newton-Wellesley Hospital.