

REPORT OF PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC. ABINGTON PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES 2007

Partners Home Care, Inc., a non-profit Medicare certified agency, continues to serve Abington residents, offering nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutritional counseling, and home health aide assistance. The agency continues to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the missing of providing quality home health to those in need.

Under a contract with the Abington Board of Health, wellness programs, health promotion screenings, flu clinics and immunization programs are offered to residents and town employees.

With the support of the Abington Housing Authority, we maintain office hours weekly at 100 Lincoln Boulevard, Leavitt Terrace and our public health programs are housed therein. Office hours for walk-ins are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each week. Office appointments may be made by calling 781-681-1013

We look forward to adding a free adult wellness clinic in the new Abington Senior Center in the coming year.

An ongoing communication regarding public health issues and initiatives continues with the Board of Health, Abington Public Schools and the many town agencies and departments. Detailed reports of our activities in the area of health education and the prevention and control of disease are submitted monthly demonstrating the fulfillment of our contractual obligation to the Abington Board of Health.

The following is a summary of our public health activities for the calendar year 2007.

OFFICE VISITS	672 PATIENTS	IMMUNIZATIONS	150
Blood Pressure Screenings	496	Hepatitis B	6
Blood Sugar/tests	47	Flu	135
Tb Tests	10	Pneumonia	5
Tb Readings	10	Hepatitis A	4
Disease Instruction/Teaching	64		

TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM

Partners Home Care, Inc. purchases Tb testing serum. Tb testing is available at a nominal charge for pre-employment/OSHA regulations. Free testing of tuberculosis contacts continues under the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Tb Division and is available by office appointment or home visit.

One active tuberculosis case received extensive teaching and follow-up. Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) was carried out. (Free home nursing visits totalled 52 for this year.)

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS/ABINGTON

September 7, 2007 Early morning blood pressure clinic provided to the Abington Police Department staff who were participating in a special skills testing at the Memorial Field Track. Eleven (11) attendees.

ADULT WELLNESS CLINICS - 454 PATIENTS 48 CLINICS

<i>Leavitt Terrace</i> <i>(January – December)</i> <i>First Tuesday</i> <i>9:00-10:30 A.M.</i>	<i>Shaw Avenue</i> <i>(January – December)</i> <i>Second Thursday</i> <i>10:00-11:00 A.M.</i>	<i>Chestnut Glen</i> <i>(January – December)</i> <i>Third Wednesday</i> <i>11:00 A.M -12:30 P.M.</i>	<i>Stop & Shop</i> <i>(January – December)</i> <i>Last Thursday</i> <i>2:00-4:00 P.M.</i>
12 Clinics	12 Clinics	12 Clinics	12 Clinics
133 Patients/BP	95 Patients/BP	91 Patients/BP	135 Patients/BP
20 Blood Sugar Tests	2 Blood Sugar Tests	32 Blood Sugar Tests	48 Blood Sugar Tests

Monthly Clinics for Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Screenings

REPORTED COMMUNICABLE DISEASE: 39

Salmonella	1	Strept Pneumonia	2
Campylobacter	1	Hepatitis C	12
Lyme Disease	11	Viral Meningitis	2
Pertussis	1	Varicella	1
Latent Tuberculosis	3	Tuberculosis	1
Hansen’s Disease	1	Yersinia	1
Strept (group B)	1	Shiga Toxin+	1

FLU CLINIC ACTIVITY FOR 2007 Total 556

(*Free Clinics – DPH Vaccine Only – for “elderly and high risk” as defined by the MA DPH)

*Abington VFW	November 16, 2007	210
*Shaw Avenue	November 8, 2007	25
*Chestnut Glen	November 2, 2007	41
*Abington Library/ECC	December 3, 2007	<u>141</u>
		417

Office Visits: 135

Home Visits: 4

DISTRIBUTION – DPH VACCINE

Primary Health Affiliates	Pneumonia	110
	Td	45
Colony House – Rehab Center	Flu	100
	Pneumonia	25

Yara Fernandes, MD was supplied with an extensive supply of pediatric vaccines for a new pediatric practice in town.

HEALTH PROMO VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: 56

Flu shots with MD orders – homebound patients: 4

Tuberculosis program – home visits: 52

A special thank you to the Board of Health Agent, Michelle Roberts, and the Board of Health secretary, Donna Manna, who maintain close contact and provide assistance regarding health issues and concerns. They were particularly helpful during our busy flu season / assisting with the preparations for advertising clinics.

I would like to thank the Board of Health and all the residents and businesses for their continued support – and a special thank you to the many volunteers who assist with our clinics throughout the year. It is through this ever-welcomed support that we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services for the residents of Abington.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Miller, RN
Community Health Nurse