

18 Years of Kindness, Compassion, Love...



AIDS Services Executive Director Relocating to Rhode Island

After almost nine years at the helm of the AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region (ASMR), the organization serving HIV+/HCV+ persons living in southwestern New Hampshire, Susan MacNeil will depart on August 1 to become the Director of Development and Communications at Marriage Equality Rhode Island while remaining involved as a Board member of ASMR.

MacNeil's departure comes at a time when the agency is experiencing exciting growth and ongoing challenges. According to MacNeil, "Creating the vision of Wellness House in 2006 was the beginning of ASMR's growth beyond a traditional AIDS service organization. Our program of providing intensive client case management coupled with housing is a huge success. The next phase of development is a January 1, 2009 merger with Twin States Network (TSN), a bi-state NH/VT peer outreach agency for people living with HIV/HCV that will help strengthen finances and expand capacity in prevention education and outreach, including children and women. On the eve of the agency's 20th anniversary in 2009, ASMR will become stronger and wiser as it continues to assist people living with HIV/AIDS/HCV to have the highest possible quality of life."

TSN Executive Director, Jo Schneiderman, will serve as the Interim E.D. at ASMR beginning August 18. Case manager Laurie Meyerrose will move into a full-time staff position as both client case manager and Wellness House manager upon MacNeil's departure to ensure a smooth transition. The Board of Directors has expanded to nine members with the appointments of Cathy Lebeaux, Mark Parsons and Thom Simmons.

MacNeil's new Board role will maintain strong ties to the agency and the community. "I'm excited about this next professional phase of my life, but my heart remains with the agency, our clients and particularly Wellness House. I've lived in the Monadnock Region since 1976. This will always be home."

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