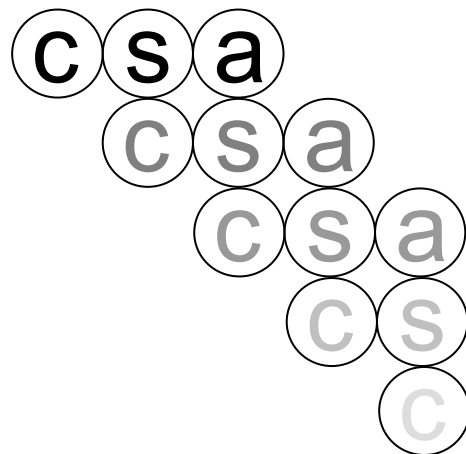


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2008-2009**

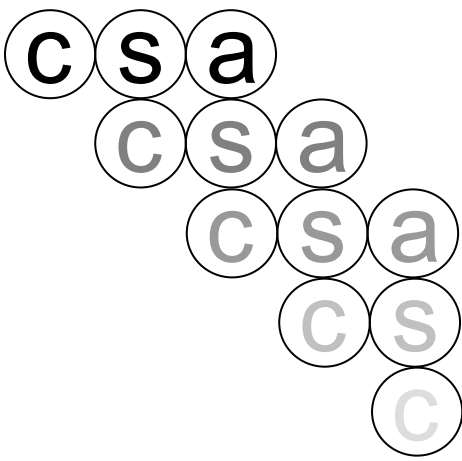
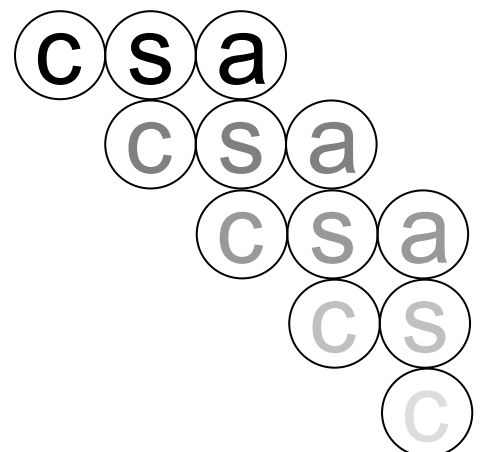
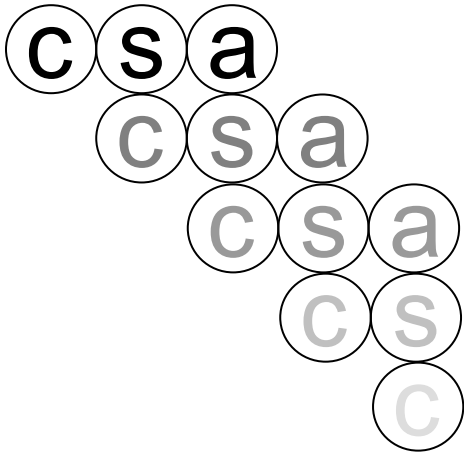


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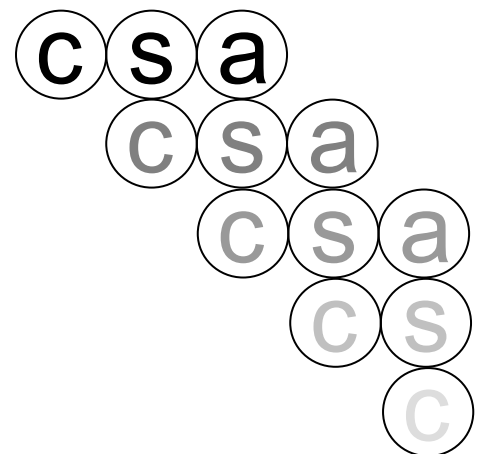


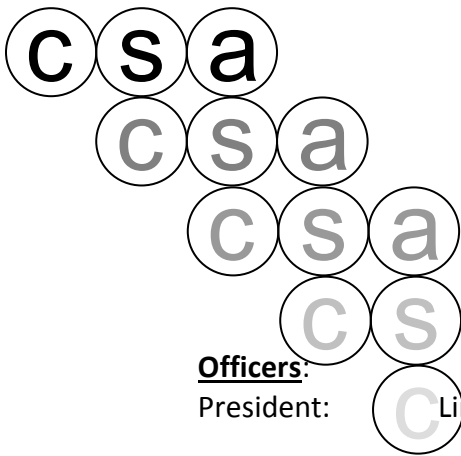
Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Council is to assist the people of the North Country in creating a supportive community that will provide for positive human growth and development and encourage and promote cooperation among human service agencies and community organizations.

The Council is empowered to:

- hold regular public forums for the exchange of information,
- conduct or arrange for studies and research projects,
- issue publications and public statements, and
- seek support to fulfill its purpose.





Officers, Committee Chairs & Board Members 2008-2009

Officers:

President:  Linya Bell, Resolution Center of Jefferson and Lewis Counties, Inc.

Vice President: Jane Gendron, Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council, Inc.

Secretary: Stephanie Graf, Cornell Cooperative Extension Services of Jeff Co.

Treasurer: Nancy Hansen, Jefferson County Department of Social Services

Committee Chairs:

Marketing: Emily Geary, Children's Home of Jefferson County & Tracy Robertson

Membership: Jane Gendron, Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council

Nominating: Louise Haraczka, Jefferson County Office for the Aging

Programs: Anita Seefried-Brown, Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council

Critical Needs: Karen Hill, Watertown Urban Mission

Board Members:

Roger Ambrose (2011)
Jeff. Co. Community Services

Rita Barker (2010)
FT. Drum ASACP

Melinda Gault (2010)
Community Action Planning Council

Thomas Hanley (2009)
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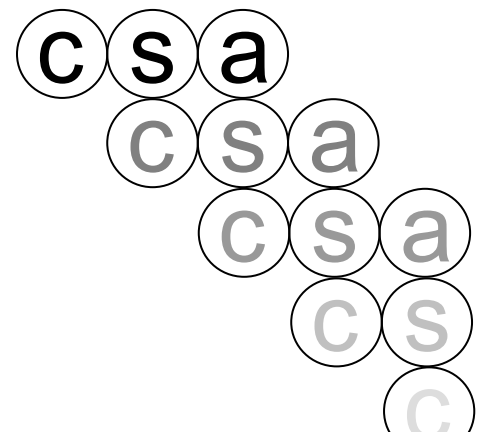
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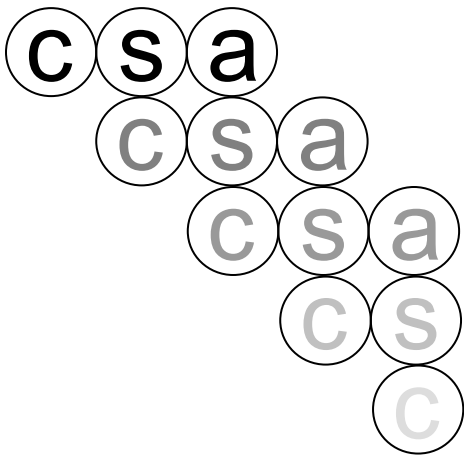
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*Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Council*

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Individual Member

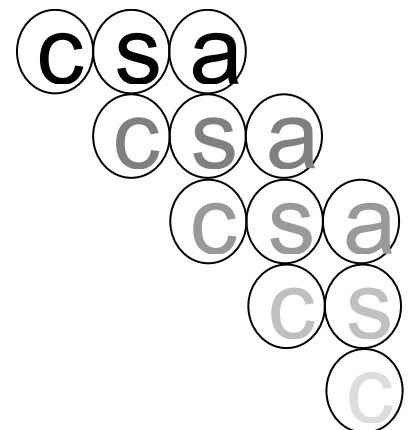
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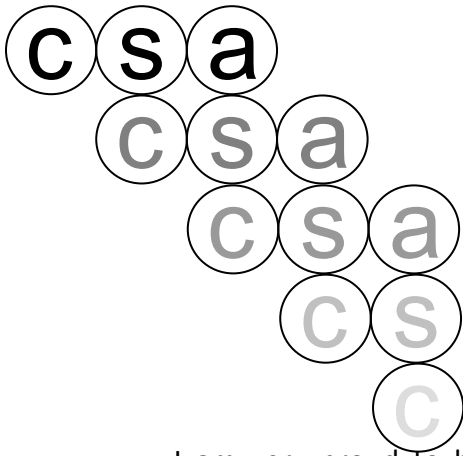




Past Presidents

- 1944 Ruth Childs
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- 1956 Elizabeth Brown
- 1957 Marvin Fairbanks
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- 1959 Rev. Herbert S. Schroeder
- 1960 J. Roblin Dulmage
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- 1962 Emerson Laughland
- 1963 Charles Reynold
- 1964 Joseph Landauer
- 1966 Ruth Hardman
- 1967 Brendon Richards
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- 1970 Nelson Sholette
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- 1972 Charles Reynolds
- 1973 Robert Boyer
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- 1975 Richard Charles
- 1976 Lealand Bassett
- 1977 William Nagel
- 1980 David Wilson
- 1981 James Tryon
- 1982 James Tryon
- 1983 Janice Charles/Pamela Caswell
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- 1985 Janice Charles/Pamela Caswell
- 1986 Ronald Ein/Janet Hoffman
- 1987 Ronald Ein/Gordon Jeffrey
- 1988 Ellen Moran/Jackie Nichols
- 1989 Ellen Moran/Anne Boulter
- 1990 Anne Boulter/Susan Ambrose
- 1991 Ruth Ellen Blodgett
- 1992 Ruth Ellen Blodgett
- 1993 Jerry Moore
- 1994 Carol West/Camie Baker
- 1995 Carol West/Camie Baker
- 1996 Camie Baker/Dan Stern
- 1997 Camie Baker/Doug Marlow
- 1998 Doug Marlow/JoAnn Dager
- 1999 JoAnn Dager/Doug Marlow
- 2000 Maureen Cean
- 2001 Maureen Cean
- 2002 Mareen Cean/Karen Richmond
- 2003 Anne Gifford/Donna Repaty
- 2004 Donna Repaty
- 2005 Linya Bell
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- 2008 Linya Bell





President's Report

I am very proud to be an active part of this organization, and to have had a hand in its leadership. We have many fine members whose ideas and energy have provided great service to our member organizations and all those that are not paying members but still have access to information and programs through this group. I believe that we have continued the tradition of service our communities through the varied presentations and workshops this council has provided this past year.

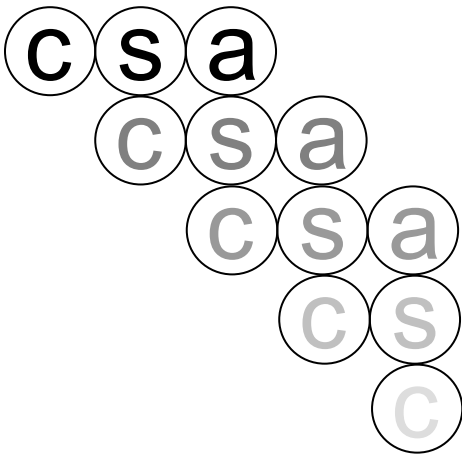
Work has continued with the membership committee to keep the mailing list current and to send invitations that has resulted in membership growth. There may be some changes coming in the future with regard to the mailing of our meeting notices, since there have been changes in the bulk mail process, but groundwork has been laid for e-mail communication and many hours have been spent using the internet for meeting notification. The board will continue to review communication methods for the future.

The programs put forth through this group have had good variety and have been well attended this year. This past fall, we worked closely with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and the Jefferson County Youth Bureau to provide a unique workshop on volunteerism – focusing on both recruitment and retention, in order to provide more services in the community. Over 100 attendees heard an excellent panel and our keynote speaker share important perspectives and participated in the excellent networking opportunities this venue allowed.

Sadly, we had three board members leave this year for new adventures: Gayle Underhill-Plumb, Emily Geary, and Karen Hill have all moved on to new places and futures. Their unexpired term seats were filled by the board with Roger Ambrose, Holly Armstrong and Angel Carter. With regret, we now recognize the departure of Elaina Marra as her term on our board ends this year. And we are heartened with the slate for this new program year and look forward to the new ideas to our board, along with new representation from our community. Please make sure that you share your thoughts and ideas for our organization with any of our board members.

It has been my privilege of serving as president of the North Country Council of Social Agencies. Working with the board this year, as in the past, continues to remind me of one of my favorite quotes. Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; it's the only thing that ever has."

Peace, Linya



Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2008- December 31, 2008

Beginning Checking Balance-January 1, 2008	\$884.40
Petty Cash January 1, 2008	\$75.00
Savings Account Balance	\$3,181.18

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE **\$4,140.58**

INCOME

Luncheon	\$4,310.00
Memberships 2008	\$1,393.00
Memberships 2009	\$552.00
NCCSA Portfolios sold	\$97.00
Rebate on books sold at Barbara Walker luncheon	\$26.00
SUBTOTAL	\$6,378.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Carriage House Luncheons	\$4,008.01
Speaker Fees	\$563.00
Website Maintenance	\$253.34
Bulk Mailing, P.O. Box fees, & postage	\$711.00
Supplies and gas cards for guest speakers	\$321.32
Purchase of 100 NCCSA portfolios	\$294.00
Plaque for Nora Macchia	\$20.86

SUBTOTAL **\$6,171.53**

Ending Balance Checking-December 31, 2008	\$1,114.47
Petty Cash December 31, 2008	\$75.00
Savings Account Balance	\$3,181.18

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE **\$4,370.65**

Nancy Hansen - Treasurer

Audit

May 13, 2009

Lloyd J. Hurlbut Jr., Chairman

The review of the North Country Council of Social Agencies' 2008 financials was performed on May 13, 2009.

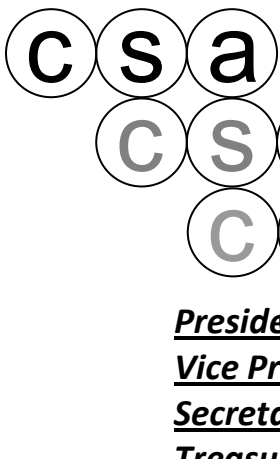
The check register, bank statements, deposit slips, event logs, monthly financial statements, and related invoices were reviewed for the period 01/01/2008 through 12/31/2008.

The committee found no areas for corrective action. The financial records and books that were reviewed for NCCSA were found to be in good fiscal order.

Submitted Respectfully,

Lloyd J. Hurlbut Jr.
Credo Community Center

Peg Dupre
NNY Children's Home



North Country Council of Social Agencies

Nominations Slate and Board of Directors positions

May 2009 / May 2010

Executive Committee

- President:** *Jane Gendron: NYPENN Pathways GS Council
- Vice President:** *Melinda Gault: Community Action Planning Council
- Secretary:** *Stephanie Graf: Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Treasurer:** *Nancy Hansen: Jeff County Department of Social Services
- Past President** Linya Bell: Resolution Center of Jefferson & Lewis Cos.

Terms Expiring 5/2012

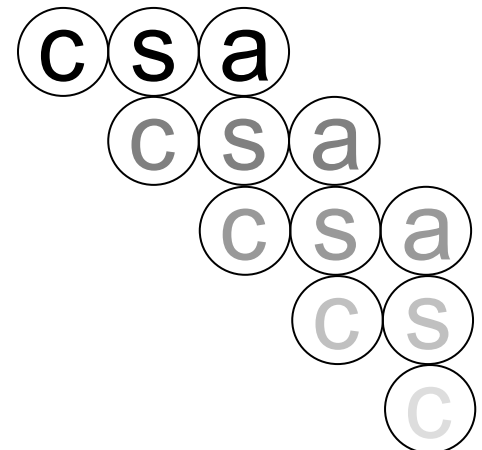
- * Thomas F. Hanley SLVED-TV/ WPBS-TV
- * Kim Smith Northern Regional Center for Independent Living
- * Mary Morgan Watertown Urban Mission
- * Frank Arquitte Housing Assistance Prog. LC Opportunities

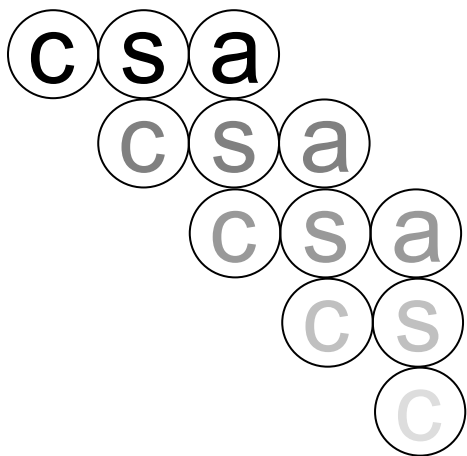
Terms Expiring 5/2011

- **Roger Ambrose Jefferson Co. Community MH Services
- **Holly Armstrong Independent Member
- Richard LeClerc Community Studies, Jefferson
- Tracy L. Robertson St. Lawrence University

Terms Expiring 5/2010

- Rita Barker, Ft. Drum ASAP Alcohol & Substance Abuse Program
- **Angel Carter NC Children's Clinic
- Louise Haraczka, Jefferson County Office for the Aging
- Anita Seefried-Brown Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council
- *Indicates those individuals elected to office at the May 21, 2009 meeting.*
- ** Indicates those elected to fill an unexpired term during the year.*





Marketing and Publicity Committee

This committee has been working throughout the 2008-2009 program year to maintain the communications with the public through the use of a list-serve system for council business and also for events of possible interest to our membership, to assist with the production of the meeting fliers and to send reminders of meetings via e-mail. In addition we provide on-going and up-to-date support to the website, and maintain the matrix brochure. We lost two busy members when Gayle Underhill-Plumb left in the summer, and chair Emily Geary left in December.

Tracy Robertson has been very busy sending out monthly press releases for our meetings and also running all of the internet communications for the council. She sends out list-serve notice for our meetings to over 500 individuals, and has also fielded multiple inquiries for posting events and activities that could be of interest to our members and friends. Tracy has developed 24 sub-lists to send out information, which she reports takes a great deal of time and attention. She monitors our agency's e-mail address, which continues to be of great use and provides contact for web-visitors. Questions sent to nccouncilsocialagencies@yahoo.com are monitored and answered or passed along by Tracy.

The web-host changed this year, and Mark Holberg of Way North is now hosting our site and providing support and guidance. Judy Cain continues as our webpage editor and has been good at keeping things current when provided with the information.

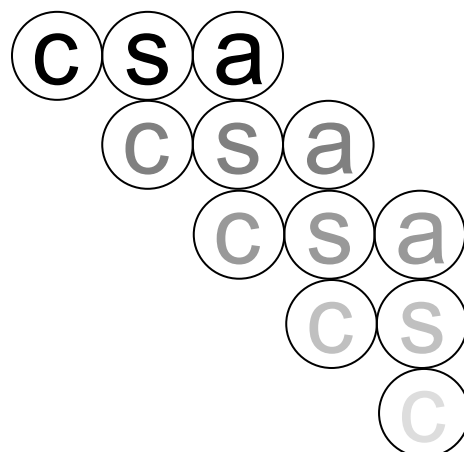
Possible Marketing projects coming include:

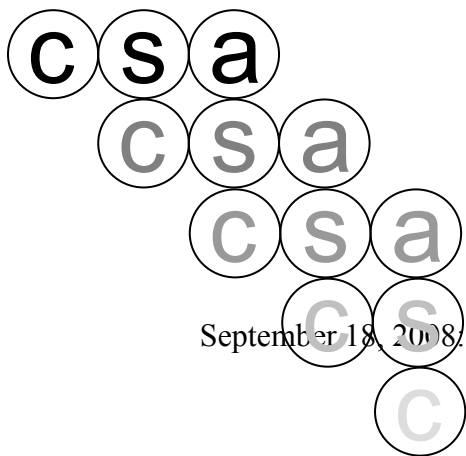
- making a large sign of our logo to be posted at meetings and events
- providing name tags for board members
- investigating e-mail alternatives to help shorten the time needed for e-mail blasts

Members are asked to check the website and to bring suggestions to the committee: www.nccsa.com

The committee is seeking input from any members who have thoughts on the design and structure of our website. Please contact committee members Tracy Robertson, Richard LeClerc or Linya Bell.

We welcome new marketing and publicity ideas for the North Country Council of Social Agencies; please feel free to email feedback to nccouncilsocialagencies@yahoo.com or contact any board member.





North Country Council of Social Agencies
Program Schedule 2008 - 2009

September 18, 2008: **Panel Presentation of Services and Information for the New Year.**

Panelists: Renee Crigg, Charity Process Care, SMC
Jeanine Moore, Discharge Planning, SMC
Teresa Purcell, Governmental Insurance Liaison, SNC
Center, Watertown, NY

October 16, 2008: **Workshop: Intergenerational Differences in Volunteer Recruitment and Retention --** a Collaboration between the North Country Council of Social Agencies, the Jefferson County Youth Bureau, and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Panelists: Mary Schechter, Owner, Next Step Consultants
Karen Hawkins, President, Corporate Volunteer Council of CNY
Dawn Lucowitz, Educator, Fort Drum Operation READY
Krista Auger, Educator, U.S. Army Volunteer Corps

Luncheon Key Note Speaker: James Sheridan, Cornell University
Senior Trainer and Consultant, Organization Development Services, HR.

November 20, 2008: **Transportation Issues and Solutions for the North Country**

Presenter: Reverend Don Drew, Executive Director,
Volunteer Transportation Center, Watertown, NY

January 15, 2009: **Tenants Rights and Housing in the North Country**

Presenter: Matthew A. Goettel,
Office of the Attorney General, Watertown, NY

February 19, 2009: **Health Benefits of Humor - Pursuit of Happiness**

Presenter: Rosemary Dueser-Jensen,
Jefferson Community College, Watertown, NY

March 19, 2009: **Day Tripping in the North Country!** How to find fun places locally!

Presenter: Jane Aikins,
Greater Watertown Chamber of Commerce, Watertown, NY

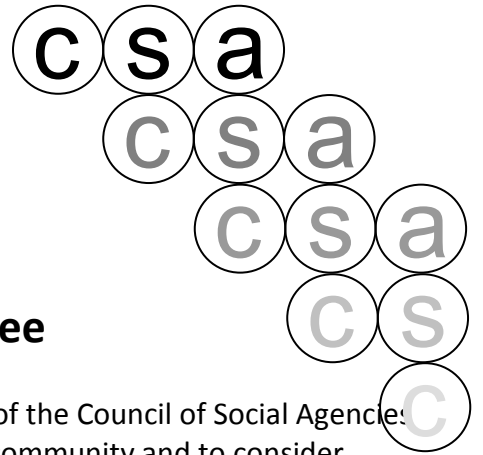
April 16, 2009: **New Community Initiatives for Ft. Drum Soldiers & Families**

Presenter: Kate Falb, Community Mental Health Educator,
Cornell Cooperative Ext of Jefferson County, Watertown NY

May 21, 2009: **What can Non-Profits expect from their NYS Representatives**

Presenters: Assemblywomen Russell & Scozzafava
and New York State Senator Aubertine

Respectfully submitted,
Anita K. Seefried-Brown



Critical Needs Committee

The Critical Needs Committee was formed as a sub-committee of the Council of Social Agencies to bring agencies together to discuss common concerns in our community and to consider possible solutions. During 2008, the committee met five (5) times. As a result of the list developed regarding common concerns and problems, Roger Ambrose, Jefferson County Community Service Director, spoke at our May, 2008 Annual meeting.

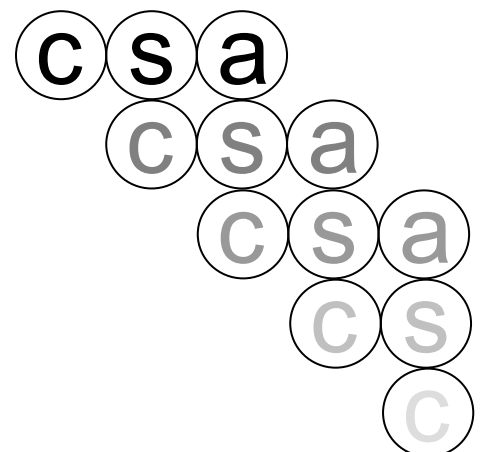
The first meeting of the committee in 2008 concerned itself with the "point in time" survey of the homeless for the Points North housing initiative. Current housing options and those hoped for were discussed. Initial conversation regarding various matrix for service was held.

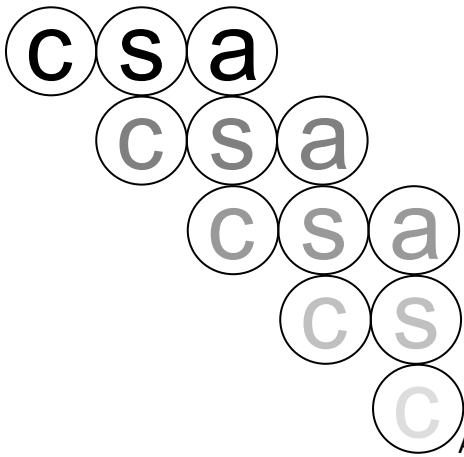
At our second meeting in 2008, we shared information regarding the various network resources available to assist in locating appropriate services and discussed how to encourage the people of the community to avail themselves of this resource. We began a process to try to survey and track the source of referrals to various programs. During our discussion of the goals of the committee, we arrived at a main objective of bringing advocates together for support and ideas. Much information and many training opportunities were disseminated.

A brief meeting was held in May of 2008 in which we considered establishing a clearinghouse to assist people in locating available, appropriate local resource. This would be labor and time intensive and did not go far. There was some discussion of a provider fair but it was determined that there are several already being offered and we should spread the word so that agencies participate.

During our final meeting of 2008, we returned to the issue of homelessness in our community and looked at a program offered in Plattsburgh called "Family Promise". There were pluses and minuses regarding trying to establish such a program here and it was decided that we would contact Catholic Charities to get their perspective since they cover the North Country.

Watertown Urban Mission





CSA Membership 2008 Members*

Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County
Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired of Jefferson County, Inc.

Rita Barker

Cape Vincent Correctional Facility

Carthage Area Hospital

Children's Home of Jefferson County

Peggy Coe

Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County

Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County

CREDO Community Center for the Treatment of Addiction

Family Counseling Services of NNY, Inc.

Janice Fitzgerald, Seaway Valley Parent to Parent

Kathleen Hannan

House of Good Shepard

Jefferson Community College

Jefferson County Community Services

Jefferson County Department of Social Services

Jefferson County Office for the Aging

Jefferson County Youth Bureau

Jefferson Rehabilitation Center

Richard LeClerc

Literacy Volunteers of Northern New York, Inc.

North Country Children's Clinic, Inc.

North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Services

North Country Transitional Living Services

Northern NY Cerebral Palsy Assoc.

Northern Regional Center for Independent Living

Northern NY Community Foundation

Resolution Center of Jefferson County

Tracy Robertson

Doreen Salerno – Cerebral Palsy Assoc. North Country

Samaritan Medical Center

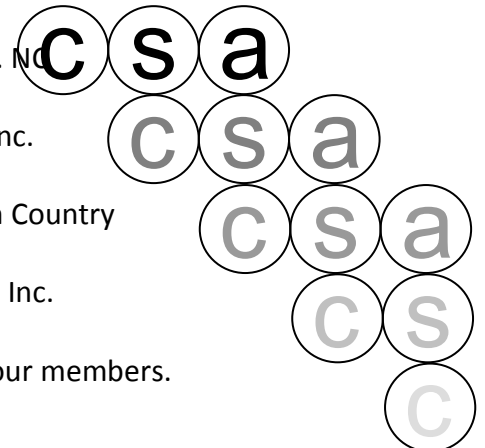
Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council, Inc.

Victims Assistance Center

Norman Waite - Cerebral Palsy Assoc. North Country

Watertown Urban Mission, Inc.

WPBS/St. Lawrence Valley ETV Council, Inc.



* our apologies if we inadvertently miss one of our members.

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