

Comprehensive Access Network
February 28, 2008

MEETING NOTES – COMBINED

1. **Present:** *Fred Redekop, Tom Darcy, Danna Boughton, Jennifer Dube, Bonnie Frank Hume, Dean Fleming, Brian Gordon, Diane Praplaski, Joanne Woodcock, Rebecca Bialecki, James Keevan, Kevin Wei, Jacque Carl, Mary Zamorski, Kathleen Hardie*
2. **Unable to attend:** *Margaret Soussloff, Nick Fleisher, Suzann Heron*

Agenda Items/Discussion:

1. Discussion of private insurance. It was shared amongst the group that the private insurance companies limit access to service for many families in the North Quabbin region. This is a wide spread concern with all private insurance companies and felt through all the agencies involved with families. Rebecca has taken the responsibility of contacting a representative from the insurance companies for possible further discussion.
2. Mary Zamorski from D.S.S. came to speak to the group regarding the new nurses position at DSS detailing how they work with families and the structure of how mental health services are obtained. Mary can be reached at DSS Regional office at 413-452-3383.
3. Legislative Forum, scheduled for May 2, 2008 from 1-3 pm at the West River Health Center. This forum is for families to come and talk to the local legislative delegation about their experiences and how the current mental health system affects their children and families as a whole.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

March 24, 2008 10-11:30 Athol Memorial Hospital

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