

**Town of Groton, CT**  
**Real Choice Model Community**  
**Meeting Minutes August 22, 2003**

Present: Paul Duarte, Mary Hannigan, Eileen Cicchese, Gary Lehrman, Lori Cruz, Mary Jo Reilly, Leslie Westhaver, Dani Gorman, Gary Patterson, Christine Gaynor

Gary L. brought up the conference we attended on Aug. 1 and asked if we were going in the right direction. Chris confirmed that it was though provoking yet we are where we should be.

Monthly management team meeting notice was distributed by Gary L. They will be presenting the Real Choice grant and there will be a presentation by Melissa Marshall.

A discussion of transportation and the money allotted was \$3300.00. Chris thought we shouldn't provide open transportation, as the idea was to develop resources that would survive after the grant was over. The group brainstormed and came up with the following:

Find an existing community group, i.e. Women's club, and develop a volunteer transportation program. Volunteers can be reimbursed for gas and will be provided basic training. Maybe a paid person can coordinate this. Eileen will check to see who we can present this to.

Needs assessment will be put into the brochure for winter. We will use the Sept.2 and 16<sup>th</sup> meetings to develop it. Chris will see what she may have to help us develop the needs assessment.

Mary will do a press release to invite new members from the public to the meetings.

Mary will invite Lee Vincent to our meeting to develop a PR plan.

We should all be inviting new people to attend our meetings.

Next meeting Tues. Sept. 2 at Groton Senior Center.

Future Meeting Dates:

Eves: Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb.3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6.

Day time Annex noon: Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

Meeting adjourned 1:35PM