

HealthVisions Update

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JOB SHARE

Ancilla Systems and HealthVisions Midwest have collaborated to share a Senior Accountant and Accounts Payable Clerk.

Amy Brown was hired in September 2005 as Senior Accountant. After graduating from Indiana University Northwest (IUN) in 2001 with a Bachelor's degree, Amy's work experience includes working with Mack & Parker, Inc, Chicago, IL, Great Lakes Processing, Portage IN, and St. Anthony Hospital, Crown Point, IN as a Staff Accountant. Amy spends two – three days a week at Ancilla Systems and HVM.

Jennifer Stevens, a current employee of HealthVisions Midwest, was chosen to become the Accounts Payable Clerk. Jennifer was hired in August 2002 as a Secretary/Receptionist for the East Chicago location. Jennifer is currently attending Purdue University with a major in Business Management. In addition to

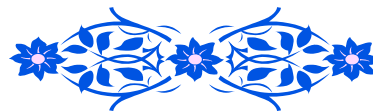


HAVE YOU HEARD?

Sharon McGuire has joined the HealthVisions Midwest team in the role of interim Director of Human Resources. She currently works through Indiana University's Center for Management Development as a full time Project Manager. Having worked in both the public and private sector as a Director of Human Resources, Sharon brings a wealth of human resource knowledge and experience to the tasks she will undertake with HVM.

Sharon's goals include developing and improving the human resource function within the organization. This includes the areas of recruitment, benefits administration, job analysis, policies and procedures, and employee relations. While here, Sharon hopes to establish a human resources role that is supportive and functional and provides an avenue for more effective communications between employees and the management team. Among other things, the development of an employee handbook that will help guide and support employees in their daily work life is a top priority.

Sharon is quickly becoming familiar with our organization is excited to be here. She has already spent time visiting our team in East St Louis and will visit the Fort Wayne team during the coming weeks.



her duties at HealthVisions Midwest, Jennifer is responsible for the accounts payable duties at Ancilla Systems.



The Office of Grants and Communications is in the middle of a busy grant cycle right now, as we are preparing the renewal applications for the Maternal Child Health Network of Lake County (including Promotores De Salud Maternal e Infantil, Great Beginnings, and NATALE.) We are also preparing proposals for the March of Dimes, and a federal proposal for the Dept. of Health and Human Services. If funded, these grants will support initiatives under the Maternal Child Health Network umbrella, such as our Cribs for Kids project. Cribs for Kids is an effort to provide a crib to any infant in need in Lake County, who has been assessed as having an inappropriate sleeping arrangement. This is in response to the fact that 18% of infant deaths in Lake County occur because of co-sleeping (causing rollover deaths) with a parent or sibling, or suffocation because of too much bedding. In addition to grant support for this project, we are seeking corporate and foundation opportunities to support this project.



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Volunteers

We welcome Rosalba Hernandez from Chicago, IL. Rose comes once a week to help with the Maternal Child Health Network. Because she also speaks Spanish she is especially helpful to our Promotores de Salud program in East Chicago.

Rose has a Bachelor's degree in Biology and is pursuing a Masters in Public Health at University of Illinois.

We are especially appreciative to Sr. Mary Beth Martin for recommending HealthVisions Midwest.

4Community Health Project

HVM is the manger of the 4Community Health Implementation Project, which was made possible as a result of a grant from Lilly Endowment to the Indiana Association of United Ways, through the Lake, Porter, and LaPorte United Ways.



Eleven grantees have been working on projects to reduce weight and improve the health of adults and children in the three counties. February 1 the grantees gathered to share their progress and success stories with each other.

After successfully completing the six-month progress report, all year one grantees have been invited to reapply for year two continued funding of their 4Community Health Implementation grants to reduce obesity among Northwest Indiana residents.

New, and renewing applicants attended a technical assistance workshop given by Grants Inc., a grantsmanship center located at Indiana University that also received funds from this grant. Applicants learned techniques for improving their grant submissions for both the 4Community project, as well as for future grant opportunities.

We extend a special welcome to Charlotte Noble, the new intern assigned to work on the 4Community project. Charlotte is a senior, majoring in Sociology and Anthropology, at Indiana University. She brings great organizing and technical skills in helping HVM manage this project. Charlotte, a native of East Chicago, plans to get a Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology with a focus on public health.

