

## **Beaver Island Human Services Commission**

*The Human Services Commission is a collaboration of organizations that advocates for the emotional and physical needs of island residents and visitors of all ages.*

### **Annual Report to Peaine and St. James Townships-2012**

The Beaver Island Human Services Commission was appointed by the Townships in September of 2009. This report outlines activities since the previous annual report was submitted.

- All meetings of the HSC have complied with the state's Open Meetings Act and meeting minutes are posted for public review at [www.peaine.org](http://www.peaine.org).
- Developed a winter assistance flyer for the community to address resources available for heating, financial, food, and utility assistance.
- Endorsed and participated in St. James Township's Recreation Plan for the advancement of recreational access for individuals with special needs.
- Participates regularly with the Charlevoix Emmett County Human Service Advisory Board.
- Developed a Human Resource Manual for the island that was distributed through the school, churches, and available on the web of News on the Net and [www.peaine.org](http://www.peaine.org).
- Provided input to Charlevoix County Commission on Aging's priority setting.
- Initiated a meeting with County Commissioner and Liaison to the Commission on Aging, Gillespie, for community discussion of the impending budgetary shortfalls and potential impact to senior services on the island.
- Regularly reviewed and addressed public comments with community members.
- Established regular meetings and provided an opportunity to share and support member organizations goals.
- Endorsed and wrote a letter of support for Judi Meister for the 2011 Priority Health Senior Impact Award.
- Initiated contact with off island human services for providing assistance on the island.
- Provided updates on census data related to income status, trends, and needs of the community.
- Initiating a Human Services Health Fair for the fall of 2012.
- Reviewing and revision of the Joint Township Board Resolution and By-laws in progress.

Submitted for the HSC members,

Pam Grassmick, Chairperson 3/16/12