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L.D. 2074 -Progress Report- It is now time to strengthen legislative support for the funding bill. According to Marshall Cohen, we should be moving to have letters and calls of support for the funds in LD 2074 sent to ALL members of the legislature. To be effective these messages to the legislators should state support of the bill, verify the need for services that the bill will fund. (Apparently Mike Pearson of Old Town is upset by some letters he has received regarding LD 2074 that have also stated the person writing the letter will consider ^{not} voting for Mike again if he doesn't vote for this bill. This kind of threat does ~~work~~ to gather support, in fact is very alienating. Since not everyone has sent us a copy of what they sent in to the legislators we do not know who was putting this kind of thing in their letters. Please when you write or ask friends to write this time don't threaten the legislators!
(on the back are names & addresses)

Steering Committee Meetings - The next night steering com meeting will be MARCH 14 at 7:30. The date was changed from the first Tuesday because of a conflict with an important speaking engagement. We continue to have weekly steering com. meetings on Tuesdays and have tried them at 11am so people who work can come at lunch hour to attend. Some members find it more convenient to have it at 9am. Please let us know your preference so we can set the meetings to suit those who want to come.

Task force on Women and Alcohol- Chairperson, Sandy Scott from BCC- meets monthly, the first Wed. , next meeting scheduled at Caribou Hall. BCC at noon. Anyone interested in problems of women and alcohol is welcome. They are seeking a grant to set up a halfway house for women alcoholics. Jennifer Pixley attends these meetings and has obtained their support for our funding bill.

Saco Crisis Intervention Training- Mary T. and Cornelia will be in Saco 3/2-3/3 to finish the training session with the people in Caring Unlimited. The Steering Committee needs to discuss whether it wants to authorize further such groups; with Mary's time and energy spent training volunteers in other organizations, takes away from time to spend with Spruce Run volunteers. Now that there are other groups trying to set up similar services, they want training which we can supply but is this a responsibility we want to take on in a concerted way? Additional staff, perhaps through more CETA grants, could help us set up a training program. Please think about this for the March 14 meeting. The staff is planning a work session to go over their present duties on 3/13 so they can offer the steering com. a detailed clear picture of our present operations and we can discuss what directions we might turn or keep to.

Bangor Theological Seminary- Al Deitrich has scheduled a speaker from Spruce Run to address his class: the church and community organizations- the students were said to be eager to hear about Spruce Run. This will be 4:30 3/6 - Monday.

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Aroostook Task Force on Domestic Violence- Is having a public meeting to elicit community support through informing community members about abuse in the home. Nancy, Gentile, Diane Elze, Terre O. will be going as resource people for the meeting, 7:30-10pm, March 7 in the Caribou Public Library.

Augusta Mental Health Center- Has contracted with Spruce Run for an afternoon workshop on abuse for Thurs, March 9, 1:30- 3pm. The audience will be doctors and paraprofessionals in the mental health field. We are to get \$150 for this.

CETA for Spruce Run Clients - Margaret Bragden, a counselor at CEIA is now offering emergency services to battered women looking for work. If you have a client interested in job counseling, call Margaret at 947-0755 and ask her to set up an appointment for the client. (Identify yourself as a Spruce Run volunteer if you don't know Margaret.

MARCH 17 Friday- Conference with Dr. Alan Gartner- "Activating Consumers in the Human Services" - sponsored by the Counseling Center \$15 students, \$20 all others. Basically the information will center on how to help "clients" find ways of using human services to help themselves- the self-help orientation we strive for. The staff will be attending. Call the Counseling Ctr. for more information 947-0366.

CHILDREN'S FAIR- Airport Mall - 3/17- 3/18 - Wendy will have an information booth for Spruce Run, along with groups such as St. Andre- also lots of entertainment and activities for children.

March 28 @ 7:30 pm Andy Loman and 2 Spruce Run representatives will be speaking in Dover-Foxcroft before the Assoc. of Univ. Women and the United Methodist Women. If you know anyone in that area interested in our work, tell them to come- call the office for the location.

GROVER SWALE SHOW- Skip Howard, the new producer wants us to become actively involved in developing a woman's segment for the show, series of interviews, informationals, demonstrations, whatever we feel would be of interest to women. If you have any ideas please contact Terre. We will be meeting with him within the next week.

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