



Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice
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MEMORANDUM

To: Town of Waitsfield
From: Judy Peterson, RN, BSN, CVHHH President and CEO
Date: October 28, 2008
Subject: 2009 Town Funding Request

Please accept this as Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice's written request to be listed on your March 2009 warning/ballot for town funding in the amount of \$2,600.

There is no change in the amount of this funding request, as this is the same amount approved by Waitsfield voters this past year.

The health care industry is changing dramatically. Hospital patients are being discharged home "quicker and sicker", more people are choosing to receive their end-of-life care at home, and there is a growing demand for community-based long term care services. Yet, while labor and transportation costs are increasing, CVHHH is faced with continuing Medicare rate cuts and inadequate funding for many crucial programs.

Therefore, town funds are more important than ever to support critical health promotion programs, home health, hospice, and support services to the residents of Waitsfield who are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise unable to pay.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me or Barbara Butler, our Community Relations and Development Director, at 223-1878.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

PS

As always, by mid January 2009 CVHHH will forward our Annual Service Report of the services rendered to Waitsfield residents for FY 2008 (Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2008). Please plan on providing this information in your Town's Annual Report. Thank you.