

HUB Family Resource Center Partners with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County to Continue Programs and Services in Strafford County

Dover, NH- After more than a year of deliberation regarding the best course of action for preserving the HUB Family Resource Center's mission and programs, the Board of Director's voted in November to transition its programming and services to the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County.

The transition is expected to be completed by July 1, 2012. Programs and services currently provided by the HUB will be managed by the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County once the transition is complete. Families will continue to receive high quality services they have come to expect from the HUB during and after this transition process.

"Although the process of making this decision has been a difficult one for everyone involved, the HUB board and staff are optimistic about preserving the HUB's mission and programs" said Matt Lahr, HUB Board Chair. "Both agencies have been working together to transition programs seamlessly for families."

The HUB Board of Directors decided at its November meeting to dissolve the HUB's status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Cuts to the state and federal budget impacted the agency with reduced money for administration. The board could no longer continue operating the nonprofit with such deep cuts without impacting direct program services. This move will preserve programs while eliminating the administrative costs of operating the nonprofit.

"The integration of resources will enable the programs to operate efficiently and effectively" said Tim Barretto, Board Member. "As stewards of the grants, we have an obligation to operate responsibly and continuing as a 501c3 was no longer feasible in the current environment."

As part of the dissolution, the HUB will consolidate its offices into current Community Action office space in Rochester, Somersworth and Dover. The Board notified the City of Dover in September of its intent to vacate the McConnell Center as part of the dissolution process.

"The Board had to make some hard decisions regarding the financial position of the HUB and unfortunately the decision to vacate McConnell was one of the hard decisions." said Carrie

Keech, HUB Board Vice Chair. "At this time, we are working with the City to find the best solution for the City and agency regarding the McConnell Center space."

HUB staff will continue to deliver the outstanding services and quality programs that have served Strafford County since 1994 during this transition and will be part of Community Action once the transition is complete. Staff and programs are currently available by calling: 749- 8800 at 23 Atkinson St Dover, NH 03820.