

Haverhill Visiting Nurses Association Records, 1945-1978

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Abstract:	This collection provides a general overview of the history and activities of the Visiting Nurses Association of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Organizational History

When it was founded in February 1946, the Haverhill [Massachusetts] Visiting Nurses Association (HVNA) was a new social agency in the Haverhill Community Chest. The first executive director was Jane Peterson and the first staff member was Julia M. Jurgel. The board of directors was led by Herman E. Lewis. The headquarters was originally located in room 212 in the Haverhill National Bank building, 191 Merrimack Street. The objectives of the HVNA were:

1. To provide individual, family and community health in the City of Haverhill
2. To prevent disease by teaching the principles of health, hygiene and sanitation.
3. The provide skilled nursing care of the sick in their homes on a part time basis, under the family physicians' supervision. The work of the association is based on the standards approved by the National Organization for Public Health Nursing.
4. The services of the association are offered to all families who live in Haverhill.
5. The work will be carried on in active co-operation with other social and health agencies.

The Visiting Nurses Association of Haverhill, Inc. formally incorporated on 13 January 1948. In 1948 the HVNA made 71,104 home visits, which was an increase of 3,922 visits over the previous year. More than half of those total visits were made for bedside care. Reasons included: aged couple; ill and alone; a three-year-old ill with measles; a young mother critically ill with tuberculosis; and advanced cancer patients; among the many reasons. Maternity

services increased along with child health services, especially among infants and children of pre-school age.

Jane Peterson, first executive director of the HVNA, graduated from Quincy High School, Melrose Hospital School of Nursing, and Teachers College, Columbia University with a Bachelor of Science degree. She served three months as a staff nurse of at the Brooklyn Visiting Nurse Association, two years as a staff nurse of the Newton District Nurses Association, and two years as epidemiologist at Boston dispensary. She later became supervisor of the Pittsfield Visiting Nurses Association for four years and was member of the teaching staff at the House of Mercy Hospital where she taught public health nursing and sociology.

The HVNA amended its charter in 1966. "In order to be certified under the Medicare Act, this organization will give skilled bedside nursing care and physio-therapy treatment and other therapeutic services." The change was approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the HVNA continued to operate. The organization received funding from Haverhill's Community Chest and later partnered with Haverhill United Way and Red Feather Services.

According to the Price and Lee's Street Directory for Haverhill in 1974-1975, the HVNA was located at 68 Buttonwoods Ave. Sometime between 1975 and 1978 the HVNA moved to 17 Hamilton Avenue. In the 1983 Haverhill City Directory, Wanda Williams is listed as the director of the organization. By 1985 they were located at Oxford Avenue (Ward Hill) area, though an exact address is not known. On 17 November 1986, the HVNA underwent Involuntary Revocation and by 1989, they were renamed the Visiting Nurses Association of North Shore Inc. and located at 13 Railroad Square with Paula Schultz as the clinical coordinator. The status of the organization is unknown after 1989.

Scope and Content Note

This collection provides a general overview of the history and activities of the Visiting Nurses Association of Haverhill, Massachusetts. It has been organized into four series. Series one contains information and photographs. It also includes records of Jane Peterson, who served as the first director of the organization for many years. Series two contains related information. Series three consists of Red Feather Services and United Way papers. Series four contains other papers from 1949 to 1971.

Arrangement

Series 1: Visiting Nurses Association Information and Photos, 1946-1973, undated
Subseries 1.1: VNA Information, 1949-1956, undated
Subseries 1.2: Budget, Salary and Insurances Info, 1946-1971, undated
Subseries 1.3: Photos, 1954, 1972, undated

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 Subseries 1.7: Jane Peterson Papers, 1945-1969, undated
 Subseries 1.8: Newspaper Clippings, 1946-1973, undated
 Series 2: Publication Back Issues and Maps, 1965, 1977-1978, undated
 Series 3: Red Feather Services and United Way Papers, 1947-1967, undated
 Series 4: Other Papers, 1949-1971, undated

Administrative Information

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Related Material: None

Separated Material: None.

Conservation Notes: Newspaper clippings have been photocopied onto archival quality paper and larger newspaper clippings have been deacidified. Staples and paperclips have been removed, as needed. Photographs have been preserved.

Subjects: Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
 Community Chest, Haverhill (Mass.)
 Desmond, Julia (Jurgel), circa 1912-circa 1950
 Nursing
 Peterson, Jane

Red Feather Service
 United Way
 Visiting Nurses Association, Haverhill (Mass.)

Collection Inventory

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