Upper Valley Community Nursing Project

What is it?
COMMUNITY Effort

Aging in Community
- Eastman Cares
- Community Care of Lyme & PN
- Aging in Hartland
- The Thetford Elder Network
- Parish Nursing Program at CCDC
- Lebanon Interdisciplinary Home Care Team (LIGHT)
- New London Baptist Church PN

Driven by a Grass Roots Effort
To Fill a Gap

The GAP IS
Elders who are determined to age in community & a health care system that struggles to meet their needs.

OLD PHILOSOPHY:
Care based on NEED not reimbursement
19th century Public Health Nursing model
Nurses from the Past

Lillian Wald
Dorothea Dix

Job Description

- Simple
- Straightforward
- Similar for Parish and Community Nursing

NURSES
Hired by the Community
FOR the community

- Parish Nurses
- Community Nurses
- Total of 6
- 4 more on the way

About the NURSES
Licensed and Experienced.

- Work 4-20 hrs
- Paid by the community
- Responsible for an activity report
- Abide by a “letter of agreement” with the community

More about the NURSES

Funding: community, grants, local foundations

Oversight: from an oversight committee

Different from the VNA

Not bound by the need for a skill and not homebound.
Role

Education
Counseling
Advocacy
Problem Solving
Care Planning

Role

Medication reconciliation
Support for volunteers
Support for caregivers
Referrals

Clinical Expertise

Excellent communication skills
Surveillance
Assessment skills including safety

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Responsive Clinical Experience Relationships

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