

TOWN NURSE
Brooke James

During the past year, the Town Nurse has provided the following services to the residents and employees of the Town of Bolton:

Home Visits: A total of 185 visits were made to 16 households for the purpose of health assessment and assistance with prescribed medical treatments. The vast majority of the visits were initiated following a referral from the Nashoba Nursing Service and served to provide follow-up nursing care to individuals no longer eligible to receive care under their insurance plans.

Town Hall Nursing Hours: The Town Nurse continued to be available for drop-in visits every Thursday, 9:30am – 11:30am, at the Town Hall Senior Center. An average of 15 Bolton residents take advantage of this weekly service.

Immunizations: A total of 130 flu shots were given to Bolton Seniors and others between November and late January. Pneumonia vaccine was also provided to those requesting it.

Infectious Disease Reporting and Follow-up: The Town Nurse continued to assist the Massachusetts Department of Public Health with their communicable disease reporting and follow-up program.

Food Distribution: The Town Nurse helped to distribute WHEAT food supplies to several Bolton households. During the holidays, the Town Nurse delivered food and gift baskets to local families.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: The Town Nurse, representing the Bolton Board of Health, served on this committee in an effort to move the Town's emergency planning forward.

Finally, the Bolton Town Nurse continued to maintain frequent communication with the school nurses, the local churches and the Council on Aging in order to be kept informed of individuals/families that might benefit from nursing assessment and/or care.

Financial Statement
July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Nursing Service Wages

Appropriated	\$8,827.00
Expended	<u>\$6,136.06</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund	\$2,690.94

Nursing Service Expenses

Appropriated	\$685.00
Expended	Supplies \$393.12

In State Travel	274.13	<u>\$ 667.25</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund		\$ 17.25