



Airport Marina Counseling Service to Expand Crisis Intervention Program

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Airport Marina Counseling Service has received a \$25,000 grant from the William H. Hannon Foundation, which will allow the agency to continue and expand its successful William H. Hannon Immediate Intervention Program at the 45-year-old mental health clinic, located in Westchester.

The program, initially underwritten by the William H. Hannon Foundation in 2003, is designed to provide urgent attention to those

who are struggling with a recent, life-changing event. Recently, Nancy Iben, Clinical Director of AMCS and Todd Irvin, MFT, Director of the William H. Hannon Immediate Intervention Program, have reorganized and expanded the program to provide prompt response to more people in need of help.

Iben says, "We cannot know how many suicides, acts of violence or abuse, or other undesirable impacts on families in the community we serve have been prevented through the unique William H. Hannon Immediate Intervention program. We do know



Judith Delavigne (President, AMCS Board of Directors), Kathleen H. Aikenhead (President, William H. Hannon Foundation), Nancy Iben (Clinical Director, AMCS) and David A. Herbst (Director, William H. Hannon Foundation)

that we frequently intervened early enough to prevent much more serious damage to those who were part of this program.”

Accordingly, the Clinic approached the William H. Hannon Foundation to seek an increase in grant funding to \$25,000 for the highly productive program, and received a favorable response. This funding will allow an increase in session hours for crisis intervention to 55 hours per month and the addition of a psychiatrist’s services and group therapy.

“Our Board felt that the initial success of the William H. Hannon Immediate Intervention Program warranted our additional support so that more people could be helped,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, “My late uncle believed in AMCS and its mission. We are proud to continue to carry on his support of their important work.”

The Clinical staff is very excited to be adding the immediate intervention groups. Iben is very quick to point out that not only will the Clinic be serving more people due to the increased funding; it will also be serving certain issues better by offering group therapy. There will be a Depression Group, a Parenting Group (English and Spanish), a Divorce Group (one for adults and one for the children) and Bereavement Group.