

*Minutes
SAC Medical Use Working Group
February 20, 2002*

*Present at the Meeting: Bob Carey, Lynne Lowenstein, John Berkoben, Marie Walsh, Nancy Occhialini,
Patricia Worden, Judy Oliver*

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
2. Judy Oliver, Program Director of "The Children's Room" gave a presentation on history of "The Children's Room," a center for grieving children and teenagers. Concept started in Portland, OR in 1992 where Judy was trained. Opened at the Baptist Church in Arlington in 1999, staffed by volunteers. Do not charge a fee - encourage donations. Supports children from 3-18 years old. Offers groups for parents and guardians. Currently has 4 ongoing groups with 61 children and 45 volunteers. Serves greater Boston area. Families come from 27 cities and towns. First in Boston to offer ongoing bereavement support to children. Two part-time employees on staff. Relies solely on community for financial support. Received Ronald McDonald grant to be used for development. Have been operating out of donated space but would very much like to find a permanent home.
3. Bob Carey reported on meetings he and Alan Reedy had with St. Elizabeth's and Winchester Hospital. Currently no movement but will revisit.
4. Discussed ideas for reaching every health care specialist in Arlington (to be continued at next meeting.)
5. Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Next meeting TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Lowenstein