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### **Auburn VNA Health Network Receives \$35,000 Grant from MA Workforce Training Fund Program**

Auburn, MA ó December 13, 2011 ó On December 7 Auburn VNA Health Network (AVHN) received a \$35,010 General Program Grant from the Commonwealth's Workforce Training Fund. Auburn VNA will use the grant funds to further develop the skills of its employees through training programs which will be held at their headquarters in Auburn at 191 Pakachoag Street.

Through the Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund Program Grant, AVHN is poised to offer courses, to their employees, leading to an Administrative Professional Certificate in achieving organizational goals through teams and business communications and time management essentials; a Supervisory Certificate for Managers to develop skills in mapping strategic goals, conflict negotiation, and other managerial skills. Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) will be providing all of the on-site training courses. Director of Public Relations and Fund Development, Brett Campbell, reports "MWCC was instrumental in identifying the specific courses that will assist the Agency in obtaining its goals of staff retention and growth sustainability."

"This grant will help us deepen our ties to this community by offering critical career development tools to those who benefit from it most," said AVHN President & CEO, Kim Harmon. "In addition to our vital home health care services, through this grant Auburn VNA Health Network will act as a launching pad to enhance the career skills of our dedicated employees."

Communicating the award to AVHN, Cheryl Scott, Director of the Commonwealth's Workforce Training Fund, wrote, "Your training program is helping to build a more skilled workforce and increase economic activity in the Commonwealth." The Workforce Training Fund is a state fund enacted into law in July 1998 and financed entirely by Massachusetts employers. Its purpose is to provide resources to Massachusetts businesses and workers to train current and newly hired employees.

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*Auburn VNA Health Network, Inc. (AVHN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that was founded in 1919. AVHN is a trusted home care resource throughout Central MA and has been providing community nursing, therapy, and support services for nearly a century. For more information, [AVHN.org](http://AVHN.org)*

