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Anderson Leaves VT CARES

The Board of Directors of Vermont C.A.R.E.S. has accepted the resignation of Terje Anderson, Executive Director. Mr. Anderson cites personal reasons for stepping down from the post he held for the past two years. The Board wishes to acknowledge Mr. Anderson's dedication and his many contributions to the ongoing battle against AIDS in Vermont. His personal commitment and expertise will be missed by the organization.

Dr. Patricia J. Schricker of Cambridge, Chair of the Vermont C.A.R.E.S. Board of Directors, has been appointed to fill the post of Interim Executive Director while a search for a new director takes place. The Personnel committee is actively recruiting applicants for the position. Inquiries may be directed to Keith Goslant P.O. Box 234, Montpelier, VT 05602.

Steve Shepard will remain in his position as Office Manager. Steve's contribution to the ongoing work of Vermont C.A.R.E.S. has been invaluable during this time of reorganization. The office remains

open 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday in the upstairs offices at 30 Elmwood Avenue in Burlington.

Dr. Schricker reaffirms the commitment of Vermont C.A.R.E.S. to providing resources, education and services to persons whose lives are affected by the AIDS epidemic. She expects a smooth transition period while the search for an Executive Director is conducted. Dr. Schricker wishes to thank all the members of the Board of Directors for their support and dedication during this time of growth and change within the organization.

We are always interested in hearing from our membership and the community at large as to how we can better serve you. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact us. Volunteers are needed to help in this transition time. If you are interested please contact Steve at the office. As you may know our organization is always looking for money to fund this work, if you can donate to the Fight Against AIDS in Vermont it will be gratefully accepted.

VT Human Rights Commission

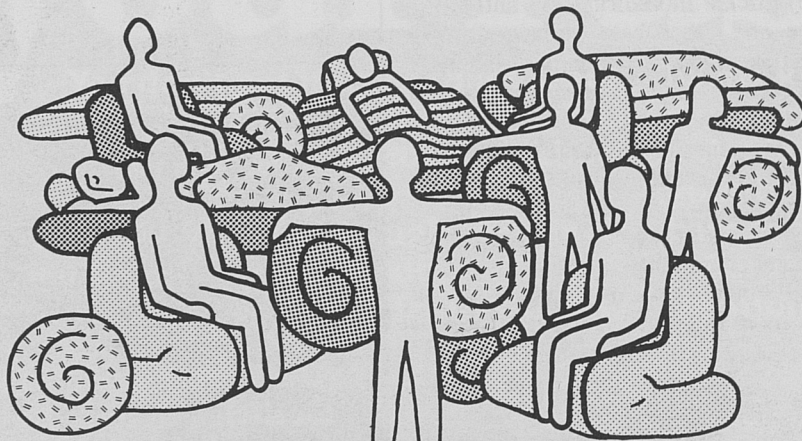
During the 1988 legislative session, the Vermont Legislature passed Senate Bill S-308, re-establishing the Vermont Human Rights Commission. The Commission, appointed by Governor Kunin, includes one Democrat, one Republican, and three Independents: Denise Johnson (Chair), former head of the Attorney General's Public Protection Division; Marion Sevigny, a former President of Business and Professional Women; Bern Friedelson, President of the Vermont Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; Lawrence McCrory, Dean of the School of Allied Sciences at UVM; and Jim Morgan, Vermont NASW/State-wide Coalition.

S-38 outlines the duties, jurisdiction and powers of the Commission:

a) The Commission shall endeavor through public education to increase awareness of the importance of full civil and human rights for each inhabitant of the state.

b) The Commission shall have jurisdiction to investigate and enforce complaints of unlawful discrimination in public accommodations and rental and sale of real estate. The Commission shall also have jurisdiction when the party complained against is a state agency in matters for which the Attorney General would otherwise have jurisdiction.

The Commission has met only twice since its creation in August and the focus has been on hiring an Executive Director. Initial discussion indicates that the HRC may eventually become the state agency to begin gathering statistics regarding same sex discrimination/violence. This process is important, as the HRC is charged with making a yearly report to the legislature regarding the types of discrimination that has come before them. Presently, reports of anti-lesbian/gay discrimination and violence should be reported to the Attorney



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