

Lesbian / Gay Health

BAP Appoints Coordinators

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The Brattleboro AIDS Project (BAP) has appointed three new program coordinators. These coordinators, Nancy Pike, Steve Fox, and Richard Vega will promote the service and educational goals of the local volunteer agency.

As Direct Service Coordinator, Nancy Pike is responsible for organizing support groups, both for people who have tested positive for HIV and for relatives, partners, and friends of HIV-positive people. In addition, she coordinates the Buddy System, a one-on-one support network for people with AIDS-related conditions and for their families and friends. She is also available to provide training on AIDS issues to other human service agencies.

Nancy has an M.S. degree and has been a practicing psychotherapist in the Brattleboro area for many years. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology at Antioch College of New England.

Steve Fox is the new Education Coordinator at BAP. His duties involve assessing AIDS education needs and developing plans for meeting these needs in Windham County. Specifically, he assesses risk reduction methods and provides training, both to individuals and human services agencies, on implementing relevant programs. Steve manages the AIDS Project's extensive library of books, videotapes, and

audiocassettes on HIV and AIDS subjects. He is also editor of the quarterly newsletter, *UPDATE*, which is distributed to over 2,500 subscribers statewide.

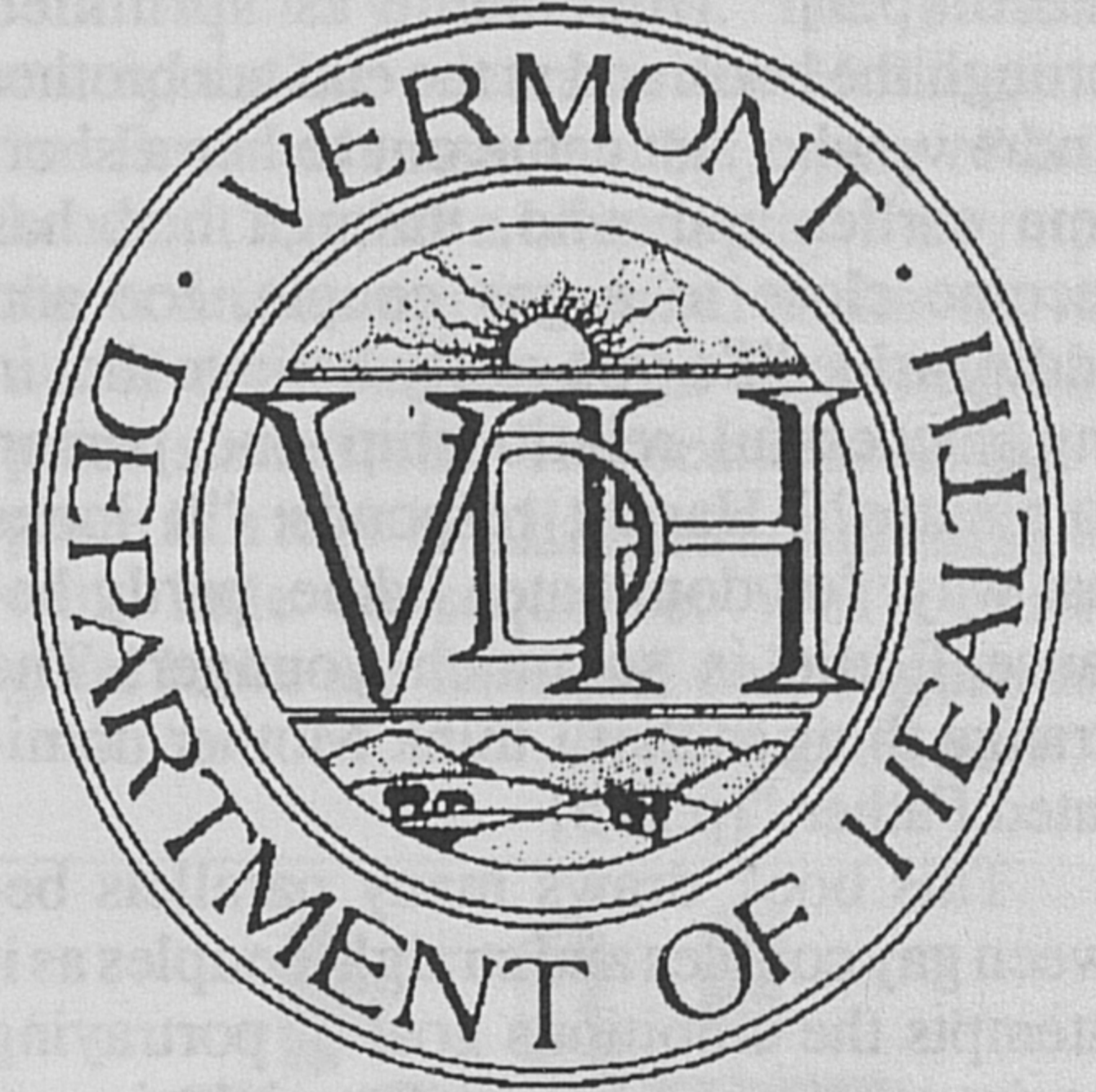
Steve's main goal is to educate people about the presence of AIDS in the local community and to reach high-risk groups, such as adolescents and IV-drug users.

To respond to emergency needs, the BAP has instituted a Hotline. New Hotline Coordinator Richard Vega is responsible for scheduling Hotline volunteers and training them to respond to a wide variety of urgent situations. The Hotline provides information on safe sex, risk reduction, locating services, and obtaining confidential HIV testing. Initially the Hotline will be staffed from 7-9 pm on weekdays and by volunteer homes on weekends, and will have a message giving volunteers home phone numbers at other times.

Richard was employed for more than 13 years at the Brattleboro Retreat in geriatric patient care and patient accounting. He has worked as a Buddy with AIDS patients and their families. In his new position, he will be working to promote the visibility of the Hotline and to coordinate its efforts with other Hotlines in the area.

The BAP office telephone number is (802) 254-4444. In the near future, a new office number will be added. The AIDS Project maintains strict confidentiality in all its activities and protects the privacy of the people it serves.

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