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Finding Aid

COLLECTION NUMBER: Coll.58
TITLE: Fenway Health Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator(s): Stewart Landers and The History Project
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SUBJECTS TERMS

Subject Names:

Fenway Community Health Center
Fenway Health

Subject Topics:

AIDS (Disease)—Government policy—Massachusetts.
AIDS (Disease) in women—United States.
AIDS (Disease)—Law and legislation—Massachusetts.
AIDS (Disease)—Massachusetts.
AIDS (Disease)—Social aspects—United States.

Document Types:

Newspapers Clippings
Pamphlets
Newsletters

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Fenway Community Health Center started in 1971 when a group of students and community activists started a weekly drop-in health clinic serving the diverse population of the Fenway neighborhood: gay men, the elderly, students, and low-income tenants. In 1973, the Center moved to the basement of 16 Haviland Street and incorporated as a free-standing health center. The Center became fully licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in 1978. A forum created in 1982 to discuss the medical and psycho-social issues surrounding AIDS would later become the AIDS Action Committee, which split from the Center in 1986. In 1991, the Center moved to a new state-of-the-art facility at 7 Haviland Street.

In 2009, the Center shortened its operating name to Fenway Health and moved into a new facility at 1340 Boylston Street. It provides medical, dental and eye care along with STD testing and a variety of services addressing violence recovery, substance abuse and LGBT family/parenting. It has become internationally known for its work on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research.

(Above excerpted from 1996 25th Anniversary Timeline and the Fenway Health website, www.fenwayhealth.org.)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of newspaper clippings and publications donated by Stewart Landers relating to Fenway Community Health Center. Included are copies of newsletters dating back to 1985, such as *Fenway Health*, *Frontlines*, *Healthy Outlook* and *Fenway Connections*, as well as newspaper and magazine articles from *The Boston Globe* and *Bay Windows*. There are also pamphlets for events held by the Fenway Community Health Center, including the 1989 groundbreaking ceremony and the official 1991 opening ceremonies/ribbon cuttings for its new facility at 7 Haviland Street.

Additional materials include annual reports from 1987 and 1988, a promotional brochure, a blank copy of a lesbian health study questionnaire, a marketing plan from 1984.

[Removed from the collection were a copy of the Feb/Mar 1976 issue of *Fag Rag*, Massachusetts Department of Public Health documents relating to crystal meth, AZT, and abstinence, and a copy of the 1995 Massachusetts HIV Services Consumer/Producer Conference Manual.

A copy of the Mar/Apr 1989 issue of *Frontlines* and a copy of the Apr/May 1998 issue of *Outlook* were removed from Coll.57 and are included in this collection.]

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

- Folder 1: Newsletters, 1985; 1989-1990; 1997; 1998; 2002; 2003
- Folder 2: Newspaper/Magazine Articles, 1988-1989; 1991; Undated
- Folder 3: Events, 1989; 1991; 1995; 1998; 2000
- Folder 4: Marketing Plan, 1984
- Folder 5: Annual Reports, 1987-1988
- Folder 6: 25th Anniversary Timeline and Donation Appeal, 1996
- Folder 7: Blank Lesbian Health Study Questionnaire, Undated
- Folder 8: Promotional Brochure, Undated
- Folder 9: Miscellaneous Documents, 1985; 1998; Undated

Related Materials/See also: Coll.4 – AIDS Ephemera Collection; Coll.44 – AIDS Action Committee (AAC); Coll.57 – Above and Beyond Collection