

## **Marjorie Hicks, MPH**

Marjorie Hicks, MPH is a former nurse with several years of experience in the nursing and public health field.

Ms. Hicks, a graduate of the Amherst Writers & Artists Leadership Institute (AWAI), has conducted Creative Writing Workshops in the Roxbury/Dorchester area including a workshop for cancer survivors and caregivers for Miracle Miles, Wellness at Dimock Health Center. Ms Hicks has been included in poetry readings at many venues including the Poet's Café' at Roxbury Day, Poetry at the Cooper, and the Poetry Party at the Dudley Branch Library.

She wrote for and performed in the production of "Ain't I a Woman" at the New England Conservatory and was a script writer for "Sister Talk II" a television program aimed at African American women on health and illness prevention. In addition to the AWAI training, Ms Hicks has completed Creative Writing Workshops at Lesley University, the Chilmark Writers Workshop and the University of Iowa Summer Writers Program.

Ms. Hicks has worked in community based human services for many agencies and groups including the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women while employed at Roxbury Action Program (RAP) for over 20 years. She is currently coordinating the Roxbury Harlem Book Fair and Roxbury Day for RAP and various venues for local poets and musicians. Ms. Hicks has taught and lectured at the Goddard College Third World Studies Program and the Afro American Institute (John D O'Bryant Center) at Northeastern University.

She was the Outreach Manager for the REACH 2010 Elder Health Project at Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) and the Boston Public Health Commission, coordinating and conducting the Needs Assessment interviews and focus groups, gaining information on emerging themes in health disparities related to African American elders.

Ms. Hicks also conducted a Needs Assessment study on Cultural Competency in a Health Care Setting for the Jewish Memorial Hospital & Rehabilitation Center (Radius Health Center) and ABCD. She was formerly a Peer Educator in the Educational Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials (ENACCT) at Harvard School of Public Health.