

# CAPE COD & ISLANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK ~ CHNA 27

Minutes for Thursday, January 8, 2009 9:00-11:00 am  
Rooms 11/12, Barnstable Superior Courthouse  
Convenor – Beverly Costa-Ciavola

## Present :

Beverly Costa-Ciavola, Independence House	Valerie Pereira-Brown, CC WIC
Beth Albert, BC Human Services	Rose DiGregorio, Barnstable Council on Aging
Kathie Callahan, BC Human Services	Ann Beckert, Family Continuity.
Estella Fritzing, CACCI	Melissa Jean-Charles, SE Center for Healthy Communities
Maura Wilson, Samaritans	Rachel Nicholas, CC Center for Women
Liz Smith, Orleans Council on Aging	Tim Lineaweaver, Community Health Center of C.C.
Steve Brown, UMass Donahue Institute	Greg Miller, SE Mass Suicide Prevention Coalition
Carol Summersall, Falmouth Hospital/CCHC	Josie Bouvier, Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands
Jennifer Sheehan, CC Neighborhood Support Coalition	Katherine Wernier, REACH
Jessica Cisternelli, Hyannis Family Planning - HCSM	Kristin Braun, Community Coalition of Cape Cod, Inc.
Jocelyn Andrade, BMC HealthNet Plan	Kate McHugh, BCA
Betty Callen, Outer Cape Health	Mandi Speakman, Bridging the Years, Support Adult D.C.
Jacqui Beebe, Dennis Council on Aging	Terry Hayes, Dennis Health Dept.
Sandy Vickery, Bourne Council on Aging	Jane Beatty, Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod

Unable to attend: Maria Chesky, Ronnie Gulette, Jackie Fields & Roberta Berrien

## 1. Welcome and Introductions:

Chris Knowles (facilitator) was not able to attend due to the weather/travel issues from M. Vineyard - Beverly Costa-Ciavola facilitated the meeting. Introductions to the group were made by individuals.

**2. Approve Minutes from December CHNA Meeting:** Motion to accept December minutes as written was made by Terry Hayes, seconded by Maura Wilson, voted unanimously to approve.

## 3. Steering Committee Report

- a) Reviewed & discussed 1/5/09 Interim S/C notes. Any suggestions for topics to be included in S/C meetings should be forwarded to Beverly Costa-Ciavola.
- b) Financial Reports: Estella Fritzing distributed both November & December Fiscal Reports. She noted that she will ask Lisa McNeill (Cape Cod Foundation/Fiscal Agent) to note in the monthly reports, any expenses/income and the source during a particular reporting period. Kristin Braun motioned to accept November & December Fiscal reports, seconded by Terry Hayes, approved unanimously.
- c) The RFP subcommittee is about 80-90% complete with its revisions and will complete within the next few weeks. This RFP will be used to process requests for DON funds.

## 4. Working Group Breakout

### Break/Networking

## 5. Current CHNA Activities Reports

### **a) Suicide Prevention Collaborative Update**

Tim Lineaweaver reported that the Suicide Prevention Coalition will be meeting today and for the next several months directly after the scheduled CHNA meetings. Anyone is welcome to join this group. Through the CHNA the Coalition has applied for a \$9,000 capacity building grant which they have been awarded. They will meet today to review the Mass Suicide Prevention Coalition RFP (due 2/12/09) for a 3 yr, \$100,000/yr SAMSHA grant through DPH to focus on youth suicide prevention. They will select a lead agency to oversee the project and be the Fiscal Agent. They are also seeking representation from the Islands to join the Coalition. The Suicide Prevention Coalition focuses on issues across the life span, however, the above-mentioned grant will target "youth" issues. Beth Albert distributed Partner Agency Forms to be completed & signed and returned to the Dept. of Human Services no later than February 1. Kathie will also email form. Please include 2007 and 2008 (if available) client #'s data.

### **b) HHSAC**

Beverly Costa Ciavola (rep for CHNA) - reported on HHSAC activities. Coalitions/Agencies have been giving presentations on their organizations, the work they are doing and what they see as gaps in service. The HRC Nominating sub-committee presented 2 candidates for nomination in October to fill vacancies created as a result of the expansion of the Human Rights Commission from 7 to 9 members. They also interviewed candidates and made recommendations to the Commissioners for 3 vacancies as a result of term completions on the HRC in January. The Forum and Data Presentation sub-committees are in the process of setting up informational forums to disseminate information from the Human Condition Study and gather input from the communities on the Cape.

### **c) Synergy**

Steve Brown reported on the activities of the Southeastern Mass Network for Public Health (SYNERGY). SYNERGY is a network of public health organizations in the Southeast Region that includes the 6 community health networks, local boards of health, the Southeast Center for Healthy Communities and the Mass Dept. of Public Health. He reviewed the 2009 Draft Action Plan which includes: Legislative Advocacy, Supporting Emergency Preparedness, Worksite Wellness and Local Planning/Building the Environment. Synergy will meet with each of the six Community Health Networks to review proposed action plan. They will also meet with each of the three Regional Emergency Preparedness Coalitions (Bristol, Plymouth and Cape & islands) to review the proposed action plan. DPH would like to strengthen relationships with CHNA's and local boards of health.

### **d) Other**

Beverly noted that the CHNA S/C would like to reinstate the presentations and updates on member agencies at its meetings. Those interested in presenting at future CHNA meetings should contact Beverly.

## **6. Member Report w/ Q&A**

To start off the member presentations Beverly Costa-Ciavola updated those present on the work of Independence House whose focus is domestic and sexual violence across the life span. They offer many programs and support and outreach in the community. Their counselors & volunteers undergo 70 hrs of initial training and also continuous training programs. Some of the many programs offered through Independence House include the Medical Accompaniment Program, the Safe Home Program, Housing Stabilization program and Children's Program such as the Child

Witness to Violence Program & the Teen Advocacy Program. They focus their energies and resources on outreach and education as well as offering support groups, individual counseling, court advocacy. Independence House is a member of Jane Doe, the statewide coalition against sexual and domestic violence.

## **7. New Business/Emerging Issues**

Katherine Wernier reported that Dave Viera from TRIAD and the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office is meeting with Rep. Jeff Perry's office to submit legislation towards a MA Silver Alert System. Silver Alert is in use in several states designed to help protect an increasing population of individuals that suffer from dementia or other cognitive impairments. CIRCA, the Cape Regional organization of COA's, REACH and Cape Consortium for At Risk Elders, and Alzheimer's Services all plan to work with Dave to support this effort. If you would like to join their efforts please contact Katherine Wernier, REACH or Liz Smith, Orleans COA.

## **8. Announcements**

- Rachel Nicholas: Cape Cod Center for Women is hosting a golf tourney on 6/29 at the New Seabury Country Club.
- Steve Brown: Partners of the Youth Empowerment Initiative are concerned with the recent announcements of school closings and will be attending meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM at Barnstable Town Hall regarding this issue.
- Josie Bouvier: Elder Services of Cape Cod is piloting a Working Caregivers Brown Bag Support Group to work with caregivers of the growing elder population.
- Southeast Center for Health Communities is holding a Networking meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm in Brockton at the Mulligan Center.
- Kristin Braun: The Cape Cod Community Coalition is hosting an ABCD workshop on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm at Elder Services of Cape Cod. Contact Kristin for more info.
  
- Beverly Costa-Ciavola: Reminded working groups they will need to submit group proposals by February 12<sup>th</sup>, with funds being distributed in March for the projects they will be working on. S/C will review a sample proposal and will send the revised proposal to each working group chair for completion.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT at 11:00.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 9-11 AM in Rooms 11/12 at the Barnstable Superior Courthouse**