

**CAPE COD & ISLANDS COMMUNITY
HEALTH NETWORK AREA ~ CHNA 27**

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

Present :

Beverly Costa-Ciavola, CC Neighborhood Support Coalition	Kim Collins, Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands
Beth Albert, BC Human Services	Lauren Titus, Independence House
Kathie Callahan, BC Human Services	Terri Ahern, Cape Cod Healthcare
Belinda Centeio, BMC HealthNet Plan	Mary Pat Messmer, CC Child Development
Maryanne Worth, Nantucket Human Services	Warren Smith, BC Human Services
Lisa McNeill, Cape Cod Foundation	Tim Lineaweaver, Community Health Center of C.C.
Steve Brown, UMass Donahue Institute	Rachel Nicholas, Cape Cod Center for Women
Christopher Knowles, M. Vineyard Hospital	Ronnie Gullette, MS Society, SHINE, Mass 211
Jessica Cisternelli, Hyannis Family Planning	Kathleen Seymour, Mass 211 – BC Human Services
Katherine Wernier, REACH Collaborative	Rick Brigham, Noah Center, Housing Assistance Corp
Ron O'Connor, MDPH	Valerie Pereira Brown, Cape Cod WIC
Cynthia Gohring, Outer Cape WIC	Mandi Speakman, Bridging the Years
Kathy Gill, Eastham Council on Aging	Maura Wilson, Samaritans
Warren Smith, BC Human Services	Cathy O'Connor, DPH/OCH
Josie Bouvier, Life INC	

Unable to attend: Claire Goyer, Melissa Jean-Charles, Maria Chesky, Ann Beckert, Estella Fritzinger, Liz Smith

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Introductions to the group were made by individuals. Kathie Callahan distributed the current member database and sign-in sheet. She noted that membership forms had been previously distributed and asked that if it was not noted as received on the database could members please take one, complete and return to her. ALL members present should sign in as this is part of the meeting records.

2. Approve Minutes from September CHNA Meeting: Motion to accept September minutes was made by **Christopher Knowles**, seconded by **Kim Collins**, voted unanimously to approve as written.

3. Steering Committee Report

a) Monthly S/C conference call notes distributed and briefly discussed. By-laws to be drafted. Fiscal relationship discussed between CHNA and SPC. Set October CHNA agenda. Binders will be made for CHNA members to include polices, procedures, S/C election policies etc.

b) Fiscal Report: not available. No funds have been spent since last report. Working group stipends have not yet been dispersed.

c) Other: Beverly reported on the CHNA retreat. S/C working on draft of by-laws and S/C job descriptions.

4. Current CHNA Collaborations

a) **Suicide Prevention Coalition Update:** Tim Lineaweaver reported that there have been many challenges for the Coalition recently because of the recent suicide completions locally and people are looking to the Coalition for leadership. He noted that the SPC at this time is working on governance and structure for the Coalition. The Coalition has elected a steering committee and officers and will begin to draft by-laws and identify initiatives. The S/C

has also begun to form working groups i.e. marketing, fundraising, event planning, membership etc. He noted that DMH has taken the lead from a clinical standpoint and is working with SPC on a post-vention plan. The Coalition will meet today after the CHNA meeting. Many Coalition members attended the PTSM training with Robert Macy. Approximately 40 members attended the Connect training which was paid for by the SPC.

b) Youth Suicide Prevention Project: Maura Weir, Youth Project Manager is working on year one of a 3 year plan including distribution of an assessment tool. She will present plan to CHNA when complete. The Coalition is also looking at current models for pre and post-vention planning. Maura also attended a self-injury workshop in Plymouth. Youth Project Advisory group is up and running. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:30 – 5:00 PM at CIGSYA. Next meeting is October 14th. Let Maura know if you are interested in joining this group. Maura reported that the International Suicide Prevention Day event on 9/10 went very well with 80 people attending and 4 panelists which included 2 speakers who spoke on the effects of family members who had completed a suicide.

c) Health & Human Services Advisory Council: Katherine Wernier updated the CHNA on the HHSAC activities. She noted that the HHSAC is focusing on strengths vs. weaknesses and the direction they want to take in regards to research projects. The Data/Planning sub-committee is discussing a pilot project possibly around health/nutrition to focus on a “Healthy Connected Cape Cod”. There was also discussion around the closing of school-based health centers. The HHSAC sent a letter to Cape Cod Healthcare voicing their concerns and endorsing their support that these centers should be kept open until substitutes could be found. There also was a presentation/tutorial on the Mass 2-1-1 project: What is Mass 2-1-1, how to add and/or update your agency, how to use Mass 2-1-1 to create agency listings etc.

5. Presentation by Terri Ahern, Cape Cod HealthCare/Community Benefits/DoN

Terry reported that the past 15 months has been very challenging for Cape Cod Healthcare with decreased income and increased expenses. CCHC is now looking at expense control and generating new revenue. They have reduced their workforce by 151 employees with many jobs being combined/condensed. They are looking at more collaborations with outside agencies and also their 12/12/12 program – hiring 12 PCP’s and 12 nurse practitioners over the next 12 months. They will also expand the hospitalist program. The Community Benefits position has been restructured and condensed. They will be making an announcement shortly regarding a new position – Senior Manager of Community Relations. This position will focus support on the financial aspect of CCHC. Their approach, formerly salient health issues, is now focusing on a strategic plan with the creation of a Community Health Committee. This committee will focus on 5 areas: Access to Care, Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Dental Care, Geriatric Services and Health Care Disparities.

Terry also discussed the DoN process. It is mandated by DPH that 5% of Capital Project funds be allocated back to the community. The capital expansion project at Cape Cod Hospital included \$700,000 to be distributed over 5 years, through the DoN process and is being used to expand the Opioid Treatment program (Suboxone) currently running at Duffy Health Center to the other Community Health Centers on the Cape and Islands. Other projects of CCHC include a PET CT office in Harwich & Sandwich (\$153,000 over 5 years) and these funds will be split between CHNA 27 and Attleboro CHNA, Upper Cape Oncology Unit – project on hold pending new financial plan/funding. Other project is the Wilkins site – to be used as outpatient imaging center for Cape Cod Hospital. It will consist of a single building for now and will receive MRI referrals from the hospital. For more information regarding the guidelines to DoN funding distribution go to the DPH website.

Terry will forward the CHNA award letter to the Dept. of Human Services for discussion by the S/C re: invoicing and receiving of check. Terri can be reached at her new # at 508/862-5077.

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6. Working Group reports

7. New Business

Mass 2-1-1 presentation by Kathleen Seymour & Ronnie Gullette (BCHS). Kathleen & Ronnie gave an overview of the Mass 2-1-1 project noting that Mass 2-1-1 is a free, 24-hour national telephone hotline and internet database for referral and information about health and human services. Individuals and providers have instant access to local health and human service agencies, and national programs and hotlines. Information, resources and support for basic human needs, physical and mental health, disability services, employment, elder services, and children, and family services can be found by dialing 2-1-1 or on the web at www.mass211help.org MEMA has designated 2-1-1 as the official contact line and database for receiving information during a statewide or national crisis. 2-1-1 provides relief for the 9-1-1 hotline, so individual emergencies can be met by the correct provider. Funding for Mass 2-1-1 is provided by: 19 United Way chapters within Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Ronnie & Kathleen are working to compile a comprehensive database of information for Cape Cod on 2-1-1 and also offer trainings to help update/add your agency information and how to use the Mass 2-1-1 resource locator features. An advisory committee has already been established. Contact Kathleen or Ronnie through the Department of Human Services at 508/375-6630 to set up a training or for more info.

8. Upcoming Events/Announcements

Due to time constraints announcements were not made, however, if you wish any announcements included in minutes please send them to Kathie Callahan at kcallahan@barnstablecounty.org

6. ADJOURNMENT at 11:00.

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