

CAPE COD & ISLANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK ~ CHNA 27

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

Present :

Beverly Costa-Ciavola, Independence House	Kim Collins, Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands
Beth Albert, BC Human Services	Rose DiGregorio, Barnstable Council on Aging
Kathie Callahan, BC Human Services	Pat Fecher, C&I HIV/AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod
Estella Fritzingler, CACCI	Valerie Pereira-Brown, Cape Cod WIC
Maura Wilson, Samaritans	Warren Smith, BC Human Services
BL Hathaway, Tri-County Oral Health Collaborative	Tim Lineaweaver, Community Health Center of C.C.
Steve Brown, UMass Donahue Institute	Jane Beatty, Hospice & Palliative Care
Christopher Knowles, M. Vineyard Hospital	Josie Bouvier, LIFE, Inc.
Ronnie Gullette, MS Society/Shine	Julia Burgess, MV Community Services
Lisette Blondet, Cape Cod Healthcare	Rick Brigham, Noah Center/Housing Assistance Corp
Jocelyn Andrade, BMC HealthNet Plan	Oona Rokicki, Outer Cape WIC & Outer Cape Health
Maryanne Worth, Nantucket Human Services	Mandi Speakman, Bridging the Years, Support Adult D.C.
Carol Summersall, Cape Cod Healthcare-Falmouth Hosp.	Maria Chesky, Barnstable Housing Authority
Kathleen Shine-O'Brien, Mass Maritime Academy	Michelle Fernandes, Mashpee Wampanoag Health Clinic
Rachel Nicholas, Cape Cod Center for Women	Jenny Garneau, DMH Community Organizer – Nantucket
Greg Miller, Mass Coalition for Suicide Prevention	Neva Flaherty, US Rep William Delahunt's office
Ellen Ford, Chatham Council on Aging	Leslie Moreland, MSPCC
Kathy Gill, Eastham Senior Center	Sarah Marter, Cape Care Coalition
Sally-Ann Imes, Town of Barnstable, Youth Services	Scott Fitzmaurice, CIGSYA
Sandra Vickery, Bourne Council on Aging	Aimee Rozum, Hospice of Cape Cod
Lisa McNeill, Cape Cod Foundation	Alan Homeland, DPH, Mass Suicide Prevention Coalition

Unable to attend: Claire Goyer, Ann Beckert

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Beverly Costa-Ciavola, convener, appointed Kathie Callahan as timekeeper. Introductions to the group were made by individuals.

2. Approve Minutes from May CHNA Meeting: Motion to accept May minutes was made by **Jocelyn Andrade**, seconded by **Kim Collins**, voted unanimously to approve.

3. Steering Committee Report

a) Reviewed S/C Conference call minutes from 5/26/09: No CHNA meetings in July or August – S/C will attend a retreat to work on the 2010 work plan. There will be one open seat on the Steering Committee (Maria Chesky has resigned). Bev will email nomination information. All 3 working group mini-grant proposals have been approved – funds will be dispersed by July 1. Proposals will be available to view on the Barnstable County Human Services website at www.bchumanservices.net. Steve Brown briefly reviewed each working group and encouraged people to join in on one that interested them.

b) Financial Reports: Estella distributed the YTD financial report and noted there has been no activity since the last report. Estella suggested requesting financial reports based on a fiscal year vs. the cumulative reports currently being received.

Kathy Gill motioned, seconded by **Steve Brown** that for purposes of reporting, the Fiscal Year for CHNA will run from July 1 through June 30. Motion approved unanimously.

Steve Brown motioned, seconded by **Sarah Marter** that reports going forward be based on a fiscal year time frame. Cape Cod Foundation will be notified of the new reporting procedures.

c) Other: Beth Albert distributed a RFR for the Mass 211 project with a budget attached. The Department of Human Services has taken leadership on the Mass 211 project in conjunction with the C&I United Way. Mass 211 is a state-wide toll free information and referral system that was created by the Coalition of Mass United Way agencies to handle non-emergency information and referral services. Currently Mass 211 operates a 24/7 call center and on-line resource database at www.mass211help.org. The Department is working with Mass 211 to ensure that the Cape and Islands human service organizations and services are fully represented in the information and referral database. The former resource locator information has been transferred to Mass 211 and work still needs to be done to develop a comprehensive C&I Mass 211 database. Bev explained that there are remaining CHNA funds totaling \$52,960, previously allocated for the now defunct "Lighthouse Project". The Steering Committee has reviewed the RFR and after discussion has approved that these funds and this proposal move forward to the full CHNA for a vote. **Lisette Blondet** motioned, seconded by **Michelle Fernandes** and unanimously approved to use the \$52,960 to fund the Mass 211 project with oversight of the project and supervision of the Coordinator being provided by the Director of the Department of Human Services. Beth noted that the Department will form an ad-hoc advisory committee. Mass 211 brochures were distributed to all. To order more contact Beth Albert.

4. Current CHNA Activities Reports

a) Suicide Prevention Coalition Update:

- Beth Albert reported that the Suicide Prevention held a strategic planning/capacity building training on May 29th, facilitated by Steve Brown, UMass Donahue Institute and Melissa Jean-Charles of SE Center for Healthy Communities. The Coalition is moving forward to develop a mission statement, vision for the Coalition and sub-committees.
- The Youth Suicide Prevention Grant leadership group has conducted interviews and hired a Project Manager, Maura Weir, who will start on July 6th.
- The next meeting of the Suicide Prevention Coalition is scheduled for July 9th @ 11:15 in Rms 11/12 at the Superior Courthouse.

b) Health & Human Services Advisory Council:

- Beverly reported that at the last HHSAC meeting Warren Smith, Data Analyst presented the preliminary findings of the 2009 Monitoring the Human Condition Study. The County's "most needy" group has increased from 20% of households to 26% which is an indicator of the current economy. Warren is scheduled to present the Trends Report at the June HHSAC meeting scheduled for June 25th @ 9:00 AM at the Hyannis Transportation Center.
- Betty Pease, Dir. of the Senior Employment Program of Elder Services of Cape Cod presented information to the group on this program which provides a "Bridge Back to Work" for income-eligible individuals 55 yrs or older.
- Beverly noted that HHSAC meetings are open to all. If you wish to receive meeting notices contact Kathie Callahan in the Dept. of Human Services.

c) Other

- Beverly noted that we will forego formal announcements today so that adequate time can be given to the important Suicide Prevention presentation from the DPH. Anyone wishing to have a formal announcement included in the minutes should forward it to Kathie Callahan in the Dept. of Human Services.

Forwarded announcements:

- A Baby Center – Hyannis will hold a car seat inspection and education on Saturday, June 27th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

- Mashpee Wampanoag tribe will hold its Annual Pow-Wow on July 3, 4 & 5, 2009. There will be a health tent for literature, info or donations. For more information contact Michelle Fernandes or Rita Gonsalves at the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Clinic @ 5008/317-8203
- Maura Wilson, Samaritans: Samaritan Safe Place, a support group for those who have lost someone to suicide, is meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month at Falmouth Hospital from 7-8:30 PM. For more information, please call 508/548-7999.

5. Presentation by DPH: Suicide 101

Welcome Alan Holmlund, Director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Suicide Prevention Program along with Christine Farrell O-Reilly and Allison Brill. Alan distributed a power point presentation and discussed National, State and local statistics with the group. Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the US and rates are highest in intermountain states. *Completed* suicides are 4 times higher in males than females although females *attempt* at 3 times the rate of males. Elder suicides are 50% higher than the overall national average. He noted that youth suicide is the 3rd most common cause of death in the US. In Massachusetts suicide is 3 times the rate of homicide with 504 documented suicides in 2007. Alan discussed suicide circumstances, risk & protective factors, prevention strategies and the MDPH Suicide Prevention Program. He also distributed and discussed a map of Massachusetts noting that data shows Cape Cod having a higher suicide rate than other parts of the state and that there are several pockets on the Cape & Islands with the highest suicide rates. If you would like a copy of the power point presentation contact Kathie Callahan in the Dept. of Human Services.

6. ADJOURNMENT at 11:00.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2009 from 9-11 AM in Rooms 11/12 at the Barnstable Superior Courthouse