

# CAPE COD & ISLANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK ~ CHNA 27

**Minutes for Thursday, September 10, 2009      9:00-11:00 am**  
**Rooms 11/12, Barnstable Superior Courthouse**  
**Convener – Katherine Wernier**

**Present :**

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| Katherine Wernier, REACH Collaborative       | Kim Collins, Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands |
| Beth Albert, BC Human Services               | Rose DiGregorio, Barnstable Council on Aging      |
| Kathie Callahan, BC Human Services           | Lisa McNeill, Cape Cod Foundation                 |
| Belinda Centeio, BMC HealthNet Plan          | Maria Chesky, Barnstable Housing Authority        |
| Maryanne Worth, Nantucket Human Services     | Warren Smith, BC Human Services                   |
| Ellen Ford, Chatham Council on Aging         | 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    | Melissa Jean-Charles, SCHC                        |
| Jessica Cisternelli, Hyannis Family Planning | Ann Beckert, Family Continuity                    |
| Sue Rohbach, Aide to Senator Rob O'Leary     |   |

Unable to attend: Claire Goyer, Maura Wilson, Beverly Costa-Ciavola

**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 having received a completed one 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.

Katherine reviewed the purpose of the CHNA 27 as noted on the agenda.

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

**3. Steering Committee Report**

- a) It was noted by Steve Brown that the S/C convenes a monthly telephone conference call to discuss CHNA business and set the agenda for the upcoming monthly meeting. Steve also distributed the S/C retreat notes and asked members to review them. Business discussed at the retreat will be reviewed at the October CHNA meeting.
- b) Fiscal Report was not available as well as updates on working group funds and how they are to be distributed.
- c) S/C voting plan: Beth Albert reported that S/C agreed that nominations for S/C membership, previously done in September, will now be done in May with elections at the June meeting. This will allow new members to attend the S/C retreat held in July or August. S/C membership will be staggered 2 yr terms. Composition of the S/C should always include a representative with voting capacity from the Barnstable County Department of Human Services, Cape Cod Healthcare, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. It will also consist of two non-voting members: DPH and Health Imperatives (formerly HCSM). If a S/C member resigns, replacement procedures are TBD.

**4. Current CHNA Activities Reports**

**a) Suicide Prevention Coalition Update:** Tim Lineaweaver reported that there have been many challenges for the Coalition recently in lieu 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 is in the process of electing officers and will begin to compose by-laws. The S/C has also begun to form working groups i.e. marketing, fundraising, event planning, membership etc. The Coalition will meet briefly today after the CHNA meeting and then attend an event at the Barnstable Tavern to acknowledge International Suicide Prevention Week. There have also been various activities planned Cape-wide.

**b) Youth Suicide Prevention Project:** There have been news articles re: the Youth Suicide Project. Maura Weir, Youth Project Manager is working on year-1 of a 3 year plan to include distributing an assessment tool. The Coalition is also looking at current models for pre and post-vention planning. Beth Albert noted that the DMH is targeting efforts towards the Barnstable schools at this time due to recent completions involving youth.

**c) Health & Human Services Advisory Council:** Katherine Wernier updated the CHNA on the HHSAC activities. Cape Cod Foundation did a presentation on their new publication: Understanding Cape Cod. Lisa McNeill of the CCF noted this report is a broad snapshot of activities on the Cape. CCF will be holding several community forums to discuss some of the region's most critical issues. Forums will be held on 9/24 @ 4:30 pm at the Falmouth Art Center, 10/1 @ 4:30 pm at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod in S. Yarmouth and 10/8 @ 4:30 at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. More information can be found at [www.capecodfoundation.org](http://www.capecodfoundation.org) or by calling CCF at 508/790-3040 for a copy of the report. Steve Brown will also showcase the report with guests Lisa McNeill and Kristin O'Malley from CCF on Channel 17 presentation.

Katherine thanked the Barnstable County Department of Human Services for engaging more people to work in the community. She noted that orientation materials were distributed to new members of the Advisory Council. and Beth Albert informed the Advisory Council how the Dept. of Human Services plans to move forward with the 5 years of data collected through the Monitoring the Human Condition study. Beth also noted that a HHSAC Data sub-committee is evaluating the data and ways in which to present the data to the community at large.

It was noted that the role of the CHNA and the HHSAC is to report to each other the activities within these groups and continue the flow of information back and forth.

## **BREAK**

**5. Presentation by Kim Collins, Elder Services of C&I:** Kim distributed packets of information describing many of the programs within Elder Services of C&I which include both clinical and community based programs. The main goal of Elder Services is to support elders to live in a healthy, safe environment. She reported on a new program which will monetarily support family members providing services for their elder family members. Kim also noted that due to the recent budget cuts many elders are waiting for quite some time to receive services they need and this is not necessarily geographically specific. Referrals are being made to Councils on Aging for some of those much needed services.

## **6. Old Business**

- a) **Approve CHNA logo.** CHNA logo was distributed for review and noted that logo will be used on all CHNA materials to professionalize the efforts of the CHNA. **Ann Beckert** motioned, seconded by **Ellen Ford** to approve the logo design and motion was approved unanimously. Katherine then distributed CHNA business cards to the group.
- b) **HHSAC:** Chris Knowles reported that Beverly Costa-Ciavola is stepping down as the CHNA Rep to the HHSAC. Beverly is now the director of the Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition and will be representing that organization on the Advisory Council. The CHNA S/C is recommending that Katherine Wernier move from Alternate to Representative and Steve Brown be approved as the new Alternate. **Liz Smith**

motioned, seconded by **Maryanne Worth**, unanimously approved to accept this recommendation.

## 7. New Business

- a) **CHNA sponsored trainings/workshops:** Katherine noted that the CHNA would like to sponsor trainings and workshops and discussed with the group some ideas. Suggestion was made to have a social media training – Melissa Jean-Charles noted that SECHC offers this type of training. Beth Albert noted that the 100/100/100 working group is planning a comprehensive event for the spring to address enhancing skills and collaboration. 100/100/100 group will report on their plans as they emerge. Katherine suggested integrating ideas to provide perhaps a quarterly training. Any comments or new ideas can be emailed to Kathie Callahan at [kcallahan@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:kcallahan@barnstablecounty.org) and Kathie will forward to the S/C.
- b) **Other:** Cape Cod Healthcare restructuring – Terri Ahearn will report on this at the October CHNA meeting. Discussion around the discontinuation of the Mobile Health van.

## 8. Upcoming Events/Announcements

- ◆ Belinda Centeio, BMC HealthNet: she can attend events and provide and distribute materials and products i.e. hand sanitizer samples, health related children's materials etc.
- ◆ Beth Albert: Introduced Kathleen Seymour from Americorp Vista who will be working on various projects in the Dept. of Human Services including the Mass 211 project.
- ◆ Beth Albert: Announced that the Dept. had released an RFP for a coordinator for the Mass 211 project and the position has been offered to Ronnie Gullette. Ronnie will compile monthly status reports on this project.
- ◆ Beth Albert: distributed flyers for an ADA conference sponsored by the Dept. of Human Services. The conference will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 – 4:30 at the Dennis Church of the Nazarene in South Dennis. It will address best practices to increase program and community access for people with disabilities on Cape Cod. For more information contact the Dept. of Human Services at 508/375-6628. Beth noted that the DHS is the ADA compliance office for the County.
- ◆ Melissa Jean-Charles, SECHC: Prevention Institute event on 10/1 from 10-4 at the David Mulligan Center – topic will be Advocacy.
- ◆ Melissa Jean-Charles, SECHC: Ounce of Prevention Conference to be held on 10/6 in Marlboro at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center.
- ◆ Liz Smith, Orleans COA: Capeabilities along with the Young at heart chorus is sponsoring a concert at Cape Cod Community College.
- ◆ Liz Smith, Orleans COA: reported that there are 3 adult support day programs in Barnstable, Orleans and Eastham. She also noted that the Councils on Aging are working on a Medical Adult Day Program with the VNA and Elder Services. This will include an on-site RN.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT at 11:00.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 9-11 AM in Rooms 11/12 at the Barnstable Superior Courthouse**