



**BARNSTABLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BARNSTABLE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL  
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**Barnstable County Health and Human Services Advisory Council  
Thursday, April 28, 2011  
Hyannis Transportation Center ~ 9:00–10:30 AM**

Barnstable County Council for Children, Youth & Families:  
Barnstable County Human Rights Commission:  
Behavioral Health:  
Cape & Islands HIV/AIDS Service Coordination Collaborative:  
Cape & Islands Regional Domestic Violence Council:  
Cape & Martha's Vineyard Community Health Center Network:  
Cape Cod Council of Churches:  
Cape Cod Healthcare:  
Cape Cod Hunger Network:  
Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition:  
CAREER Collaborative:  
Community Action Committee of Cape & Islands:  
Community Benefits:  
Community Health Network Area (CHNA):  
Consumer:  
Disability Network:  
Grant Makers Collaborative:  
Legal Aid Coalition of SE Mass:  
Lower Cape Councils on Aging:  
Mid Cape Councils on Aging:  
Power in Aging Collaborative:  
Regional Network to End Homelessness:  
Substance Abuse:  
Town Health Departments:  
Tri County Collaborative for Oral Health Excellence:  
Upper Cape Councils on Aging:  
Upper Cape Health & Human Services:  
Wampanoag Tribal Health Center:

In attendance (Members):

Thomas Ryan (Alt)  
  
Kristin St. Onge (Rep)  
Caronanne Procaccini (Alt)  
Karen Gardner (Alt)  
  
Brenda Swain (Rep)  
Beverly Costa-Ciavola (Rep)  
Deb Battles (Rep)  
Estella Fritzingler (Rep)  
Diane Munsell (Rep)  
Katherine Wernier (Rep)  
Jeanne Adams (Rep)  
  
Kristin O'Malley (Rep)  
  
Elizabeth Smith (Rep)  
  
Caronanne Procaccini (Rep)  
Kate McHugh (Rep), Kristin Carboni (Alt)  
  
BL Hathaway (Rep)  
  
Karen Cardeira (Rep)

Staff: Barnstable County Department of Human Services: Beth Albert, Kathie Callahan, Christine Stein  
Elected Officials: Assembly of Delegates: Ron Bergstrom County Commissioners: Bill Doherty  
Guests: George Bryant, Rebecca Bruyn, Sara Mannal – Cape Cod Broadcasting (WQRC), Candace Perry  
Unable to attend: Diane Casey-Lee

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Approval of March minutes:** Motion by **Kate McHugh**, seconded by **BL Hathaway** to accept the March minutes as written – Motion approved.

**County Health Rankings Update & discussion – Christine Stein:** Documents distributed & discussed: Overview of Indicators of Health and Social Well-being, Brief Summary of 2011 County Health Rankings: Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health, Inventory of Data Sets (not all inclusive), and US Census, 2005-2009 American Community Survey socio-economic data (draft for discussion). A next step is to prepare 1) a dashboard of socio-economic data upon release of detailed Census 2010 data, and 2) a dashboard of health and social wellbeing indicators drawing from a variety of county, state and federal data bases in the public domain.

**Community Health Center Presentation – Karen Gardner:** Karen commended the great collaborations of services and resources on Cape Cod. The five centers on Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard that comprise the Community Health Center Network are: Community Health Center of Cape Cod in Mashpee, Duffy Health Center in Hyannis, Mid-Upper Cape Community Health Center & Ellen Jones Dental Center, Outer Cape Health Services, Inc. and Island Health Care. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's): Community, migrant and homeless health centers are non-profit, community-directed providers that remove common barriers to care by serving communities who otherwise confront financial, geographic, language, cultural and other barriers. Network provides primary, preventive and dental care, as well as mental health, substance abuse and other community-based services to anyone in need regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. Services facilitate access to care through health insurance enrollment, case management, translation, and health education. CHC's are cost effective, reducing costly emergency, hospital and specialty care, and saving the health care system \$24 billion a year nationally. The Community Health Centers collaborate with Cape Cod HealthCare in many areas. CHC of Cape Cod averages 200-300 new patients each month. CHC's provide approximately 18% of the health care on Cape Cod. The Outer Cape CHC is the first to have a pharmacy on site.

Community Health Centers have successfully completed their first full year of administering the School-based health centers. Programs include primary health care & preventative medicine, mental and dental health services, nutrition counseling, outreach and education in classrooms and after school programs such as smoking cessation and anger management. Over 25% of Barnstable High School students enrolled for services. Utilization of mental health services at SBHC increased by 50% this year.

#### **Old Business:**

- **HHSAC Subcommittee Structure – Beth Albert:** The HHSAC Subcommittee Structure & Purpose revision recommendations were distributed and discussed at the March meeting with the following recommendations: retain the Human Rights Commission Nomination Committee, combine the Membership & Governance Committee and add a Government Liaison (Communication) Committee and a standing Planning Committee. Beth encouraged members to review the proposal prior to the April meeting and forward recommendations to her. No feedback has been received at this time. The Proposal will be resent electronically with suggestions emailed back to Beth and discussion rescheduled for the May meeting.
- **Assembly of Delegates Budget Hearing:** Beth thanked HHSAC members for their support. Barnstable County Dept. of Human Services budget proposal was approved by the County Commissioners and the Assembly of Delegates Human Services Standing Committee and has been forwarded to the Assembly Finance Committee for review. Ron Berstrom, chair of the Assembly of Delegates commented that approval of the proposed County budget is subject to justification from the County Administrator of projected FY12 County revenue. Discussions have included whether the County should fund individual programs (as was previously the case several years ago) or support regional programs which is currently more often the case. Beth also noted the importance of education of the Assembly of Delegates members, both existing and those newly elected, re: the history of Human Services program funding and the regional programs the County Dept. of Human Services is currently collaborating on with the human services community. Beth affirmed the mission of the Department of Human Services: *to plan, develop, and implement programs which enhance the overall delivery of human services in Barnstable County, to promote the health and social well being of County residents through regional efforts designed to improve coordination and efficiency of human services, and designed to strengthen the fabric of community care available to all* and noted that this mission statement drives the work of the Department.

#### **New Business:**

**Agenda items for next meeting:** Presentation from Kristin St. Onge of the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod.

#### **Announcements:**

- Diane Munsell: Cape Cod Hospital and Falmouth Hospital Community Benefits Report FY2010 was filed with the Attorney General's office on April 1, 2011. This technical report and accompanying summary report provides to the public important information about how our hospitals are working with our collaborative community partners to identify and address unmet health needs of disadvantaged populations on Cape Cod. The Attorney General opens this publication on June 1, 2011. The full text report will be available on the Cape Cod Healthcare website at [www.capecodhealth.org/community](http://www.capecodhealth.org/community) within the next few weeks.
- Diane Munsell: Cape Cod HealthCare is preparing a community-wide health needs assessment on-line survey and will also hold several community-wide forums.
- Brenda Swain: May 14<sup>th</sup> is the National Postal Workers Food Drive. Please leave food donation items by your mail box for pick-up by your postal carrier.
- Beverly Costa-Ciavola: Nurturing Families Program Informational Session on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12 Noon to 2 PM at Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition, 56 Barnstable Rd., Hyannis. Contact Beverly at [beverly@capecoalition.com](mailto:beverly@capecoalition.com) for more information or to RSVP.
- Special forum on the Governor's proposal which seeks to establish a single Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Agency. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Gifford 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Gifford Building at Taunton State Hospital. The forum will provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders to receive information about the reform and to hear any issues and ideas you may have as we move forward. RSVP to Dianne Young at 508-897-2022.
- Beth Albert: Dept. of Human Services is promoting County cross-department collaborations on regional programs. Conversations are underway with the Medical Reserve Corps and the Cooperative Extension.
- Candace Perry: Free webinar on May 11, 2011 at 1:00 PM is available from the Massachusetts Workplace Mental Health Initiative. Webinar offers information about common mental health disorders, particularly depression, and the costs of untreated mental illnesses to organizations. The webinar will also discuss best practices among companies that are successfully implementing preventive and practical solutions as well as free programs available to your organization. To register go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N6MRZ6G>. For questions contact Sara Herman at 781/591-5233 or email at [Sherman@MentalHealthScreening.org](mailto:Sherman@MentalHealthScreening.org)
- Candace Perry: May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Real Men, Real Depression brochures & posters as well as C&I Suicide Prevention brochures are available for distribution through your organization.
- Ron Bergstrom: Improvements to the Cape Cod Regional Transportation Authority with funding through the Recovery and Re-investment Act have increased available services and ridership on the RTA. Suggested that Paula George of CCRTA be invited to do a presentation to the HHSAC.
- Deb Battles: CAREER program open house scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 5:00 PM at Cape Cod Community College. Budget cuts to the employment system will affect job trainings at the Dept. of Transitional Assistance. The Orleans & Falmouth Unemployment offices will be closing.
- Kristin Carboni: The Freedom from Addiction Network (FAN) meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 4–5:30 PM. Meeting location has changed to 4 C's in the Tilden Arts Center. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Caronanne Procaccini: CACCI is hosting caregiver skill building workshops. Toolkits contain information on nutrition for elders, food & home safety tips, hands on skills, yoga for relaxation. Up-coming workshops: May 16 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Provincetown Senior Center, May 17 from 9:30 – 11:30 am at the Harwich Senior Center, May 19 from 9 – 11:00 am at the Barnstable Senior Center. To RSVP call 508/771-1727 ext 159.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

**NEXT MEETING: May 26, 2011, 9:00 – 10:30 AM at the Hyannis Transportation Center**