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**Barnstable County Health and Human Services Advisory Council  
Thursday, January 28, 2010  
Hyannis Transportation Center ~ 9 – 11 AM**

Barnstable County Council for Children, Youth & Families:  
Barnstable County Human Rights Commission:  
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 (At Large):  
Cape Cod Hunger Network:  
Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition:  
CAREER Collaborative:  
Community Action Committee of Cape & Islands (At Large):  
Community Benefits:  
Community Coalition of Cape Cod:  
Community Health Network Area (CHNA):  
Consumer:  
Disability Network (At Large):  
Grant Makers Collaborative:  
Leadership Council to End Homelessness:  
Legal Aid Coalition of SE Mass:  
Lower Cape Councils on Aging:  
Mid Cape Councils on Aging:  
Power in Aging Collaborative:  
Substance Abuse/Behavioral Health System:  
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):**

Kathy Quatromoni (Alt)  
Elisabeth Goldberg (Rep)  
Pat Fecher (Rep)  
Mary Ann Mills-Lassiter (Rep)

Diane Casey-Lee (Rep)  
Carol Summersall (Rep)  
Brenda Swain (Rep)  
Paul Melville (Alt)  
Deb Battles (Rep)  
Caronanne Procaccini (Alt)  
Diane Munsell (Rep)

Steve Brown (Alt)  
Jeanne Adams (Rep)  
Hadley Luddy (Alt)  
Lisa McNeill (Alt)  
Caronanne Procaccini (Rep)  
Sue Davenport (Rep)

Madeline Taylor (Alt)  
Marilyn Nouri (Rep)

Jim Long (Rep)  
Karen Cardeira (Rep), Gail Wilson (Alt)

**Staff:** Barnstable County Department of Human Services: Beth Albert, Chair, Kathie Callahan, Warren Smith & Kathleen Seymour

**Elected Officials:** Assembly of Delegates: George Bryant      Commissioners: **Sheila Lyons, Bill Doherty**

**Guests:** Belinda Centeio – BMC HealthNet, Cheryl Bushnell - BCDHS, Katie Mueller – Cape Cod Foundation (AmeriCorps), Jen Ouellette – The Register, Sarah Colvin - Cape Cod Broadcasting, Anna Henning – Full Circle (Sustainable Agriculture Youth Program), Marsie Whitehouse – South Bay Mental Health, Nicole ?

**Unable to attend:** Beverly Costa-Ciavola, Kerry Bickford

**Welcome Introductions**

Introductions were made by all in attendance. Kathie reviewed sign-in procedures.

**Approval of December minutes:**

Motion by **Pat Fecher**, seconded by **Marilyn Nouri** to accept the December minutes as written – unanimously approved.

**Meeting schedule for 2010:** Distributed. NOTE: no meetings scheduled for August or December. November meeting to be held on alternate Thursday due to Thanksgiving holiday.

**Presentation: Monitoring the Human Condition 2004-2009 Executive Summary:**

The MTHC 2004-2009 Executive Summary was distributed and discussed. Beth Albert thanked the County Commissioners, Administrators and the Assembly of Delegates for their support of this important research. She noted that the department's data analyst, Warren Smith has done research since 1995 on issues effecting Cape Codders and a large scale pilot research project in 2001 has been standardized since 2005 and is now known as the Monitoring the Human Condition Study (MTHC). Through this community based research over 2 million pieces of information have been collected and has enabled the Department to produce trends information based upon 5 years of data collected from over 4,000 households of permanent residents of Barnstable County. The data collected is one of the most comprehensive compilations of data collected by a county government and provides data rich, in-depth assessment of the demographics and overall community health of year round residents of Cape Cod. Research findings are tabulated and published in an annual Report of Findings and distributed widely to key decision makers, human service providers and elected officials.

Beth reviewed the methodology, major findings of the MTHC study, key demographic trends, increasing need for basic services, top problems identified by most needy households, service access barriers and policy implications etc. Warren noted that Barnstable County has the oldest population in New England and 97% of all the counties on the eastern seaboard have younger populations. This presents many different challenges from a Human Service standpoint for Barnstable County.

*To view or to print a copy of the MTHC study, the Executive Summary or the Report of Findings visit the Department's website at [www.bchumanservices.net](http://www.bchumanservices.net). Click on "What's New" to access direct links to each of these reports.*

**Update: Healthy and Happy Eating for All Pilot Project:**

Beth distributed and discussed two documents: 1) Status of the Data Collection progress of this project and 2) Status of Hunger in Barnstable County. Data Collection volunteer reports: Kathy Quatromoni reported she has engaged lots of assistance in gathering info on the Upper Cape. Caronanne Procaccini has been able to make many connections to gather data in the Mid Cape. She also noted that the Cape does not have many connections to collaborate with State programs. Pat Fecher noted that she has been able to gather much more info on the Outer Cape than initially anticipated. Beth reported that Katherine Wernier (not in attendance) has reported that she is busy gathering information and that they are working together on gathering data for Lower Cape Regions. Data collection will continue through February 15<sup>th</sup>. Database development began with the information on Mass 211 and continues to expand through the work of the four Cape regional volunteers on the HHSAC. Informational fact sheets will be generated with the information collected.

Beth announced that the Department of Human Services has released and broadly distributed the RFP for a Coordinator for Healthy Connected Cape Cod. RFP submission requirements are available on the Barnstable County Purchasing website at <http://purchasing.barnstablecounty.org>. Submission deadline is February 12<sup>th</sup>.

MLK Day "Hungry for Change", January 18<sup>th</sup>: AmeriCorps Cape Cod partnering with the Cape Cod Hunger Network and the Barnstable County Dept. of Human Services brought together over 150 volunteers for a food drive to restock shelves of Cape food pantries and programs. Through volunteer efforts at many local supermarkets, "healthy food" fact sheets were distributed to consumers and over 4,000 healthy food items were collected and brought to the Family Pantry for distribution to various food distribution sites. Other volunteers built frames for raised garden beds that Cape food pantries will use to grow fresh produce to distribute. They also built food collection boxes for the pantries. The drive was wrapped up with a soup dinner for the volunteers at the Dennis Church of the Nazarene

**Updates from Coalitions and Networks:**

- Brenda Swain distributed an updated Food Pantry and Feeding Programs on Cape Cod fact sheet. She noted that this week at food pantries an extra bag of food was distributed to each family. The "healthy food list" will be printed, laminated and placed in supermarkets to inform consumers about healthy food contributions. It was suggested that this list also be given to organizations i.e. churches that do regular food collections.

- Steve Brown: there is a winter Farmer's Market being held at Liberty Hall, 2150 Main St in Marstons Mills from 10 – 2 on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Paul Melville: Temporary Task Force has been set up for Grandparents raising Grandchildren. A meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cape Cod neighborhood Support Coalition, 56 Barnstable Rd. in Hyannis. The CCNSC in partnership with Family Continuity will sponsor a forum on Kinship Care for people raising another family member's children. Forum will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM @ the Barnstable Senior Center. The Governor's Commission on the status of Grandparents raising Grandchildren was conducting a series listening tours, one of which was held in Bourne. For more info go to [Capecoalition.com/grandparents](http://Capecoalition.com/grandparents).
- Deb Battles: CAREER Training Program - Free 8-week short term adult education and training program focusing on office skills and customer service skills. Next session begins February 25<sup>th</sup> @ CCCC – ACCESS Center, 540 Main St., Hyannis. Applicants must be receiving TAFDC cash benefits from DTA. Contact DTA @ 508/862-6601, Deb Battles @ 508/375-5008 or Amy Harbeck @ 508/375-5007 at the Career Training Program.
- Mary Ann Mills Lassiter distributed information on United States 2010 Census jobs. For more info call toll free at 1-866-861-2010 or visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).
- Mary Ann: Cape & Islands Regional Domestic Violence Council quarterly meeting scheduled for February 10, 2010, 9 – 10:30 AM @ CACCI, 115 Enterprise Rd., Hyannis.
- Kathy Quatromoni: Barnstable County Council for Children, Youth & Families in partnership with the Youth Congress will host their Youth Summit on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Harwich Community Center.
- Katie Mueller, AmeriCorps is working with the Cape Cod Foundation on developing a volunteer network. A drop in Center for people looking for volunteer opportunities will be available. There will be a public announcement in March and Katie will give a more detailed presentation on the volunteer network. For more information visit [www.capecodfoundation.org](http://www.capecodfoundation.org).
- Lisa McNeill, Cape Cod Foundation: Kristin O'Malley had a baby girl, Kiera Rose O'Malley on January 3, 2010.
- Lisa McNeill, CCF: Grant opportunity through the GALE Fund. Proposals must be submitted by March 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit the CCF website at [www.capecodfoundation.org](http://www.capecodfoundation.org).
- Lisa McNeill, CCF: Cape Youth Force is accepting grant proposals that aim to benefit youths in grades 6-12 on Cape & Islands. Application deadline is March 1, 2010 and applications can be found online at [www.capecodfoundation.org](http://www.capecodfoundation.org) or [www.capecodextension.org](http://www.capecodextension.org).
- Lisa McNeill, CCF: General grants with requests under \$5,000 will be accepted throughout the year. Strategic Focus Grants are requests of \$5,000 or more and have a one-c-year deadline of October 1.
- Caronanne Procaccini, Regional Network to End Homelessness: Annual Point-in-Time Homeless Count was completed on January 27<sup>th</sup>, numbers will be forthcoming.
- Caronanne Procaccini, Regional Network: Through funding of the Regional Network to End Homelessness CACCI has developed a 24/7 Telephone Triage System Pilot Project and will operate a centralized referral and emergency response system to assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk for homelessness.
- Caronanne Procaccini, CACCI: CACCI has renewed the Annual Super Nova HUD grant which is used to sustain programs to support shelter services.
- Marilyn Nouri: Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications beginning January 29<sup>th</sup> for three 3-bedroom homes in Mashpee. Application deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup> and may be picked up at the Habitat office in W. Yarmouth or the Mashpee Town Clerk. One of the builds is a WomenBuild home. Applicants must be income eligible, within 65% of median income for family size. For more information visit [www.habitatcapecod.org](http://www.habitatcapecod.org). They are also recruiting volunteers for these three builds.
- Karen Cardeira, Falmouth Human Services: Falmouth Substance Abuse Commission Community Coalition Coordinator. For more info contact Falmouth Human Services at [falhuman@falmouthhumanservices.org](mailto:falhuman@falmouthhumanservices.org) or call 508/548-0533.
- Madeline Taylor, Barnstable Senior Center: Annual Valentines Caregiver Tea on February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 at the Barnstable Senior Center.
- Madeline Taylor, Barnstable Senior Center: Heart & Soul event on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 PM at the Barnstable Senior Center. Tickets are \$15.
- "Health Speak" conference for direct care staff on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 3:00 at Cape Cod Community College. This conference is being coordinated through the CHNA and Suffolk University. For more information contact Jane Secci at Cape Cod Community College's Suffolk University office.

- Multicultural Fair on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Cape Cod Community College.

**MASS 2-1-1 Update:** Kathleen Seymour updated the HHSAC on the status of the Mass 2-1-1 project. Field testing is still underway and we are still looking for volunteers to help with this. We are making progress with incorporating information into the database. Work on marketing phase of the project in the upcoming months.

**New Business:**

Beth Albert announced that the Department of Human Services will be publishing a periodic E-newsletter with the first issue coming soon. The e-newsletter will include information on upcoming activities, events, resources and programs that are of interest to the Human Service community. Please continue to forward submission information to Kathie Callahan @ [kcallahan@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:kcallahan@barnstablecounty.org) for inclusion in the publication. All announcements must be sent in both text and pdf format for accessibility for people with disabilities. When possible include website link information.

Beth asked HHSAC members for input for future topics/presentations for HHSAC meetings. Suggestions included items such as Community-based case management, Tom Cahir from RTA, American Friends of Georgia and presentations from elected officials.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM**

**NEXT MEETING: February 25, 2010, 9 – 11:00 AM at the Hyannis Transportation Center**