

**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, June 25, 2009
Hyannis Transportation Center ~ 9 – 11 AM**

In attendance (Members):

Academy for Life Long Learning (At Large)	
Barnstable County Council for Children, Youth & Families:	Kerry Bickford (Nominee)
Barnstable County Human Rights Commission:	Jacqueline Fields
Cape & Islands HIV/AIDS Service Coordination Collaborative:	Liz DiCarlo (Alt)
Cape & Islands Regional Domestic Violence Council:	Mary Ann Mills Lassiter (Nominee)
Cape & Martha's Vineyard Community Health Center Network:	
Cape Cod Council of Churches:	Diane Casey-Lee (Rep)
Cape Cod Healthcare (At Large):	
Cape Cod Hunger Network:	Brenda Swain (Rep)
Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition:	
CAREER Collaborative:	
Community Action Committee of Cape & Islands (At Large):	Estella Fritzing (Rep)
Community Benefits:	
Community Coalition of Cape Cod:	Kristin Braun
Community Health Network Area (CHNA):	
Consumer:	Jeanne Adams (Nominee)
Disability Network (At Large):	Hadley Luddy (Nominee)
Grant Makers Collaborative:	
Leadership Council to End Homelessness:	Estella Fritzing (Alt)
Lighthouse Health Access Alliance:	
Lower Cape Councils on Aging:	
Lower Cape Health & Human Services:	
Mid Cape Councils on Aging:	
National Association for the Mentally ILL:	
Substance Abuse/Behavioral Health System:	
Town Health Departments:	
Upper Cape Councils on Aging:	
Upper Cape Health & Human Services:	Karen Cardeira (Rep), Gail Wilson (Alt)

Staff: Barnstable County Department of Human Services: Beth Albert, Chair, Kathie Callahan and Warren Smith

Elected Officials: Assembly of Delegates: George Bryant County Commissioners:

Guests: B.L. Hathaway – Tri-County Collaborative For Oral Health Excellence, Jocelyn Andrade – BMC HealthNet, Sue Davenport – So. Coastal Counties Legal Services, Thomas Ryan, Cape Cod Council of Churches

Unable to attend: Carol Summersall

Welcome Introductions

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

May minutes reviewed

Motion by **Estella Fritzing**, seconded by **Brenda Swain** to accept the May minutes with the following correction: Pg. 2, paragraph 5, remove the word "private" sector and add "government", unanimously approved with changes.

Organizational Structure of HHSAC:

Beth reviewed the previously distributed HHSAC organizational structure document re: the Purpose of the HHSAC, its composition, responsibilities of chair, appointment and terms, responsibilities of representatives and alternates, attendance, resignation, vacancies, quorums, subcommittees etc. She noted that since its previous distribution the terms paragraph had been amended and approved by the commissioners as follows: appointment terms shall be 3 year staggered terms with the first year 1/3 of membership being 1 year term, 1/3 being 2 year term and 1/3 being 3 year terms. It was asked if there can be new consortiums added to the AC and Beth noted that any suggestions for such should be brought to her attention, added to the monthly agenda and discussed among the membership before proceeding to the approval by the Commissioner's.

Motion by **Sue Davenport** to adopt the Organizational Structure document as written, seconded by **Estella Fritzinger**, unanimously approved.

2009 MTHC Trends Presentation

Warren Smith distributed copies of the power point presentation and noted that CD's are available with both this report and all MTHC studies and reports. Warren briefly gave some historical background about the MTHC studies which include data that has been gathered through the department and also includes the latest US census statistics. Today's presentation focused on demographic trends, affordability trends: trade-offs and central issues and trends in eleven key areas and the statistically significant changes. Trends discussed in the eleven key areas included food/nutrition, housing, leisure time/recreation, medical/dental, mental health, overweight/obesity, childcare, legal assistance, transportation, discrimination & work/employment. He also discussed the difference between prevalence – how widespread is the problem/barrier and Seriousness: how detrimental is the problem/barrier as it relates to these key areas. He confirmed that the Cape's "most needy" percentage has risen from 20% to 26% of the Cape's population and now include many "working poor". For a copy of the Trends presentation please contact Kathie Callahan @ kcallahan@barnstablecounty.org.

Compassion Fund – Diane Casey Lee

Diane Casey Lee & Tom Ryan, Cape Cod Council of Churches explained that due to Human Service Dept. budget cuts the Faith Community approached the County Commissioners re: setting up a Compassion Fund within the County budget. To date there has only been \$2,500 in donations deposited. There have been difficulties convening a governing board and raising additional funds and it is the thought of the Council of Churches to dissolve this fund and distribute the monies. After discussion by the group there was a motion by **Jackie Fields** and seconded by **Kerry Bickford** to table this discussion and revisit at a future meeting. Unanimously approved.

Department of Human Services Updates – Beth Albert:

- The Department of Human Services with the Resource Development office had submitted a concept paper to the AmeriCorps Vista program requesting individuals to fill 3 positions that would enhance the human service agencies work on the Cape. The concept paper was not originally accepted but Beth has now received notice that 2 positions will be funded through Vista: one will combine work on the Mass 211 project and be available to assist human service agencies in the grant writing process, the other will help coordinate volunteer efforts at the Cape Cod Foundation.
- Beth reported that the Summer Food Program will begin on Monday, June 29th. There are two open sites: Cromwell Court and Faith Assembly Church, both in Hyannis. There will be a program Kick-off celebration cook out on Wednesday, July 8th. Kathie will email the flyer to all.

Announcements:

- Jackie Fields announced that the 2nd Annual Immigrant celebration will be held the week of July 7-15 with 13 of 15 towns holding local celebrations. The County Commissioners have endorsed this endeavor. Jackie noted that it is important to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up Cape Cod and invited all to pass the word. Kathie will email the schedule of events to all.

- Gail Wilson, Mashpee Human Services noted that there are an increasing number of calls seeking counseling services. Mashpee is also putting together a Hoarding Task Force and developing policies & protocols for this issue.
- Kristin Braun distributed flyers for the Substance Abuse Collaborative meetings. They are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 4 - 5:30 pm at the Dennis Police Station. The collaborative addresses the lifespan issues of substance dependency; from prevention to treatment and beyond. All welcome. They are also accepting suggestions for a more neutral venue for these meetings.
- Liz DiCarlo reported that Hepatitis C is a silent epidemic and there was a well-attended "Get Hip to Hep" event held at the Hyannis Green.
- Sue Davenport: South Coastal Legal Services is working on priority setting. One focus will be to raise community awareness of services available.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

NEXT MEETING: July 23, 2009, from 9 – 11:00 PM at the Hyannis Transportation Center