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Barnstable County Health and Human Services Advisory Council
Thursday, March 26, 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 & Kathy Quatromoni (Nominees)
Barnstable County Human Rights Commission:	
Cape & Islands HIV/AIDS Service Coordination Collaborative:	
Cape & Islands Regional Domestic Violence Council:	Mary Ann Mills Lassiter (Nominee)
Cape & Martha's Vineyard Community Health Center Network:	
Cape Cod Council of Churches:	
Cape Cod Healthcare (At Large):	Carol Summersall (Rep)
Cape Cod Hunger Network:	Brenda Swain (Rep)
Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition:	Jennifer Sheehan (Rep)
CAREER Collaborative:	Deb Battles (Rep)
Community Action Committee of Cape & Islands (At Large):	Estella Fritzingler (Rep)
Community Benefits:	Lisette Blondet (Nominee)
Community Coalition of Cape Cod:	
Community Health Network Area (CHNA):	Beverly Costa-Ciavola (Rep), Josie Bouvier (Alt)
Consumer:	Jeanne Adams (Nominee)
Disability Network (At Large):	Sue Johnson (Nominee)
Grant Makers Collaborative:	Kristin O'Malley (Nominee)
Leadership Council to End Homelessness:	Caronanne Procaccini (Rep)
Lighthouse Health Access Alliance:	
Lower Cape Councils on Aging:	Elizabeth Smith (Rep)
Lower Cape Health & Human Services:	
Mid Cape Councils on Aging:	Karen Marciante (Rep)
National Association for the Mentally ILL:	
Substance Abuse/Behavioral Health System:	
Town Health Departments:	Terry Hayes (Rep)
Upper Cape Councils on Aging:	Jim Long (Rep)
Upper Cape Health & Human Services:	Karen Cardeira (Rep)

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

Elected Officials: Assembly of Delegates: Ø County Commissioners: Sheila Lyons

Guests: B.L. Hathaway – Tri-County Collaborative For Oral Health Excellence, Kate McHugh – BCA, Neva Flaherty – Congressman Delahunt's office, Mary Zepernick – Cape Care, William Heuss – Cape Cod Council of Churches, Dorothy Scott – Kennedy-Donovan Center, Cheryl Frye-Cromwell & Stephen Helme – Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Unable to attend: Claire Goyer, Sue Johnson, Jocelyn Andrade, Diane Casey-Lee, Shirley Lamson

Welcome Introductions

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

February minutes reviewed

Motion by Estella Fritzingler, seconded by Brenda Swain to accept the February minutes as written, unanimously approved.

Presentations:

Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Councilwoman and Health Liaison, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Council and Steve Helme, Health Advisory Committee Chairman provided information about the Health Council and its programs and services. An outline of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Warren Smith, B.C. Dept. of Human Services, provided information about the emerging picture of "most needy" from data collected in the 2008 Community Survey. The most significant change in this years data is that the percentage of most needy households has increased to 26% (compared to a fairly static 20% of households from data collected over the past 6 years), which represents a 30% increase in one year.

Lissette Blondet, of Cape Cod Healthcare, discussed Community Health Priorities of Cape Cod Healthcare discussed recent publication Salient Health Issues and asked for feedback from the Advisory Council on the priorities and key findings. The priorities for children and adolescents the priorities are mental health, obesity, and oral health. For adults the priorities are mental health and substance abuse, diabetes, and oral health. For seniors the priority is to create a Geriatric Assessment Center modeled after the Boston Medical Center model which is primary care based. The entire study will be posted on the Department's website.

Department Updates: Chair provided updates on the status of the proposed amendment to the HHSAC Ordinance which is waiting for a public hearing at the Assembly of Delegates. The date for the public hearing has not been scheduled due to a tight schedule and County budget review, therefore recommendations for nominations to the HHSAC is on hold until the Ordinance is amended.

The Budget Cut survey has been developed by Warren Smith and was sent out to HHSAC reps via email, the survey is available on-line. The Chair asked that HHSAC representatives be responsible for distributing the survey to members of their respective collations and networks. Department will collect data over next several weeks and depending on response may reissue the request for participation in an effort to collect data to get a comprehensive picture of how human service organizations on the Cape have been affected and the impact of cuts on programs and services.

April HHSAC meeting has been rescheduled to April 17th at 10:00 am to accommodate our guest speaker Mark Forrest from Congressman Delahunt's office. Several people asked if the meeting could be videotaped and the Chair agreed to look into making those arrangements.

Announcements:

Terry Hayes from Dennis Health Department updated the group on the closing of the Jonathan Edwards motel in Dennisport. There are 26 units involved. Chair agreed to send out information to the HHSAC about a community resource forum that the town is organizing to connect displaced tenants with housing and legal resources. This is also part of a larger discussion about health and safety violations in other motels in Dennis and other areas across the Cape. Estella Fritzingler will bring this issue to the Leadership Council Executive Committee next week.

Due to the fact that there was no official recorder of minutes for the meeting, Kathie Callahan was attending a grant workshop, the Chair asked that anyone making announcements forward a brief summary of their announcements so that they could be reflected in the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 17, 2009, 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM @ Hyannis Transportation Center.

*****NOTE: April meeting rescheduled to accommodate guest speaker, Mark Forest, Chief of Staff from Congressman Delahunt's office – presentation on The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.***