

**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, May 28, 2009  
Hyannis Transportation Center ~ 9 – 11 AM**

Academy for Life Long Learning (At Large)  
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:  
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:

In attendance (Members):

Kathy Quatromoni (Nominees)  
Jacqueline Fields  
Pat Fecher  
Mary Ann Mills Lassiter (Nominee)  
Claire Goyer  
  
Carol Summersall (Rep)  
Brenda Swain (Rep), Mary Anderson (Alt)  
  
Deb Battles (Rep)  
Estella Fritzingler (Rep)  
  
Beverly Costa-Ciavola (Rep)  
Jeanne Adams (Nominee)  
Hadley Luddy (Alt – nominee)  
Kristin O'Malley (Nominee)  
  
Elizabeth Smith (Rep)  
  
Karen Marciante (Rep)  
  
Terry Hayes (Rep)  
Jim Long (Rep)  
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: Sheila Lyons

Guests: B.L. Hathaway – Tri-County Collaborative For Oral Health Excellence, Neva Flaherty – Congressman Delahunt's office, Michelle Fernandes - Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Jocelyn Andrade – BMC HealthNet, Sue Davenport – So. Coastal Counties Legal Services

Unable to attend:

**Welcome Introductions**

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

**March minutes reviewed**

Motion by Claire Goyer, seconded by Karen Cardeira to accept the March minutes as written, unanimously approved.

**Survey Monkey Data on Budget Cuts:**

Warren Smith reported that the Dept. of Human Services had posted a survey on Survey Monkey in February and emailed the link to the Advisory Council Members with a request that members pass the link on to their consortiums. The Dept. is collecting data on agencies and organizations on the Cape that have been effected by State budget cuts. Warren distributed a status report on the data collected thus far with 15 agencies responding to the survey to date. As this is an on-going project the link will again be emailed to Council members in the hopes that it will be forwarded to members of their consortium in order to compile a comprehensive report of the economic impact of budget cuts to health & human service agencies on the Cape.

### **2009 MTHC Preliminary Findings**

Warren reported that the Preliminary 2009 Edition of the MTHC study is completed and distributed an overview report of the Study Findings. Beth & Warren noted that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the study and they will be working on a 5-year comparison analysis and in depth Executive Summary. Publication of the Final report is scheduled for the Fall. Warren also noted that he is currently preparing the Trends Analysis with a presentation of findings scheduled for the June HHSAC meeting.

Warren noted that there were several new questions in the survey this year focusing on 1) cost of living and trade-offs families were making in order to provide basic human needs and 2) help sought and how satisfied were you with the results. Analysis shows that the "Most Needy" group jumped from 20% to 26% of the Cape population which is a 30% increase in 1 year. Many "working individuals and families" joined the most needy group – emphasizing that even those that are working are experiencing financial hardship resulting in more anxiety, stress, and depression than the overall population.

*The Preliminary 2009 MTHC report can be found on the department website @ [www.bchumanservices.net](http://www.bchumanservices.net) under Data & Statistics – Publications/Monitoring the Human Condition and is also available on CD by contacting Kathie Callahan at 508/375-6628. (The power point report presented by Warren today is attached.)*

### **Senior Community Service Employment Program – Betty Pease, Program Director**

Betty Pease from Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands spoke to the group about the Senior Community Service Employment Program. This federally funded program covers the Cape & the Islands and provides "A Bridge Back to Work" for income-eligible individuals 55 yrs or older through a paid training and/or work experience; to revitalize job skills in the transition to full or part-time positions outside the program. 60-70 persons are currently enrolled in the program and it has received additional funding which will accommodate approx. 10 more individuals to work in either the government or non-profit sector. Also known as the "Mature Workers Program", it provides paid community service assignments and on-the-job training with the goal of helping participants gain the skills that they need to return to the regular workforce. For more information call Betty Pease at Elder Services of Cape & Islands @ 508/394-4630.

### **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 accepted but the County has been encouraged to re-apply in September 2009.
- The Department has hired a consultant, Cheryl Bushnell, to help re-design the Human Services website, design department brochure and related materials and build a comprehensive on-line "clearinghouse" of human service related information. She will also develop a public relations message to highlight the work of the County, the Department and human service providers and programs.
- The Department submitted an amendment to the Assembly of Delegates to provide for changes to the member terms of appointments to the Barnstable County Health & Human Services Advisory Council to 3 year terms. The Assembly adopted the amendment on May 20, 2009 and was approved by the County Commissioners on May 27, 2009. Beth is now preparing a final list of nominees and their term dates to submit to the Commissioners for approval.

- The Dept of Human Services resource locator data has been transferred to Mass 2-1-1. The Department is working with the United Way and the State to get Cape Cod agencies info on and updated on the Mass 2-1-1 resource locator to provide accurate and comprehensive data and resource information for the Cape & Islands.

#### **Announcements:**

- Terry Hayes from Dennis Health Department updated the group on the closing of the Jonathan Edwards motel in Dennisport. He thanked the Dept. of Human Services and the HHSAC agencies who responded so quickly to help connect displaced tenants with housing and legal resources. There were 28 units involved and to date, individuals occupying 25 units have been re-housed and help is still being sought for the occupants of the remaining 3 units who presently do not qualify for financial assistance. This is also part of larger health and safety violations in 5 other motels identified in Dennis and other areas across the Cape. Three of the motels are moving forward to resolve the issues including the Jonathan Edwards motel.
- Jackie Fields of the Human Rights Commission noted that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that the HRC is moving forward to support the immigrant population on the Cape. There are many immigrant celebrations planned July 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> and Jackie will forward announcements to Kathie Callahan to email out to everyone.
- Jeanne Adams: Survey in the Falmouth Enterprise to gather data on the issues people are having accessing services in Falmouth.
- Carol Summersall: Monitoring the Human Condition Forum at Falmouth Hospital in the Faxon Conference Center hosted by the Women's Health Care Task Force on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 9:30 AM.
- George Bryant: reported on a paper on 11 different immigrant groups inhabiting Cape Cod.
- Beverly Costa-Ciavola: Suicide Prevention Coalition is moving forward with strategic planning and the hiring of a coordinator for the youth grant. Bev, Tim Lineaweaver and Beth Albert attended the Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting in Sturbridge last week. The Coalition is also planning a marketing strategy to include a community event.
- Beverly: The CHNA will host the Department of Public Health at the June meeting. DPH will be presenting "Suicide 101" – All welcome to attend. CHNA meeting is scheduled for June 11, from 9 – 11 AM @ the Superior Courthouse. DPH presentation will begin at approximately 9:45 and continue into the Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting which is held immediately following the CHNA.
- Deb Battles: Luncheon meeting hosted by CAREER on 6/11 from 11:30 – 1:30, 540 Main St., Hyannis CCCC's campus to discuss the results of their Cape Cod Workforce Survey.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM**

**NEXT MEETING: June 25, 2009, 9 – 11:00 PM at the Hyannis Transportation Center**