



**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, September 24, 2009
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)
Jacqueline Fields (Rep)
Pat Fecher (Rep), Lis DiCarlo (Alt)
Mary Ann Mills Lassiter (Rep)

Diane Casey-Lee (Rep), Shirley Lamson (Alt)
Carol Summersall (Rep)
Brenda Swain (Rep)
Beverly Costa-Ciavola (Rep)
Deb Battles (Rep), Terry Huff (Alt)
Estella Fritzinger (Rep)

Katherine Wernier (Rep), Steve Brown (Alt)
Jeanne Adams (Rep)

Kristin O'Malley (Rep)
Caronanne Procaccini (Rep)
Sue Davenport (Rep)

Karen Marciante (Rep)
Marilyn Nouri (Rep)
Tim Lineaweaver (Rep)

BL Hathaway (Rep)

Karen Cardeira (Alt), 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 Commissioners: Sheila Lyons

Guests: Belinda Centeio – BMC HealthNet, Josie Bouvier - Life Inc., Diane Munsell – Cape Cod Hospital, Terri Ahern – Cape Cod Healthcare, Jane DeGroot – Duffy Health Center,

Unable to attend: Claire Goyer, Jan Timmons, David Reidy, Karen Gardner

Welcome Introductions

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

July minutes reviewed:

Motion by Estelle Fritzinger, seconded by Beverly Costa-Ciavola to accept the July minutes as written – unanimously approved.

Update from Data Subcommittee & discussion on “putting research into action”:

This subcommittee had been asked to help the Dept. identify areas of focus for future research building upon the data collected over the last five years in the Monitoring the Human Condition study. Beth Albert reported that the data subcommittee had met several times over the summer and while initial discussions focused on research topics, the discussion moved quickly from a “needs” framework to one focusing on the theme of informed action and opportunities for the HHSAC to engage its members and their respective networks to build a healthier community on Cape Cod. The HHSAC needs a new focus/framework in which our assets and strengths are front and center rather than our disadvantages and unmet needs. We want to capitalize on our strengths, resources and assets and focus on CONNECTING the Cape Cod Community to existing resources.

There was discussion around some branding themes suggested by the Data subcommittee as well as “what does the HHSAC want to achieve”. Next Steps: 1) Expand the data group and establish a planning group to develop a healthy community project and 2) Get feedback from HHSAC member networks to help establish concrete goals. It was also noted that group needs to look at preventative solutions i.e. “be and stay healthy” vs. “meet the growing demand” and to build off already existing services vs. creating new ones. Group discussed coming up with a concrete pilot project and Beth asked members to share the questions with their networks on the last page of her hand out. Kathie will send questions electronically to members for discussion with networks prior to the October meeting.

Update on the school-based health center closings:

Diane Munsell of Cape Cod Hospital updated the group on the school-based health center closings at Cape Cod Tech and Barnstable High School. She affirmed that the hospital is looking at alternatives to how they can continue to meet the student and community needs. Terri Ahern reported that discussions are in progress to access funding for the health centers. Beth read a statement from Dave Reidy who was unable to attend today's meeting. “The Mid-Upper Cape Community Health Center is aware of the Barnstable High School student health center services issue. They are in discussion with the high school and there is an evaluation in progress to decide whether this is something the CHC can consider taking on in the future.”

After extensive discussion surrounding this issue and following several motions and friendly amendments, BL Hathaway made a motion, seconded by Jackie Fields (with abstentions from Estella Fritzinger, Tim Lineaweaver, Carol Summersall and Warren Smith) to send a letter to CCHC urging them to continue funding to the School Based Health Centers at Barnstable High School and Cape Cod Regional Tech High School until a licensed entity could take over operations at the Centers. In addition the letter request that CCHC notify the health and human service community regarding further funding cuts or actions that require closure of critical community based programs in order to inform community and engage potential partners in transition plans.

Mass 2-1-1 presentation – Kathleen Seymour, AmeriCorps VISTA/Dept of Human Services

Kathleen is with Americorps Vista, working in the Department of Human Services on the Mass 2-1-1 project along with Ronnie Gullette. She noted that Mass 2-1-1 is the free, 24-hour telephone hotline and internet database for referral and information about health and human services. Individuals and providers have instant access to local health & human service agencies, and national programs and hotlines which include information, resources and support for basic human needs, physical and mental health, disability, employment, elder, children & family services. MEMA has designated 2-1-1 as the official contact line and database for receiving information during a statewide crisis and also provides relief for the 9-1-1 hotline. Funding for Mass 2-1-1 is provided by United Way, MEMA and the Executive Office of Health & Human Services.

Kathleen gave a brief tutorial how to search for services through 2-1-1 on-line, how to find out if agencies are already listed in the 2-1-1 database and how to establish your organization on 2-1-1 if not already listed. She stressed the need for all agencies already listed to update their information to ensure accurate information is disseminated to clients using this resource locator. For further assistance/questions or to sign up for an in-service training please contact Kathleen at kseymour@barnstablecounty.org or Tel: 508/375-6628 or Ronnie Gullette at ronniegullette@comcast.net or Tel: 508/277-3008.

Announcements:

- ◆ Cape Cod Immigrant Center event, September 30th @ 7 PM in Waquoit
- ◆ Cape Cod Foundation: Community Forums – 9/24 @ Falmouth Art Center, 10/1 at Cultural Center of Cape Cod, 10/8 at Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. For more info to go www.capecodfoundation.org or call 508/790-3040
- ◆ Beverly Costa-Ciavola: Suicide Prevention Coalition has elected a steering committee and is working on strategic plan. SPC meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:15 in Rm 11/12 of Barnstable Superior Courthouse.
- ◆ Gail Wilson: Mashpee Human Services is taking Fuel Assistance applications for persons under age of 60.
- ◆ Sue Davenport: Southcoastal County Legal Services has acquired several private attorneys to do pro bono work.
- ◆ Beth: HHSAC Data/Planning subcommittee – next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 1 @ 1 PM, Rm 11/12
- ◆ Barnstable County Dept. of Human Services is sponsoring an ADA conference on October 23rd at Dennis Church of Nararene. Brochures/registration forms distributed.
- ◆ Steve Brown: flyers distributed for five free trainings offered by Compassion Massachusetts, an initiative of the Cape Cod Justice for Youth Collaborative, Cape Cod Youth Empowerment Initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2009, 9 – 11:00 AM at the Hyannis Transportation Center