

**CAPE AND ISLANDS SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION  
MEETING NOTES  
October 8, 2009**

**Present:**

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| Tim Lineaweaver, Community Health Center           | Patrick Wendell, Wendell Marketing                       |
| Beth Albert – Barnstable County Human Services     | Beverly Costa-Ciavola, CC Neighborhood Support Coalition |
| Kathie Callahan, Barnstable County Human Services  | Paul Wild, Elder Services of Cape Cod                    |
| Maryanne Worth, Nantucket Human Services           | Barry Feldman, MA Coalition for Suicide Prevention       |
| Kate McHugh, BCA                                   | Steve Ryan, Dept. of Children & Families                 |
| Sally-Anne Imes, Town of Barnstable Youth Services | Leslie Moreland, MSPCC                                   |
| Scott Fitzmaurice, CIGSYA                          | Gail Wilson, Mashpee Human Services                      |
| Sue Rohrbach, Senator Rob O’Leary’s Aide           | Steve Brown, UMass Donahue, Youth Empowerment Initiative |
| Jenny Garneau, Dept. of Mental Health, Nantucket   | Kathleen Seymour -Barnstable County Human Services       |
| Ingrid Muzy Murray, MUCCHC                         | Katherine Wernier, CC Coalition for At Risk Elders       |
| Beth Biro, Children’s Cove                         | Belinda Centeio, BMC HealthNet Plan                      |
| Ben Caswell, Wendell Marketing                     | Maura Wilson, Samaritans on C&I                          |
| Rick Bickford, VNA of Cape Cod/Hospice Program     | Maura Weir, Youth Suicide Grant Project Mgr.             |
| Kathy Quatromoni, DA’s office                      | Sharon Powell, Town of Chatham Youth Services            |
| Cathy Thomas, DMH Crisis Team                      | Sheila House, Town of Harwich Youth Counselor            |
| Kathleen Shine-O’Brien, Mass Maritime Academy      | Kerry Bickford, Barnstable County 4H/UMass Extension     |
| Steve Jochim, DMH                                  |  |

Unable to attend: Mark Abbott

**Review Meeting notes from August meeting**

**Bev Costa-Ciavola motioned, seconded by Kate McHugh** to approve September meeting notes as written – unanimously approved.

**Update on Coalition Steering Committee**

It was reported that the Steering Committee has elected officers as follows: Chair – Tim Lineaweaver, Vice Chair – Beth Albert, Secretary – Scott Fitzmaurice, and Treasurer – Beverly Costa-Ciavola.

Status of formation of working groups. At the September Coalition meeting the following working groups were discussed: Marketing – Beth Albert, Chair, Event Planning – Beverly Costa-Ciavola, Chair, Youth Project – Maura Weir, Chair, Membership – Steve Ryan, Chair, Elder Issues/Needs – Gail Wilson, Chair, Political Advocacy – Bill Doherty, Chair, Fundraising – no chair to date, members include Emily Bachand, Tim Lineaweaver & Maryanne Worth. Each group should have a S/C member as chair or co-chair. Working groups will be charged with developing a written statement of their purpose, goals & objectives and submit to the Steering Committee for review. Each group will also be responsible for keeping meeting notes and forwarding them to the Steering Committee as well. Meeting notes from the S/C and all working groups will be collectively forwarded to all members of the Coalition for their review. **Jenny Garneau motioned, seconded by Kathleen Shine-Obrien** to accept the current list of working groups: Marketing, Event Planning, Youth Project, Membership, Elder Issues/Needs, Political Advocacy, & Fundraising with notation that this list could be expanded in the future. Motion was approved with the exception of Katherine Wernier voting no.

Katherine Wernier noted that consideration still needs to be given to those adults who do not fall into the “youth” or “elder” category. **Katherine Wernier motioned, seconded by Kate McHugh** to add the following: No working group or individual may act unilaterally on behalf of the Suicide Prevention Coalition. There was no formal vote taken but it was suggested that there be further discussion and clarification before this is brought to the Coalition for a vote.

Paul Wild joined the Elder working group and Kate McHugh offered to co-chair the youth group.

Tim noted that the Coalition is making considerable progress with strategic planning in light of recent events i.e. suicide completions in Barnstable.

### **Fiscal Agent for Coalition**

Discussion re: who should be the Fiscal agent for the Suicide Prevention Coalition. The Coalition has already received an anonymous donation for use in marketing/PR expenses and the goal is to continue to raise funds for the Coalition. Beth Albert noted that the Cape Cod Foundation is the fiscal agent for the CHNA and charges CHNA a 4% one-time fee for each deposit and can provide fiscal agent services for this Coalition as well. Beth also noted that Barnstable County should also be considered. There would be no fees involved, however, County procurement procedures would need to be followed for purchases and contracted services. After some discussion **Paul Wild motioned, seconded by Jenny Garneau** to contact the Cape Cod Foundation for follow-up re: fiscal agent services for the SP Coalition.

### **Update on DMH/Response in Barnstable – Kathy Thomas, DMH**

Kathy discussed the role of DMH in detail in regards to the response of recent events in Barnstable. She noted that DMH has offered their 1-800/322-1356 crisis hotline number, available 24/7 and connects individuals with their crisis team who can triage issues and link individuals directly to services. She clarified that DMH will not deny anyone pertaining to ability to pay i.e. free care and Medicare however, they do not have the ability to provide direct services for those with private insurance but do make diligent efforts to link those individuals to services and agencies i.e. Cape Cod Hospital. Kathy offered to ask DMH to forward to the SPC a written copy of the process they use for triage and linking to services.

### **Mass Coalition for Suicide Prevention – Barry Feldman, MCSP**

Barry is the Co-chair of the MCSP along with Kim Gleason. He noted that the Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition (SPC) is a regional coalition and considered members of the MCSP. This entitles the SPC to use resources i.e. trainings, and apply for on-going funding support from the MCSP. Barry encouraged attendance at MCSP state meetings and noted that Tim Lineaweaver, as Chair of the SPC is a member of the MCSP Executive Committee. The next state MCSP general membership meeting will be held on 11/9/09 in Wellesley.

### **Update on Youth Project**

Maura Weir reported that the International Suicide Prevention Day event on September 10<sup>th</sup> went very well with great speakers including two family members of suicide victims. Donations have been received in memory of those victims. Maura attended the Frameworks training, PTSM training, and the Ounce of Prevention Conference. She noted there has been lots of media surrounding suicide issues. She is also nearing the completion of distributing and collecting the Needs Assessment Tool and encouraged those who have not submitted theirs to do so ASAP. The Youth Project working group generally meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3:30 – 5:00 PM at CIGSYA and encouraged members to join the group to share ideas and strategies.

### **Working Group Reports**

Event Planning: held the Connect Training, 40 people in attendance, successful event w/ positive feedback. Group is planning a “train the trainers” session and discussing other possible events. It was suggested that this group compile a matrix of trainings with dates etc. to disseminate information and updates to Coalition members. Barry Feldman also noted that DPH offers trainings

as well. Steve Jochim noted there will be a follow-up with Robert Macy on 11/2, location and time TBD.

Youth Project: Maura reported that the group is discussing a Walk event. It will not be for the purposes of fundraising but a "memory walk" for suicide victims and their survivors. She asked the Coalition to approve the group going forward with these plans. **Jenny Garneau motion, seconded by Kerry Bickford**, unanimously approved for the Youth Project working group to go forward with these plans. It was noted however, that the group needs to clarify the role & responsibilities of clinicians asked to attend this event for support reasons.

### **New Business**

Scott Fitzmaurice noted that consideration needs to be given to varying meeting times to accommodate those that can not make the current morning meetings. S/C will put on their agenda for next meeting. Tim also noted their needs to be discussion regarding having meetings accessible to the general public, possibly quarterly in the evening.

A grant was submitted to the United Way for \$26,500 to be used for training and marketing.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 AM at the Barnstable Superior Courthouse, Rms 11/12.