

## Section 2. Preliminary Research

### Prior Human Services Needs Assessment Research

Seven health and human services needs assessment research studies have been conducted over the past decade on Cape Cod. These studies, some as recent as 2009, and others dating to 1998, have all assessed the needs of Cape Cod's permanent, year-round resident population for human services, including the need for healthcare services.

Each project studied a somewhat different aspect of the "human condition" of the resident population of Barnstable County. Each, in its own way, continues to contribute to a growing body of the needs for healthcare and other human services of our residents.

These seven community-based research efforts (sometimes called participatory or "action research" projects) consisted of the collection of quantitative data through the use of survey questionnaires, qualitative data through focused discussions (community forums) and open-ended survey questions, and secondary data gathered from local resources such as government agencies and human service provider organizations.

For the reader's reference, a brief summary of the important characteristics of the latest of these studies, *The Monitoring The Human Condition on Cape Cod Study*, is provided in Appendix 1.a, Methodology

These seven studies are the following:

#### Studies Conducted Between 2004 - 2008:

***Monitoring The Human Condition on Cape Cod Study: 2005 – 2009 Annual Findings Reports:*** (set of five Reports) *Annual Report of Findings - 2009, Survey Research Findings and Latest U.S. Census Statistics – 2009, Monitoring The Human Condition on Cape Cod Study, April 2009.* Available on CD-ROM and online at: <http://www.bchumanservices.net/data-and-statistics/data-and-statistics-publications/needs-assessments/monitoring-the-human-condition-on-cape-cod-studies/>

#### Studies Conducted in 2003:

***Cape Cod Senior and Elderly Residents in The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project Reports:***  
*Volume 1: Findings From Preliminary Research: Re-Analysis of Six Prior Human Services Needs Assessment Studies, May 2003.*  
*Volume 2, Findings From Survey Research: Analysis of 2003 Needs Assessment Survey, April 2004.*  
*Volume 3, Cape Cod's Senior/Elder Populations, Past, Present, and Future, April 2004.*  
All three volumes of this Report are available on CD-ROM and online at: <http://www.bchumanservices.net/data-and-statistics/data-and-statistics-publications/needs-assessments/seniorelder-reports/>

#### Studies Conducted in 2002:

***Cape Cod & Islands Elder Caregivers Needs Assessment – 2002 Project: Survey of Cape Cod & Islands Seniors, Findings Report:***  
*Report of Findings of Cape Cod & Islands Elder Caregiver Needs Assessment – 2002, December 2002.* Available on CD-ROM and online at: <http://www.bchumanservices.net/data-and-statistics/data-and-statistics-publications/needs-assessments/seniorelder-reports/cape-cod-islands-elder-caregiver-needs-assessment-report/>

## Studies Conducted in 2001:

### **The Human Condition 2001 Project Findings Reports:**

#### **Household Survey** (Residents)

*The Human Condition 2001, Initial Report of Research Findings, Volume 1, May 2002.*

*The Human Condition 2001, Initial Report of Research Findings, Volume 2, May 2002.*

Available on CD-ROM and online at:

<http://www.bchumanservices.net/data-and-statistics/data-and-statistics-publications/needs-assessments/monitoring-the-human-condition-on-cape-cod-studies/>

#### **Key Informant Survey** (Community Leaders)

*The Human Condition 2001, Initial Report of Research Findings, Volume 1, May 2002.*

Available on CD-ROM and online at:

<http://www.bchumanservices.net/volume-1-survey-research-and-focused-discussion-findings/>

## Studies Conducted in 2000:

### **Cape Cod Household Transportation Survey Findings Report:**

*Cape Cod Household Transportation Survey, November 2000.* Available

on CD-ROM and online at:

<http://www.bchumanservices.net/data-and-statistics/data-and-statistics-publications/needs-assessments/transportation-studies/cape-cod-household-transportation-study-2000/>

## Studies Conducted in 1998:

### **Community Health Needs Assessment Project (CHNAP) Findings Report:**

*Community Health Needs Assessment Project: The Under-Served of Cape Cod,*

September 1998. Available on CD-ROM and online at:

<http://www.bchumanservices.net/data-and-statistics/data-and-statistics-publications/needs-assessments/studies-of-healthcare-access/1998-healthcare-access-study-of-under-served-populations-community-health-needs-assessment-study-chnap/>

### **Barnstable County 1998 Healthcare Access Study: Benchmark Survey**

*Findings Report: 1998.* Available on CD-ROM and online at:

<http://www.bchumanservices.net/data-and-statistics/data-and-statistics-publications/needs-assessments/studies-of-healthcare-access/1998-barnstable-county-healthcare-access-study-benchmark-survey/>

## Publications of Needs Assessment Findings Reports:

Results from analyses of quantitative, qualitative, and secondary data have been previously published in individual findings reports. All of these reports are available in printed form and many of the reports are available on CD-ROM and on the Barnstable County Dept. of Human Services web site. Interested readers are invited to review the in-depth findings reports for each of these prior research projects.

### **Obtaining a Report on CD-ROM:**

Contact the Barnstable County Department of Human Services for a CD-ROM copy of any of these reports at (508) 375-6628.

### **Viewing a Report on the Web:**

All needs assessment reports published by the Barnstable County Dept. of Human Services are available on the web at: <http://www.bchumanservices.net/data-and-statistics/data-and-statistics-publications/needs-assessments/>