



**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 22, 2011
Hyannis Transportation Center ~ 9:00–10:30 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 & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition:
Cape & Martha's Vineyard Community Health Center Network:
Cape Cod Council of Churches:
Cape Cod Healthcare:
Cape Cod Hunger Network:
Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition:
CAREER Collaborative:
Community Action Committee of Cape & Islands:
Community Benefits:
Community Health Network Area (CHNA):
Consumer:
Disability Network:
Grant Makers Collaborative:
Legal Aid Coalition of SE Mass:
Lower Cape Councils on Aging:
Mid Cape Councils on Aging:
Power in Aging Collaborative:
Regional Network to Address Homelessness:
Substance Abuse:
Town Health Departments:
Oral Health Excellence Collaborative:
Upper Cape Councils on Aging:
Upper Cape Health & Human Services:
Wampanoag Tribal Health Center:

In attendance (Members):

Kathy Quatromoni (Rep)
Ingrid Muzy Murray (Rep)
Kristin St. Onge (Rep)
Jeff Ryan (Rep), Caronanne Procaccini (Alt)

Heidi Nelson (Rep)

Brenda Swain (Rep)
Beverly Costa-Ciavola (Rep)

Caronanne Procaccini (Alt)

Katherine Wernier (Rep), Steve Brown (Alt)

Hadley Luddy (Rep)

Elizabeth Smith (Rep)

Marleen Spengler (Alt)
Caronanne Procaccini (Rep)
Kate McHugh (Rep), Karen Cardeira (Rep)

BL Hathaway (Rep)
Jim Long (Rep)
Karen Cardeira (Rep)

Staff: Barnstable County Department of Human Services: Beth Albert, Kathie Callahan

Elected Officials: Assembly of Delegates: Ø County Commissioners:

Guests: George Bryant, Phyllis Whitney - CCCC/ACCESS, Stefanie Coxe & Leif Walcutt - Congressman Keating's office, Sue Rohrbach - Senator Wolf's office, Christin Marshall - AmeriCorps Cape Cod, Joe Carleo - AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod,

Unable to attend: Jeanne Adams

Welcome/Introductions:

Approval of July minutes: Motion by **Beverly Costa-Ciavola**, seconded by **Brenda Swain** to accept the July minutes as written – Motion approved.

MLK Day Project – Christin Marshall, AmeriCorps: MLK Day falls on January 16, 2012. AmeriCorps has applied for a \$5,000 grant for funding projects on this national day of service and Barnstable County will match this funding with \$2,500. Projects are coordinated through AmeriCorps Cape Cod and must be completed on 1/16/12 utilizing community volunteers. Christin distributed a history of past projects as well as the Intent to Apply Form (Due October 3rd) and Service Project Proposal form (due October 14th). Christin explained that projects could be

various in size or scope, involve just one agency/organization or be a collaborative effort of several groups. Over the past several years the HHSAC has made recommendations regarding potential service projects for MLK Day. Several great collaborative ideas were suggested during discussion. These projects included but were not limited to: A Family Health Day to include educational information booths for parent's i.e. oral health, Mass Health info & enrollment etc. and activities for children i.e. arts & crafts etc. and give-aways. Suggested to tie in *No Place for Hate* program also. Location suggestions: Cromwell Court, Mashpee Village. For more information or an application for the National MLK Day of Service contact Christin Marshall at cmarshall@barnstablecounty.org.

Role of the HHSAC – Continued Discussion from July meeting led by Beth Albert: At the July meeting Beth reviewed re: Powers, Duties & Responsibilities of the HHSAC as outlined in the County Ordinance. The HHSAC its primary purpose is to develop a Human Services Plan. To that end, Beth engaged the HHSAC in a discussion on how the HHSAC could be structured to achieve this purpose.

Beth organized the group's comments from the July meeting and group reviewed 4 wall charts that were organized into four categories: **Improved Collaboration, Structure & Plan, Data Collection and Specific Projects**. In addition, there were several underlying themes from the comments from the July meeting: HHSAC can be an agent of change. HHSAC is an ideal place for collaboration. HHSAC must maximize the "brain trust" in its membership. HHSAC must effectively communicate with County government. HHSAC should adopt a strength-based approach. Beth's questioned the group to review what it had stated in July and identify what is missing from this list.

Additional comments:

- Promote town Human Services Departments.
- Survey communities on an on-going basis.
- Standardized town data gathering. Include 1 page questionnaire with annual town census mailing.
- Gather data on immigrant mental health needs/issues.
- Structured conversation between CHNA and HHSAC could produce opportunities for alignment between the two.
- Meeting should focus on updates from HHSAC Representatives and Alternates re: what individual consortia are focusing on.
- Plan should include "next steps".
- Include business community in conversations.
- Reach populations not currently being reached.
- HHSAC can be catalyst to raise awareness and visibility of services available.
- Remove stigma around asking what services are available.
- Key is integration of services.
- Define the role of the Dept. of Human Services vs. the Health & Human Services Advisory Council.

Next steps: Beth will add comments from this discussion with comments from last month and formulate next steps to move process along and bring back to HHSAC. She will bring back to group at December meeting.

Updates & Announcements from HHSAC Representatives & Alternates:

- Marleen Spengler representing Power In Aging: Marleen noted recent Cape Cod Times series that highlighted the view that there is a lack of collaboration of programs that serve seniors/elders.. In response, PIAC is hosting the C5 Summit, scheduled for October 25, 2011 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Corpus Christi Parish Center, 324 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd, E. Sandwich. Summit is focused on creating the Continuing Care Connection on Cape Cod and will engage in a review of long term care options on Cape Cod for people with chronic health issues including services to seniors/elder. PIAC has been working on a project to connect transportation services with elders.
- Caronanne Procaccini – Regional Network to Address Homelessness: CoC RFP will be released in October for \$45,000 in HUD funding to be used for chronically homeless individuals to help fill the gaps in services.

- Heidi Nelson: Community Health Centers are engaging in conversation re: how they can meet the needs of those people impacted by the recent closing of several treatment offices in region.
- Ingrid Muzy Murray - Human Rights Commission: The next Human Rights Academy is scheduled for November 17th. The H.R. Academy brings together high school students to share stories and projects that promote equal human rights. The next International Human Rights Day is being planned for December 10th, location on Cape Cod TBD.
- Sue Rohrbach: Participated in a Para-transit listening session. Look into bringing similar session to Cape Cod.
- BL Hathaway: 4th year that the Oral Health Excellence Collaborative is receiving funding from Denta Quest. This funding helps provide education programs, trainings, prevention programs and programs that serve the elder population.
- Kathy Quatromoni: DA's office has attorneys available that specialize in elder law.
- Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition is partnering with the Suicide Prevention Youth Project on several events.
- Katherine Weiner announced that Liz Smith was named Director of the Year by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging Association.
- Steve Brown: CHNA will be participating in an Inter CHNA conference.
- Brenda Swain: The Cape Cod Hunger Network is pleased that The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) has negotiated agreements with over 20 major grocery stores on behalf of their member agencies. These stores are freezing all varieties of meat the date is goes out of code and then donating it to the GBFB for the members to access. This has provided a huge additional resource of protein rich meats to our Cape Network. Additionally the network pantries have been able to choose these items thanks to the shared freezers we have in three locations throughout the Cape. The funding for those units came from Barnstable County, The Kelley Foundation, and a Cape Cod Foundation Donor Advised Fund. Collaborations such as these between the business community and non-profits are what help all of us during these difficult economic times.
- Karen Cardeira: Trend in state to combine departments within town governments under the heading of "Community Services"

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2011, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
at the Hyannis Transportation Center

NOTE: NO OCTOBER MEETING

Due to Holidays – November & December meetings will be combined
And scheduled for December 1, 2011