



**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, April 26, 2018, 9:00 –11:00AM
Harborview Conference Room, Barnstable County Complex**

Barnstable County Human Services	
Barnstable County Commissioners Appointed Representative:	
Barnstable County Human Rights Commission:	
Barnstable County Regional Substance Abuse Council:	
Behavioral Health Provider Coalition of Cape & Islands:	Diane Ofria (Rep), Dan Gray (Alt)
Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office:	Kathy Quatromoni (Rep)
Cape & Islands Health Agents Coalition:	
Cape & Islands Maternal Depression Task Force:	
Cape & Islands Regional Domestic Violence Council:	Cheryl Crowell (Rep)
Cape & Islands Regional Network on Homelessness:	
Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition:	
Cape & Martha's Vineyard Community Health Center Network:	
Cape Cod Child Development:	
Cape Cod Family Resource Center of Family Continuity:	Paul Melville (Rep)
Cape Cod Grant Makers Collaborative:	
Cape Cod Healthcare Community Benefits:	Lisa Guyon (Rep)
Cape Cod Hunger Network:	
Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition:	
Children's Cove:	Kristine Monteiro (Alt)
Community Action Committee of Cape & Islands:	
Community Health Network Area (CHNA):	
Community Network of Cape Cod:	
Councils on Aging Serving Together (COAST):	Madeline Noonan (Rep)
Disability Network:	Cathy Taylor (Rep)
Elder Services of Cape & Islands:	Ellen McDonough (Rep)
South Coastal Counties Legal Services:	Ray Yox (Rep)
Tri-County HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis C Consortium of Cape & Islands:	
Upper Cape Health & Human Services:	Gail Wilson (Rep)
Wampanoag Tribal Health Center:	
YMCA Cape Cod:	Stacie Peugh (Rep)

In attendance (Members):

Beth Albert (Chair)

Diane Ofria (Rep), Dan Gray (Alt)
Kathy Quatromoni (Rep)

Cheryl Crowell (Rep)

Paul Melville (Rep)

Lisa Guyon (Rep)

Kristine Monteiro (Alt)

Madeline Noonan (Rep)

Cathy Taylor (Rep)

Ellen McDonough (Rep)

Ray Yox (Rep)

Gail Wilson (Rep)

Stacie Peugh (Rep)

Staff: Barnstable County Department of Human Services: Beth Albert, Kathie Callahan, Kim Slade, Gioia Persuitte, Tracey Benson.

Elected Officials: Assembly of Delegates: Ø County Commissioners: Ø

Guests: Katie Riconda – ASGCC, Deb Martin – DA's office, Beth Bowman – United Way C&I, Hadley Luddy – Homeless Prevention Council

Uable to attend: Brenda Swain, Suzie Hauptmann

- **Welcome/Introductions:** Beth Albert, Dept. of Human Services facilitated the meeting and welcomed the group. Introductions were made by individuals. Beth noted that Dara Gannon, a member of the HHSAC, lost her husband in a recent tragedy here on the Cape and everyone has been touched by this tragic loss.

- **Business:**
 - **Approval of January 2018 minutes:** **Paul Melville** motioned, seconded by **Kathy Quatromoni** to approve the January 25, 2018 minutes as written. Unanimously approved.

- **Department Updates:**
 - **Beth Albert** - Sonja Sheasley was hired part-time as the Communications Specialist in the department. She is handling the DHS website, social media, updating of outreach materials, the Regional Substance Use Council monthly newsletter and Kathie will be transitioning the DHS e-newsletter to Sonja as well. The Dept. will also have a part-time grant manager, Quan Tobey who also works part time as a grant manager in the Resource Development Office.

 - Beth reported that Vaira Harik manages the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund grant and is meeting today with our Procurement Officer and the State for an audit of the grant. The PWF is winding down as of 6/30/18 and has been a very productive grant for the past 4 ½ years. Stacie Peugh of the YMCA, a recipient of funding from this grant, will continue the work on Diabetes prevention implemented through this grant. The Y will also be partnering with Tufts, Fallon and Medicare to grow the program. Ellen McDonough of Elder Services noted that 3 staff have been funded for the Healthy Living Cape Cod Coalition as well as several programs through the PWF grant. The Coalition will look at restructuring and apply for several smaller grants to keep their work going forward. Ellen said that they have engaged Angel House with chronic disease self-management programs and are working on additional outreach. Health Center's now have Community Health Workers as result of the PWF grant funding. Lisa Guyon asked if there were any cost savings realized from these prevention efforts and Beth noted that there were some savings but the data tabulations still have not been fully completed.

 - The Department is engaging in activities of the Healthy Aging Cape Cod Initiative, with seed money from the town of Yarmouth. Have met with COA directors for discussions about how COA's can be involved in this initiative. The Department has submitted a letter of intent to apply for funding Tufts Health Plan Foundation and has been invited to apply for a 2-year grant. Vaira is taking the lead on this project.

 - **Tracey Benson** – Regional SHINE Program Manager: Distributed and reviewed a report listing counseling sites and the number of clients (7665) assisted in 2017. She reported that SHINE volunteer counselors contributed 5,734 counseling hrs. in 2017. Tracey reported that the SHINE program has received funding from the Department of Elder Affairs through 9/30/18. SHINE is also supported with funding from the County as well as a grant from Cape Cod Healthcare. SHINE is collaborating with the YMCA Cape Cod to offer SHINE services at the YMCA location.

 - **Kim Slade – SAPC Program Specialist:** The Department has just released Issue Brief #6 – Marijuana Use and Parenting: What You Need to know and a corresponding Infographic (not distributed). The Issue Brief addresses the dangers of youth marijuana use and how parents who use marijuana legally can keep their kids safe and talk to them about marijuana. Attended four recent events including the Barnstable Youth Summit, Falmouth Cares Parent Forum, Angst – youth stress and anxiety screening, and Rainbow Girls and provided parents and youth with substance use prevention materials. Completed development of the marijuana and genetics of substance use materials for the My Choice Matters campaign including media ads and printed materials. Working with Yarmouth Rec Department to implement substance use prevention training into summer youth employee training for over 100 older adolescents. Participated in 2 radio shows around general youth substance use and one around alcohol with the Cape Cod Alcohol Coalition. Attended the Ounce of Prevention Conference through BSAS (Bureau of Substance Abuse

Services) as well as the statewide BSAS quarterly meeting of SAPC and MOAPC coordinators. Tracking recent trends of youth substance use including vaping and marijuana use. Vaira and Kim have begun an assessment of high-risk youth on Cape Cod to identify areas of focus at the selected and indicated levels of prevention. Continue to support schools with primary prevention curriculum implementation.

- **Gioia Persuitte – MOAPC Program Specialist:** Gioia introduced herself as the new MOAPC program specialist. The first 2 ½ months have been productive. She has attended several conferences including the Ounce of Prevention Conference and will be attending a week-long training on substance use held by SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services) in May. Based on the death report issued in October 2017, she is working on an implementation plan to address the populations adversely affected by the opioid epidemic.
- **Beth Albert for Martha Taylor:** The annual Point in Time (PIT) count was undertaken in January as a snapshot of sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families. Distributed and briefly reviewed the trends data report. Beth reported that this January was extremely cold and brought people in off the streets and were able to be counted. The PIT count is a requirement by HUD for funding to the region.
- **Presentation on Homeless Youth Count & survey, Hadley Luddy – Homeless Prevention Council (HPC):** The HPC is partnering with the Massachusetts Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and the local CoC to administer the 2018 Massachusetts Youth Count Housing and Homelessness survey so that state and local providers can better understand the housing and service needs of youth and young adults under the age of 25 in Massachusetts. Over the past three years, the results of similar surveys have helped to push the legislature to invest a total of \$3.7 million in housing and services for young people who have experienced housing instability and homelessness. The survey will be administered April 23 – May 13, 2018. HPC is reaching out to providers to assist in getting the survey out. Each day HPC shares facts and links to the survey on their Facebook page. Data from the survey will impact funding and services for young adults experiencing housing instability. Discussion about doing another PIT count during warm weather which could better portray the numbers. Beth noted that this has been discussed. Lisa Guyon noted that some families are placed in shelters off Cape and therefore the numbers on Cape may not accurately capture Cape families experiencing homelessness. Dan Gray is involved in the volunteer recruitment. He noted that the police departments and crisis intervention teams know where pockets of homeless individuals tend to gather. He reported that it is difficult getting information from the schools. The flyer and youth survey were distributed. Contact Hadley Luddy for more information or if you wish to be involved with the volunteer efforts.
- **Advisory Council Representative Updates:**
 - **Cathy Taylor:** The Cape Organization for the Rights of the Disabled (CORD) will be holding a golf tournament to benefit their mobile food pantry. CORD has filled several open positions in their organization. Their state funding seems to be stable for FY19.
 - **Kristine Montiero:** In October 2017, Children’s Cove, The Cape & Islands Child Advocacy Center, partnered with the Justice Resource Institute (JRI) to provide a two-day training to nearly 30 Cape & Islands clinicians and mental health providers to expand available trauma informed providers.
 - **Stacie Peugh:** The YMCA is in negotiations to bring the “Y” to Falmouth. The “Y” does currently offers a preschool and before and after school program in Falmouth. The “Y” is undertaking a Community Needs Assessment, currently with small focus groups in the community to look at programs that exist and what gaps need to be filled. The “Y” offers the Teen Achiever’s Program in partnerships with local high schools, sponsors, and other youth organizations in the community, to connect youth and families to resources they need to help prepare for life after high school and beyond! A benefit and awards ceremony will be held on May 17.

- **Cheryl Crowell:** The next meeting of the C&I Regional Domestic Violence Council is scheduled for May 21, 1018 at 1:30 PM in the Harborview Conference Room on the County campus.
- **Lisa Guyon:** In February, the Attorney General released new Community Benefits guidelines requiring support of a broader set of issues. There are lots of changes on a policy level in regards to social determinants. Cape Cod Healthcare will begin their next Community Needs Assessment this summer.
- **Ray Yox:** Tom Postman, Sr. Attorney at South Coastal Counties Legal Services has retired.
- **Dan Gray:** The next several meetings of the Behavioral Health Provider Coalition of C&I are scheduled for April 26, May 31 and June 28. The 6th Annual Behavioral Health Summit is being planned for October 5, 2018. There is a benefit in honor of Sean Gannon being planned for early June. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) awarded Vinfen an Adult Clinical Services contract. This combined 2 former contracts. This program will serve less people but provide more robust wrap-around services.
- **Deb Martin:** The C&I Suicide Prevention Coalition (CISPC) along with the Samaritans on C&I and Sharing Kindness will be holding a Suicide Awareness Walk on April 28th in Orleans. May 10th is the next CISPC membership meeting at 11:15 AM in the Harborview Conference Room. Current goals of the Coalition is to increase their membership and volunteer numbers and also offer a wide variety of trainings. Deb is also employed by Cape Cod Healthcare as a PHO Navigator for the new Accountable Care Organization created by MassHealth. This program went live on March 1, 2018 and the deadline to change your health care provider was extended to July 31st. They are fast tracking getting providers credentialed for the new program which will also include behavioral health providers.
- **Gail Wilson:** Recognizing the 1 year anniversary of the Mashpee Drop-in Nights. They have been held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Community Health Center of Cape Cod in Mashpee. As of June 1st the location will change to the Mashpee Library. Visit the Mashpee Substance Use Taskforce web page at www.itsnevertotooearly.com for more information on the Drop-in Nights and other important substance use information.
- **Ellen McDonough:** The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) under the auspices of Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands will offer Title III grants to agencies who promote services to people in the community age 60 and older. There will be a series of listening sessions and determination will be made regarding grant awards. 2-year grants will be awarded 10/1/18.
- **Paul Melville:** Cape Cod Family Resource Center services are free to all. The Center is partnering with JRI to offer a substance abuse workshop on May 2, 2018 from 6-8 PM at JRI. The Nantucket Family Resource Center is relocating in mid-May to 3 Freedom Square.
- **Kathy Quatromoni:** The DA's office is working with the Cape Cod Family Resource Center to address truancy in schools. Also working with Independence House to develop Domestic Violence programming.
- **Beth Bowman:** The United Way of Cape & Islands Strong from the Start program held a community Baby Shower at Audi Cape Cod in April to offer low income families a stronger start to parenthood and moms-to-be had the opportunity to explore maternal and early childhood resources.
- **Beth Albert for Paula Schnepf:** The Regional Network on Homelessness is launching an Elder Task Force. There will be discussions with key partners to address the implementation of an emergency response for homeless individuals and families during cold weather emergencies as was experienced this past winter.
- **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING: July 26, 2018
Harborview Conference Room, Barnstable County Complex

Respectfully submitted: Kathie Callahan