



**BARNSTABLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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**Barnstable County Health and Human Services Advisory Council
Thursday, April 28, 2016, 9:00 –11:00AM
Harborview Conference Room, Barnstable County Complex**

Barnstable County Human Rights Commission:
Behavioral Health Provider Coalition of Cape & Islands:
Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office:
Cape & Islands Health Agents Coalition:
Cape & Islands Maternal Depression Task Force:
Cape & Islands Regional Domestic Violence Council:
Cape & Islands Regional Network on Homelessness:
Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition:
Cape & Martha's Vineyard Community Health Center Network:
Cape Cod Family Resource Center of Family Continuity:
Cape Cod Grant Makers Collaborative:
Cape Cod Healthcare Community Benefits:
Cape Cod Hunger Network:
Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition:
CAREER Collaborative:
Children's Cove:
Community Action Committee of Cape & Islands:
Community Health Network Area (CHNA):
Community Network of Cape Cod (formerly BCCCYF):
Councils on Aging Serving Together (COAST):
Disability Network:
Elder Services of Cape & Islands:
South Coastal Counties Legal Services:
Substance Abuse:
Tri-County HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis C Consortium of Cape & Islands:
Upper Cape Health & Human Services:
Wampanoag Tribal Health Center:
YMCA Cape Cod:

In attendance (Members):

Scoba Rhodes (Rep)
Diane Wolsieffer (Rep)
Kathy Quatromoni (Rep)

Gabrielle Hathaway (Rep)

Paula Schnepf (Rep)
Ron Holmes (Rep)

Dara Bryan (Rep)
Lisa Guyon (Rep)
Brenda Swain (Rep)

Cherie Stulsky, (Alt)

Brenda Vazquez (Rep)

Patricia Mitrokostas (Rep)

Karen Cardeira (Rep), Gail Wilson (Alt)

PJ Richardson (Alt)

Staff: Barnstable County Department of Human Services: Beth Albert, Kathie Callahan, Vaira Harik, Patty Watson

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

Guests: Barbara Milligan – United Way of CC&I, Judith Reppucci, Laura Shufelt, Jeff Ribeiro, Michelle Jarusiewicz

Unable to attend: Stacy Gallagher, Theresa Santos, Beverly Costa-Ciavola, Ellen McDonough, Ray Yox

- **Welcome/Introductions/Business:** Beth Albert, Chair, facilitated the meeting and welcomed the group. Introductions were made by individuals.
- **Approval of October 2015 minutes:** Kathy Quatromoni motioned, seconded by Scoba Rhodes to approve the October 22, 2015 minutes as written. Unanimously approved.
- **Presentation: Affordable Housing – Tools and strategies used to support affordable housing:** Beth noted that when the HHSAC met in October 2015 one of the requests from the Advisory

Council was to have a presentation on affordable housing – to provide a baseline level of information and also to provide an opportunity to talk about what is already going on in our communities around this issue. Every 2 years the Department of Human Services issues a survey to HHSAC Representatives and asks for feedback on the trends and issues they are seeing in their work. Three of the top four responses of most significant economic and social challenges faced by their clients were related to housing: 1) at risk of homelessness, 2) cost of living, 3) transportation and, 4) homelessness. Today's presentation was organized to provide information from 3 experts on what role the State, County, and Towns play in supporting the development of affordable housing.

- State: Laura Shufelt, Community Assistance Manager, Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP): MHP is a statewide public nonprofit affordable housing organization that works in concert with the Governor and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to help increase the supply of affordable housing in Massachusetts. Laura gave an overview of the who's who in oversight and funding for affordable housing in Massachusetts. She reviewed the complex funding opportunities and regulatory criteria for affordable housing in the Commonwealth. MHP's Community Assistance mission is to increase the supply of affordable housing by fostering local leadership and providing technical support to municipalities, non-profits and local housing authorities.

Laura reported that there are many current housing challenges including: Boston has 4th highest housing costs in the country; an aging population; baby boomers leaving the workforce and not enough options to downsize, constraints on housing supply and new housing development in many places due to restrictive zoning practices; low inventory of multi-family housing; MA is losing young workers and families to other parts of the country.

She reviewed some possible solutions to the housing crisis: Housing Production Bills H1111 and H1107; support multi-family zoning districts in all towns to promote diverse housing options; support the use of CPA funds for affordable housing development in your town; advocate for affordable housing locally, regionally and with State legislators. MHP will offer their Annual Housing Institute on June 14 & 15 at the Devens Common Center, Devens, MA. MHP online resources can be found at www.mhp.net/community/publications-and-materials.

- County: Jeff Ribeiro, Regulatory Office, Cape Cod Commission (CCC): Jeff shared how the Commission's planning tools are using data to predict and guide the smart growth of Cape Cod towns. Constraints to increase the availability of affordable housing in Barnstable County including current zoning regulations and infrastructure capacity. Barnstable County residents have legitimate concerns including changing the community character of Cape Cod, wastewater issues and increased traffic concerns. Jeff explained that a targeted development approach would save on infrastructure, preserve open space, maintain traditional village character and encourage walkable communities. Pockets of development would also ease public transportation issues.

The CCC's Regional Policy Plan includes creating a new Cape-wide housing study with district goals by region, sub-region and town, production for all income levels, and data-sets for all local planning. The Plan also promotes collaboration with towns to develop local comprehensive plans, local development by-law changes around regulation, and local infrastructure planning around capacity. There is renewed interest in the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaws. The Model Bylaw has an anticipated 2016 adoption.

- County: Beth Albert, HOME Program and Consolidated Plan: The HOME Program which supports affordable housing was incorporated into the Department of Human Services on July 1, 2015. Michelle Springer, HOME Program Manager, is on vacation and Beth briefly reviewed the HOME Program and the Consolidated Plan.
- Michelle Jarusiewicz, Housing Specialist, Provincetown: Michelle reviewed Provincetown's comprehensive approach to its critical need for affordable housing and disseminated the "Provincetown Draft Housing Playbook" which breaks down their housing plan into three categories: Affordable Housing, Community Housing, and Seasonal Workforce Housing. Since 1997, Provincetown has been actively tackling the need for stable housing for the people that live and work there. The goal is to implement a consistent, robust and aggressive housing program that builds on the efforts outlined in the Community Housing Action Plan. The Housing Playbook is a roadmap that builds upon existing data and the work that has already been accomplished. It establishes a one stop reference for all the programs, efforts and financial sources and tools currently available.

While there are many operational, legislative and financial actions that need to be taken it is important to keep in mind three things that are necessary to build and accelerate this program: land, money and willing development partners. Towns use different tools and strategies to support development of affordable housing and Provincetown does an excellent job at using many of the tools and strategies available to them. Michelle provided an overview of many of the tools available to towns.

Michelle reviewed the Community Preservation Act (CPA) 2016 Update for the town of Provincetown. CPA funds come from a 3% property tax surcharge that is matched with state funds from a real estate transaction stamp tax. The Act requires funds be used on Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation and Open Space/Recreation preservation initiatives in Massachusetts communities with a minimum of at least 10% of funds going to each of these three categories.

- **Department Updates:**

- Patty Watson, Project Specialist: Barnstable County Department of Human Services re-launched the newly revised and updated local [Public Health and Wellness Service Directory](#) containing services providers and organizations serving the health and human services needs of Barnstable County. The Public Health and Wellness site's comprehensive database provides search tools to access local resources on aging, disability, mental health, substance use, housing, and many more public health and wellness areas.

- **Updates from HHSAC Representatives and Alternates:**

- Brenda Vazquez: May is Older American's Month. A series of four free informational seminars will be sponsored by the New England Wellness Foundation, 677 Main St., Hyannis during the month of May.
- Kathy Quatromoni: Protect, Report, Preserve: Abuse Against Persons with Disabilities Training is scheduled for June 2, 2016 at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis. This half day comprehensive training is for staff on recognizing reporting and responding to abuse against persons with disabilities. On June 1 at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis a Crimes Against Persons with Disabilities training for law enforcement will be held.
- Dara Bryan: Cape & Islands Partnership for Nonprofit Advancement is a regional collaborative whose mission is to leverage resources to effectively coordinate and expand training and educational opportunities for Cape Cod and the Islands in order to support the

health and vitality of the nonprofit sector. Last fall, the Partnership created a survey to gather data to help ensure that our area nonprofits have local, robust training and professional development opportunities. The key findings of the survey revealed top four training needs: Fundraising, Nonprofit Management, Executive/Leadership Training and Organizational Strategy. The Partnership has moved forward with enhanced coordination of sharing educational opportunities and increased collaboration on existing programming. In addition, they are working on initiating new programming, specifically around leadership development, to address some of the gaps that were identified.

CONNECT Cape Cod is now live! It will be formally launched next week but can be accessed at www.connectcapecod.org. CONNECT Cape Cod is a web-based, central access point for community resources and information. We encourage members of the advisory to check it out and register.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

***NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING: July 28, 2016
Harborview Conference Room, Barnstable County Complex***

Respectfully submitted: Kathie Callahan