

CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS REGIONAL NETWORK ON HOMELESSNESS

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE: Policy Board	DATE: September 28, 2015	TIME: 8:30 AM
RECORDING: Beth Albert, Barnstable County Human Services	MEETING PLACE: Harborview Conference Room, Barnstable County Complex	
	NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2015 @ 8:30 AM in the Harborview Conference Room in the County Complex	
<p>PRESENT: Paula Schnepf, Beth Albert, Sheila Lyons, Heidi Nelson, Jay Coburn, Lou Eppers, Steve Jochim, David Willard, Brenda Swain, Erica Kay-Webster, Edye Nesmith, Barbara Milligan, Anne Colwell, Gina Hurley, Mark Ells, Cathy Gibson, Liz Smith, Tom Lacey, John Economos, Linell Grundman</p> <p>Guests: Michael Sweeney, Lee Hamilton, Arlene Crosby, Michelle Springer, Herbert Greenwald, Whitney Wright, Maggi Flanagan, Dave Schropfer, Deb Krau, Elizabeth Wurfbain, Michael Zontini, Katherine Wibby, Shandreka Brown, Pat Cawley, Stephanie Reis, Allan Rilla, Paul Rifkin</p> <p>Unable to attend: Sue Rohrbach</p>		

➤ Welcome & Introductions

- **Election of 2015/2016 Policy Board Members:** The slate of nominees was presented to the Policy Board. Linell Grundman motioned, seconded by Lou Eppers to accept the Slate of Policy Board Nominees, unanimously approved.
- **Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2015:** **Linell Grundman** motioned, seconded by Liz Smith to accept the June 22, 2015 minutes as written, unanimously approved,
- **Coordinator’s Report – Paula Schnepf:** Updated the Policy Board on two initiatives: 1) the Regional Network convened three working groups in July, Improving Tenancy, Building Landlord Relationships, and Increasing Affordable Housing. Action Steps are being developed for each group. 2) A \$45,000 grant for Martha Vineyard has been funded by the state; the contract will run through HAC, the purpose of the grant is to support case management for homeless and at-risk for homelessness households on the Vineyard.
- **Homelessness in Hyannis:**
 - Discussion: Mark Ells, Assistant Town Administrator Barnstable stated that the Town Council wants to bring this issue to a public discussion and is interested in supporting a comprehensive regional approach that is not Hyannis centric and is outcome focused. Mr. Ells suggested the county could take a role as a common source of information/resources that can contribute to addressing the homeless issue. Elizabeth Wurfbain, Hyannis Business Improvement District updated the Policy Board on work of the Day Center Planning Group and asked the Policy Board to support a different shelter model in a new location. Deb Krau spoke about the proposed new shelter model – less beds (35), day programs, short term, skill building and employment prep, the proposed new name is the Transitional Living Center of Cape Cod. Rick Presbrey added that NOAH Shelter served over 400 people this year

and this number has been higher in the past. The increase in homeless people who are displaying problematic behavior is directly tied to substance use and that addressing this issue is key. Paula Schnepf updated the Policy Board on preliminary data she has collected from her recent homeless survey efforts in Hyannis and the beginning of a Coordinated Entry System on Cape Cod. Of those surveyed, 40% were from Hyannis, 40% were from other parts of the Cape, 20% were from off Cape. The question asked was "Where was your last permanent address within past 90 days?"

- Alan Rilla from the Sheriff's Office updated the Policy Board about the Sheriff's effort to develop an aftercare system in Barnstable County based upon the Berkshire model. The model includes a 9 month program with a transitional housing piece and it includes a work release component so that the inmate can begin to save money prior to release.
 - Paul Rifkin, reported that there is a meeting in Falmouth on 10-8-15 at 7 pm to discuss Falmouth's response to addressing homeless issue.
 - Tom Lacey, Falmouth Housing Authority is partnering with Falmouth Service Center to provide housing stabilization and case management services using CPC funds.
 - Gina Hurley reported that there were 138 homeless students in Barnstable School District in 2014/2015, five years ago it was 70 students. School districts are required to provide transportation, meals and daycare from 7:30 – 5:30 for homeless students. Gina reminded us not to forget homeless families living doubled up or in motels and unaccompanied youth in high schools.
 - Rick Presbrey stated that the percentage people spend on housing has moved to 50% of income where in past it used to be 30%.
 - Dave Schropfer from Council of Churches, Faith Assembly, provided a brief update on the kitchen renovation at Faith Assembly. He wondered if this should be coordinated with efforts to expand meal programs at the new shelter.
- **2015 CoC Grant Competition: due November 19, 2015:** Currently the CoC grant funds 160 of units for permanent supportive housing, this year's RFP is much more complex with greater emphasis on regional decision making regarding the allocation of resources, performance measures and Coordinated Entry System. The County, in its role as the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC will issue an RFP for new projects and bonus funding. The Policy Board will approve the RFP via email vote in the next week. The CoC Reallocation Policy adopted by the Policy Board last year will remain the same this year. Scoring and ranking of projects will be conducted by the Grant Review Committee and will be posted on November 4, 2015.
- **Updates:**
- Jay Coburn provided information about a new affordable housing project in Eastham.
- **Meeting adjourned:** Motion to adjourn at 10:30 AM. The next meeting of the Policy Board is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 in the Harborview Conference Room in the County Complex.

Respectfully submitted: Beth Albert