



**BARNSTABLE COUNTY
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Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council

The HOME Consortium Advisory Council consists of seventeen members: one representative from each town and two at-large members. Additionally, the Affordable Housing Specialist of the Cape Cod Commission is an ex officio member.

The primary tasks of the Advisory Council include the following:

1. Determines the allocation of federal HOME funds received by the County (*currently about \$450,000 per year*) and reviews and approves project applications for funding for the development of affordable rental housing units located in Barnstable County. *Additionally, this past year, the HOME Consortium operating under COVID-19 related HUD regulations, allocated up to \$100,000 for a county-wide tenant-based rental assistance program to be administered by Housing Assistance Corporation.*
2. Establishes local HOME program policies as allowed by regulations.
3. Remains current on local, state, and federal housing issues and advocates for policies that will promote the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the region.
4. Acts as a liaison with their respective towns and local housing partnerships/committees and reports relevant regional, state, or federal housing policy information
5. Participates in round-table discussions to share local affordable housing successes and/or concerns with the Advisory Council.

Advisory Council town members are nominated by the governing bodies in all fifteen towns and are appointed by the County Commissioners. At large members are recommended by HOME Consortium staff and are appointed by the County Commissioners. The term of each member is three years with no limit established on the number of terms any member can serve.

The Advisory Council has a standard meeting schedule of once a month on the second Thursday at 10:00 a.m. currently being held virtually pursuant to *Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law on March 12, 2020.*

Creating a Healthy Connected Cape Cod

The Mission of the Department of Human Services is to plan, develop, and implement programs which enhance the overall delivery of human services in Barnstable County and promote the health and social well-being of County residents through regional efforts that improve coordination of services.