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MEETING MINUTES

CAPE & ISLANDS REGIONAL NETWORK ON HOMELESSNESS POLICY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, July 29th, 2021

12:00pm-12:30pm

Meeting Held Using Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Lysetta Hurge-Putnam, Jan Kendrick, Jackie Lane, Hadley Luddy, Melissa Maguire, Susan Mazzarella, Jerico Mele, Ed Murphy, Heidi Nelson, Edythe Nesmith, Joe Pacheco, Greg Quilty, Paula Schnepp, Joe Taylor (through agency representation), Karen Tewhey, Mary Waygan, Erika Woods

Members of the Public: Lee Hamilton

Barnstable County Staff: Dan Gray, Martha Taylor

Guests: Lee Hamilton

Unable to Attend: Leo Blandford, Martha Burzycki, Cassi Danzl, Andy Clyburn, Dara Gannon, Cathy Gibson, Suzie Hauptmann, Megan Homer, Chris Lawson, David Rose, Renee Salisbury, Krystin St. Onge, Naomi Tavares-Silva, May Willner

Elected Officials: None

Assembly of Delegates: None

County Commissioners: None

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- a. Heidi Nelson, Chair, facilitated the meeting which began at 9:05am. Dan Gray read the following statement: *The meeting will be held through remote participation by the Cape Cod and Islands Regional Network on Homelessness Policy Board, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 in accordance with applicable law. Members of the public are invited to watch the meeting through Microsoft Teams and when public participation is required by law or allowed by the meeting Chair, persons wishing to participate may do so by accessing the meeting via Microsoft Teams. The meeting is being recorded.*
- b. Dan completed a roll call of attendees.

2. Memorandum of Understanding between the Mass. Dept. of Housing and Community Development and the MA-503 Cape Cod and the Islands Continuum of Care

- a. As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the US Dept. of Housing and Urban development (HUD) has issued 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) to housing authorities across the country. The Massachusetts Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

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.

(DHCD) has been tasked with distributing vouchers to communities that are not contracting with HUD directly, including Cape Cod and the Islands.

- b. Through a specific methodology, DHCD determined that 30 EHV's would be allocated to our region. DHCD is required by HUD to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Continuum of Care (CoC) in each of the communities receiving vouchers and HUD has applied pressure to DHCD to have all MOUs signed with CoCs before July 31st, 2021.
- c. The final decision to enter into the MOU lies with the Regional Network on Homelessness as the governing body of the CoC. The Governance Document states the following on Decision Making for the Regional Network: "The Policy Board makes decisions by consensus. The group will work toward consensus on all issues but vote decisions by a majority."
- d. The Executive Committee has called for this Special Meeting of the Policy Board to vote on entering into an MOU with DHCD.
- e. Chair asked for motion to vote on the Regional Network on Homelessness and the Cape and Islands Continuum of Care entering into an MOU with the Mass. Dept. of Housing and Community Development. So moved by Jan Kendrick with a second by Hadley Luddy.
- f. **Roll call vote**- all in favor, none opposed.

3. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Jan Kendrick with a second motion by Paula Schnepp.
- b. **Roll Call Vote**- all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted by: Dan Gray, Barnstable County Dept. of Human Services