MAJOR INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Presented by
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Department of Human Services
Mission

- Plan, develop, and implement programs which enhance the delivery of human services in Barnstable County

- Promote the health and well-being of County residents through regional efforts that improve coordination of services.

The Department has a long history of organizing regional approaches that promote health and wellness for underserved populations by mobilizing a community response to needs identified through data collection, analysis, and evaluation.
Healthy Connected Cape Cod

- Health Promotion
- Housing & Homelessness
- Behavioral Health
- Aging and Disability
SHINE

- Mission is to provide accurate health insurance information to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages
- 3 year grant from the EOEA – $69,032 per year for 3 years
- 25 host sites at COA and other locations
- 68,000 beneficiaries in our region
- 59 SHINE Counselors assisted 6,382 residents of Cape Cod (FY14)
Regional Substance Abuse Council

• Convened January 2014

• Purpose is to support a coordinated regional approach to substance abuse across the continuum - prevention, treatment, criminal justice and recovery

• Comprised of a representatives of towns, elected officials, key providers, parents, recovery community, and local experts

• Issued Baseline Assessment in March 2015
Regional Substance Abuse Council

• Highlights:
  • Adopted Regional Action Plan, August 2015
  • Working collaboratively across region
  • Cape Cod Healthcare Office of Community Health
  • Supporting Town Substance Abuse Coalitions
  • Secured 2 major grants to support the work
A community-based partnership led by the Barnstable County Department of Human Services is one of nine such partnerships in the Commonwealth to receive funds in an innovative health and wellness initiative.

Chronic conditions we are targeting: Hypertension, Diabetes, Falls Amongst Seniors.

e-Referral and CHWs will link CHC patients with community-based interventions.

2 Community Partners: Healthy Living Coalition of Cape Cod and the YMCA

3 Clinical Partners: Community Health Center of Cape Cod, Duffy Health Center, Harbor Community Health Center.
Regional Network on Homelessness

- Created in 2009, public, private partnership
- Purpose: Coordination of stakeholders, systems, & resources to address homelessness
- Provides:
  - Training
  - Planning & coordination of efforts
  - Sharing of information across the region about resources
  - Connecting people to available resources
Continuum of Care Grant

• Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

• Purpose: Permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless, FFY 14 funding of $1.5 million supports 161 beds of permanent supportive housing

• Department plays two roles – Collaborative Applicant for the region and administers a planning grant

• Planning grant is focusing on creating a coordinated assessment system as required by the Hearth Act/HUD – right now this is being piloted among our CoC partners

• Data collection and reporting to HUD

• Annual Point in Time Count
HOME Consortium

• Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

• Purpose: to provide decent affordable housing to residents of Barnstable County

• Grant administration moved to Department effective July 1, 2015

• County is the Participating Jurisdiction “PJ”

• HOME Consortium Advisory Council made up of 15 towns plus 2 at-large members

• Overall Investment Since 1992: $14+ million, 1,301 units of affordable housing, 621 first time homebuyers assisted, 201 homeowners received rehab assistance
Summary of Current Grants

• Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund  $1.4 million/ over 3 years (MDPH)

• Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative  $100,000 per year/7 years (MDPH)

• Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative  $100,000 per year/5 years (MDPH)

• Continuum of Care, approximately $1.5 million to region annually (HUD)

• Continuum of Care, Planning Grant, FY 14 funding is approx. $20,000, annual amount varies based upon HUD formula (HUD)

• HOME FFY 15 Funding is approximately $360,000, annual amount varies based upon HUD formula (HUD)

• SHINE Grant Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone, $69,000 per year/3 years (EOEA)
Welcome to the information E-Newsletter from the Barnstable County Department of Human Services. This newsletter is designed to provide timely information on health and human service topics of interest for people living and working in Barnstable County. For additional information visit the Department website at bchumanservices.net.

**DEPARTMENT CORNER**

Please join us in welcoming Patty Watson to the Department of Human Services. Patty joined the Department this month as a Project Specialist, filling the vacancy left by Jessica McHugh. Some of you may know Patty from her time as the Assistant Director at the Family Pantry of Cape Cod in Harwich.

As the Project Specialist, Patty is responsible for the Department's array of on-line information tools and websites. She will also represent the Department on various health and human service related committees and groups to ensure the Department is connected to and supporting regional efforts to create a healthy, connected Cape Cod. We are very glad to have Patty on board!

**NEWS FROM THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CAPE COD**

Back to School Time & the Welcome Mat is out at the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod!
Community Outreach

• Substance Abuse Newsletter

Barnstable County Regional Substance Abuse Council E-Newsletter

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Dear Kathie,

Welcome to the e-Newsletter from Barnstable County Regional Substance Abuse Council. This newsletter is designed to provide timely information on substance abuse and other related topics for people living and working in Barnstable County.

This publication will be sent out periodically to our mailing list. Please forward this newsletter to your friends and colleagues who may be interested in this information. If you are not on our mailing list, you can join by clicking on the button to the left.

If you have information you would like included in future e-newsletters, please follow the submission instructions outlined at the bottom of this page.

SEPTEMBER IS RECOVERY MONTH

National Recovery Month - September 2015

National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) is an annual observance celebrated every September since 1989. In September, and throughout the year, Recovery Month spreads the message that:

- Behavioral health is essential to health
- Prevention works
- Treatment is effective
- People recover

Join the voices for recovery
visible, vocal, valuable
Community Outreach and Education

- Department Website: bchumanservices.net
Community Outreach and Education

- Health & Wellness portal featuring data and other info via Network of Care: barnstable.ma.networkofcare.org

- Behavioral Health portal comprehensive service directory
Data Requests and Analysis

- Falmouth Service Center
- Cape and Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Duffy Health Center
- Barnstable County Sheriff's Office
- Sandwich Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force
- Emerald Physicians
- Head Start, Cape Cod Child Development
- Private Citizens
- Cape Cod Times