

Cape Cod Hoarding Task Force

General Meeting

April 19, 2018

9:30am – 11:30am

Harborview Conference Room

3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630

In attendance:

Melanie Bach, Pine Oaks Villages; Lois Carr, Bourne COA; Kalliope Chute, CC Cooperative Extension; Elton Cutler, Truro COA; Kevin Grunwald, Harwich COA; Alexandra Gerry, BCDHE; Maryanne H., CLA; Andrea Lavenets, Provincetown COA; Kim Lemmon, NAMI CC&I; Lori Miranda, Dennis Animal Control; Lynn Mulkeen, BCDHE; Jennifer Pike, HPC of Lower Cape; Carry Schoener, Dennis Health Department; Erika Woods, BCDHE; Cindi Maute, Housing Assistance Corporation; Holly Brown, Emerald Physicians; Thom Huettner, Dennis Port; Deb Martin, Cape Cod Healthcare

Welcome, Introductions

Approve General Meeting Minutes:

February 15, 2018

Updates:

- Motivational Training is being offered on May 14 from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Space is limited to 33 participants and the cost is \$40 for non-members/\$35 for members.
- Erika will be a speaker on the MASSRECYCLES Webinar: Hoarding Cleanup BMPs and Dealing with HHW. The webinar will take place at Fiske Public Library in Wrentham at 12pm on May 9th. Check the CCHTF website for more information on accessing a link to the webinar. The webinar will be free for members of CCHTF.
- NAMI CC&I recently published a guide to mental health. Contact office to receive copies.
- Homeless Prevention Council is asking people to participate in the Youth Count Survey from April 23 to May 13. Links to the survey can be found on Homeless Prevention Council's website and Facebook page and Mass Coalition for Homeless website. Data gathered from the survey will help show that there is a problem with youth homelessness and increase programming.
- Kim Lemmon, NAMI CC&I is offering two classes in Barnstable and Harwich. The class in Barnstable will focus on communication skills for family helping a family member with borderline personality disorder. The Harwich class will discuss different mental health disorders, go over different medications available and offer support on helping a family member with a mental health disorder.
- Standing agenda item will be an update on the action plan.
- Please continue to fill out membership forms, if you are not a member yet. This helps to show there is community and professional support for the task force.

Presentation: Cindi Maule, MSW, Director of Leased Housing, Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC), Hyannis.

- HAC was founded 44 years ago. Departments include Housing Consumer Education Center, Energy Department, Housing Development Department and Real Estate Division. HAC offers shelters for individuals and families, administers the largest housing subsidy program in the region and oversees programs encouraged employment and family self-sufficiency.
- **Housing Consumer Education Center** – assists people with housing problems find the appropriate resources; hosts workshops for first time homebuyers; provide counselors to homeowners to prevent foreclosures.
- **Energy Department** – conducts energy audits, weatherization and repairs/replacement of heating systems in an effort to reduce utility costs for low income homeowners. In relation to the CCHTF this department could help people with a hoarding disorder by fixing a leaking roof or heating system and bringing awareness to a potential problem.
- **Housing Development Department** – largest Cape Cod based develop of affordable housing for rent and purchase.
- **Leased Housing and Family Self-Sufficiency Department** – largest department at HAC; provides rental assistance using federal and state funding; administers Section 8 vouchers; provide counselors to families to become self-sufficient.
- **Shelters** – Angel House, Hyannis, for mothers and pregnant women recovering from addiction; Carriage House, North Falmouth, helps first-time mothers and their children; The Village at Cataumet, Bourne, for families; Scattered Site Program, Mid-Cape area, houses 17 families.
- Other services include Homelessness Prevention, Permanent Supportive Housing Program and Cape Community Real Estate.
- Sponsors the ‘Big Fix’ each year in a different town on cape. This year will be Harwich. Volunteers will help elderly or veteran homeowners (1 or 2 households) that applied for help with a project, typically outdoor clean-up.

Executive Committee Membership Discussion and Vote

Tabled to next meeting

Discuss Active Hoarding Cases

- No active hoarding cases to discuss.

Questions

- Are there any online support groups?
 - Plymouth or South Shore offers online support groups
 - CLA has an online/skype support group
 - CCHTF will look into online support groups and link them to website

Adjourn

Next meeting will be June 7, 2018