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Thursday, June 6, 2019

9:30- 11:30 AM

Dennis Police Department

90 Bob Crowell Road, South Dennis, MA 02660

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome & Introductions:** Attendees

Alexandra Fitch, Orleans HD; Andrea Lavenets, Provincetown COA; Lynn Mulkeen, BCDHE; Mark Abbott, Falmouth Human Services; Melanie Bach, Halkeen Management; Sherrie McCullough, Brewster HD; Lois Carr; Bourne COA; Michael Smith, Life Line; Suzanna Keith, Harwich COA; Linda Colby, Yarmouth COA; Lori Miranda, Dennis ACO; Erika Woods, BCDHE

**II. Approve Minutes from April 4, 2019:** Motion to approve by Melanie Bach, Seconded by Lori Miranda. Unanimous approval

**III. Roundtable Discussion:**

Erika Woods & Lynn Mulkeen opened a group discussion about future projects/ topics/ needs of the CCHTF :

**1. Community TV series with info sessions focusing on different areas involved with hoarding:**

- Overview of CCHTF
- Family & friends
- Animal control
- Housing authority & other housing entities (HAC...)
- How to help with sorting and discarding
- Real Estate
- Signs of Hoarding Disorder
- BIT grads/ peers
- Councils on Aging
- Stigma
- Resources

**2. Topics for meeting presentations:**

- Housing court
- Repeat presenters that have done well in the past for new members

Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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- Personal Protective Equipment
- 3. Round Table Discussion- Larger event to be held around October. Invite the following:**
  - Local & State Reps
  - Housing court
  - Rotary/ Lions/ Kiwanis (Yard sale 2x per year- they will pick up items in certain areas)
  - Mental health professionals
- 4. Bring to the table new members from:**
  - Police/ Fire/ EMS
  - Town Departments
  - Elder Services
  - Mental Health (DMS, DDS)
- 5. How to get mental health involved:**
  - CCHTF present to Behavioral Health Coalition
  - Reach out to therapists/ counselors (OCD, ADHD)
  - Reach out to CCH behavioral services- including addiction counselors
  - Reach out to nurses/ VNA/ Relief Home Health
  - Reach out to DCFS
- 6. Disposal and Removal**
  - Affordability and access to disposal/ recycling/ donating is a concern
  - Options include United Way, Kiwanis (will pick up)
  - Reach out to transfer stations to see if there is a mechanism for waived/ reduced fees
  - Reach out to CC Council of Churches
  - Nauset Disposal & others have community
  - Need to update list of donation pick-up options
- 7. Why are we here-what do members want to get out of the CCHTF**
  - Learning opportunities and problem solving
  - Recognize hoarding & symptoms of HD
  - Access to and info about available services
  - Develop improved response actions
  - Networking/ collaboration
- 8. Misc:**
  - Identify response strategies from different towns including the use of GIS for tracking
  - Create partnership with police & fire academies for training

\*\*Group discussion near the end of the meeting proposed to invite the Barnstable Housing Court and/ or the Tenancy Preservation Project (TPP) to present at the next regular meeting of the CCHTF. We will then focus on putting together the larger roundtable discussion as mentioned in item #3 of today's meeting noted above.

IV. No active hoarding cases were discussed

V. Adjourned: 11:25