



Annual Report - 2010

OVERVIEW:

The Dukes County Health Council, founded in 1966 by the Dukes County Commissioners, is a coalition of 37 appointed members representing consumers, public officials, health care practitioners and agencies of Martha's Vineyard.

Currently there are representatives from the Hospital, Community Services, VNA, Hospice, Whole Health Alliance, Island Health, Access Program, and Windemere. Other representatives include, the Superintendent of Schools, Elder Services, Oak Bluffs and Aquinnah Board of Health, Veteran's Agent and Associate Commissioner of Health Care.

This year the newly-formed DoN Community Health Initiatives Planning Group (made up of members of the Dukes County Health Council, the Health Agents and/or Board of Health members from all the towns, and representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health) met to establish community health priorities and, with public input, developed a listing of island based unmet health needs. In July, the committee announced the Request for Proposals to award MV-Community Health Initiative funds. The total funds to be awarded over the five-year MV-CHI Grant Program are \$1,133,400.

VISION:

Our vision is a healthy community with seamless, complementary, coordinated and accessible health and wellness services for the residents of Martha's Vineyard.

MISSION:

The Dukes County Health Council is a coalition of community members, public officials, health practitioners, and health organizations working together to promote community-wide health and wellness.

GOALS:

1. Facilitate the work of the Health Council, including sustainability of current programs and development of new programs and approaches.
2. Foster and promote the organizational support and collaboration needed to develop an integrated primary care system for Martha's Vineyard.
3. Actively support and facilitate, where needed and requested, initiatives undertaken by individual members of the Health Council that are directly compatible with the mission of the Council.
4. For the Health Council's standing committees and workgroups: a) establish the leadership development and succession planning needed to ensure sustainability; and b) actively support and facilitate their plans and programs.
5. Support the development of plans and programs designed to increase the health care delivery capacity of our community, including recruitment, housing, professional development and retention.

6. Establish and maintain liaisons with regional health and human services collaboratives and networks and receive reports.

MODEL TO GUIDE THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES:

Model includes needs assessment, program planning and development, program implementation and evaluation, gathering data, seeking funding to support program planning and implementation, and evaluation in ways that clearly identify community need and produce measurable outcomes.

HEALTH COUNCIL COMMITTEES/PROGRAMS: CHAIR 6/10:

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| • Coordinating Committee | Oceana Rames |
| • Oral Health Working Group | Sarah Kuh |
| • Mental Health & Substance Abuse | Tom Bennett |
| • Elder Affairs Committee | Jacque Cage |
| • Youth Task Force | Cindy Doyle |
| • Nominating Committee | N/A |
| • Rural Health Scholars Advisory Committee | Patsy McCornack |
| • Vineyard Health Care Access Program | Sarah Kuh |

Health Council Members

<u>CONSUMERS (8-10)</u> Ellie Beth Tad Crawford Valerio Destefani Cynthia Doyle Patsy McCornack Connie Teixeira Suzi Wasserman	<u>PUBLIC OFFICIALS (5-6)</u> Amanda Hutchinson, Chilmark Board of Health David Carron, Oak Bluffs Board of Health Jacque Cage, Elder Services James Weiss, Superintendent of Schools
<u>PRACTITIONERS/PROFESSIONALS (6-8)</u> Stephen Dantzig Judy Flanders Bobbie Lima Karen Meeks Paddy Moore Domingo Pagan Gayle Poggi Oceana Rames Rev. Robert Hensley	<u>COMM HEALTH ORG (8-10)</u> Cindy Mitchell, Island Health Bob Tonti, VNA Terre Young, Hospice Rex Jarrell, Whole Health Alliance <u>MVCS (2-3)</u> Tom Bennett Julia Burgess Sharon Claus-Zanger <u>MVH/Windemere (2-3)</u> Dedie Wieler Ken Chisholm Jay Ferriter, Acting for Tim Walsh
<u>EX OFFICIO MEMBERS (8):</u> Chris Knowles, Assoc. Commissioner, Public Health Sarah Kuh, Director, VHCAP Jo Ann Murphy, Veteran's Agent Russell Smith, Dukes County Manager Thomas Hallahan, County Commissioners Office	

