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DUKES COUNTY ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS, OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

Dukes County Commissioners

NAME	TOWN	TERM EXPIRES
Tristan Israel	Tisbury	Jan. 1 2019
Gretchen T. Underwood (Vice Chair)	Oak Bluffs	Jan. 1 2019
Christine Todd	Oak Bluffs	Jan. 1 2019
John S. Alley (Chair)	West Tisbury	Jan. 1 2019
Leon Brathwaite	West Tisbury	Jan. 1 2019
Robert Zeltzer	Chilmark	Jan. 1 2019
David Holway	Edgartown	Jan. 1 2019

*Commissioners serve a two year term. Term starts Wednesday in January following the November election.

The seven-member Commission serves as the legislative body of County government. Commissioners are chosen in county-wide elections with no more than two commissioners being residents of the same town. The Commissioners meet the first Wednesday of the month at the Dukes County Administration Building, 9 Airport Rd. in Edgartown (first right off of Airport Road).

Dukes County Advisory Board for Expenditures

NAME	TOWN
Melinda Loberg	Tisbury
Brian Packish	Oak Bluffs
Jeffrey Manter	West Tisbury
Bill Rossi	Chilmark
Arthur Smadbeck	Edgartown
Jim Newman	Aquinnah

*One Selectman from each town, appointed by Board of Selectmen

Other Elected Officials (6 Year Term)

TITLE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Sheriff	Robert Ogden	Jan. 2, 2023
County Clerk, Clerk of the Courts	Joseph E. Sollitto Jr.	Jan. 2, 2019
Register of Deeds	Paulo DeOliveira	Jan. 2, 2019
Registry of Probate	Daphne Devries	Jan. 7, 2021
<i>Treasurer (retired June 2018)</i>	<i>Noreen Mavro Flanders</i>	
Treasurer (appointed in June 2018)	Ann Metcalf	Jan.7, 2021

Individual Appointments

TITLE	APPOINTEE	TERM EXPIRES
Legal Counsel	Michael Goldsmith	Feb. 28, 2020
Dukes County Emergency Management Director	Charles Cotnoir	Feb. 28, 2018

County Commissioners Chair Appointments

TITLE	APPOINTEE	TERM EXPIRES
Associate Commissioner for Homeless (1 yr)	Karen Tewhey	Feb. 28, 2019
Associate Commissioner for Youth (1 yr)	Rebekah ElDeiry	Feb. 28, 2019
<i>Associate Commissioner for Affairs of Disabled Affairs (1 yr)</i>	<i>Mary Holmes</i>	Feb. 28, 2019



County Commission Appointments (individuals)

MV Permanent Endowment Fund (5 years)	Carlene Gating	Feb. 28, 2022
MV Commission (1 year)	Leon Brathwaite	Dec. 31, 2019
DC Contributory Retirement System Board (3 years)	Roger W. Wey	Dec. 31, 2020
Steamship Authority Board (3 years)	Marc N. Hanover	Feb. 28, 2020
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (3 years)	Noreen Mavro Flanders	Feb. 28, 2020
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (3 year)	Robert Whritenour	Feb. 28, 2020
Alternate to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (3 year)	Adam Wilson	Feb. 28, 2020
Alternate to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (3 year)	Kathy Logue	Feb. 28, 2020
Cape Light Compact (3 year)	Robert Hanneman	Feb. 28, 2020
Cape Light Cooperative (CVEC)	Tristan Israel	Feb. 28, 2019

Dukes County Personnel Board (3 Years)

County Employee Representative	Jo Ann Murphy	June 30, 2018
County Advisory Board Representative	Jeffrey Manter	June 30, 2020
Representative At Large	Michael McCormack	June 30, 2017
<i>Airport Commission Rep to Town Personnel Board</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Representative of a Town Personnel Board</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	

Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission (3 Years) – 7 members

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Don Ogilvie (Vice Chair)	Feb. 28, 2019
Richard Wharton, Jr.	Feb. 28, 2020
Myron Garfinkle (chair until term expired Feb. 2018)	Feb. 28, 2018
Richard Knabel (term began February 2018)	Feb. 28, 2021
Kristin Zern	Feb. 28, 2019
Robert Rosenbaum (Vice Chair/Chair)	Feb. 28, 2021
Richard Michelson	Feb. 28, 2020
Clarence A. Barnes, III	Feb. 28, 2021

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (3 Years)

NAME	TOWN	TERM EXPIRES
Board of Directors:		
Vacant position	At Large	
Richard Skidmore	Aquinnah	Feb. 28, 2020
Melissa Norton Vincent (Treasurer)	Edgartown	Feb. 28, 2020
Daniel J. Seidman	Tisbury	Feb. 28, 2020
Ann Wallace	Chilmark	Feb. 28, 2019
Harvey Beth	Oak Bluffs	Feb. 28, 2021
Kristin Zern	West Tisbury	Feb. 28, 2019
Mallegol Andrade	Governor's Appointee	Indefinite



THE DUKES COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager:	Martina Thornton	manager@dukescounty.org
Assistant to the County Manager:	Connie Andrade	candrade@dukescounty.org
Phone:	(508) 696-3840	Fax: (508) 696-3841
Located at:	9 Airport Rd., Edgartown, MA	
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 190, Edgartown, MA 02539	
Website:	www.dukescounty.org	
Operating hours:	Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM	

The County Manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the County responsible for overall operation of the County. She oversees the administration and implementation of all contracts.

BUDGET, EXPENDITURE OVERSIGHT

The County Manager is responsible for preparation and administration of the general County operating budget and capital expenditures budget, and signs off on all county expenditures. See FY18 budget detailed in the audit report and actual FY18 revenue and expenses on page 11.

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER, GROUP PURCHASING

The County Manager oversees the procurement process for all county services including issuing RFPs, soliciting bids, negotiating and signing contracts and MOUs. Through the Manager's office the following group procurement is made available to all island towns and public organizations:

- Heating Oil Fuel bid
- GIS Software License (ESRI)
- Dog licenses and Tags
- My Senior Center Software for the Councils on Aging (COA)

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

The County Manager provides grant administration and support to the following county programs:

- **Substance Use Prevention Programs:** The MV Youth Task Force (YTF) received **\$125,000 annually** (ending in Sept. 2018) by SAMSHA for a "Drug Free Communities Support Program" and a **\$100,000 annually for 3 years** (2015-2018) from the State's Department of Public Health's (DPH) Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS).
- **Joseph A. Sylvia State Beach Erosion, Stabilization & Nourishment Grant:** **\$30,000 annually** granted by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
- **Shellfish Propagation:** Grant from the MA Department of Fish & Game that supports the MV Shellfish Group. **\$58,000.**
- **VHCAP Support Grants:** \$40,000 annually from BlueCross BlueShield Foundation, \$55,723 from Island Health Care, \$42,892 from the Navigator Grant
- Medical Reserve Corps

CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT

The County Manager is responsible for repairs and maintenance of all County owned properties, listed below:



Dukes County Courthouse located at 81 Main St., Edgartown. The Courthouse houses the Registry of Deeds, Registry of Probate and several different branches of the trial court system including District Court, Superior Court, Juvenile Court and Probate Court. In FY18, the building suffered serious water damage due to leaks in the roof drainage system. It was addressed by roof drainage repair, brick pointing and application of water protective coat on the east side of the building. A new mahogany handicap ramp was installed.

Dukes County Administration Building located at 9 Airport Rd, Edgartown. This building is the official seat of the County and houses the County Manager's Office, The Treasurer's Office, Office of the Parking Clerk, Veterans Agent, Emergency Management Services, Social Services and the Dukes County Retirement Office.

Dukes County Senior Services Building (VNA) located at 29 Breakdown Lane, Tisbury. The MV Center for Living moved into the building in January 2018 after a major renovation of the whole downstairs was completed, including installation of a sprinkler system.

Vineyard Health Care Access Program Building (VHCAP) located at 114 New York Ave, Oak Bluffs. Improvements made in FY18 included new carpets, minor exterior repairs and parking lot repair.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (PUBLIC BEACHES)

The County Manager oversees three public beaches (described below). Each beach serves multiple uses and management requires balancing public access and recreation with protection of the natural resources on and around the beach. The public beaches continue to support a variety of nesting shorebirds including the federally threatened piping plover, the two state-listed species of special concern Least Tern and the American Oystercatcher. Their nesting success varies from year to year. The County utilizes services of the Felix Neck Sanctuary, extension of the Mass Audubon Society to ensure proper protection and monitoring.

Eastville Beach (Oak Bluffs, 5.2 acres)

Eastville beach, the 5.2 acre beach located by the draw bridge between Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, is maintained jointly by the County and the Towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs.

Norton Point Beach (Edgartown, 254 acres)

Norton Point Beach is an important barrier beach between Katama Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The beach is approximately 2.5 miles long and its width varies from 95 feet to approximately 300 feet. Norton Point Beach is managed through a contract with the Trustees of Reservation. It is the only beach on MV that is accessible by car. *Norton Point Oversand Driving Permits are available at the County Administration Building through the Treasurer's Office.*

Joseph A. Sylvia State Beach (Edgartown-Oak Bluffs, 104 acres)

Joseph A. Sylvia State Beach is a unique coastal resource that provides access to the waters of Sengekontacket Pond and Nantucket Sound. The barrier beach provides a recreational resource for the public to enjoy, protects the thriving ecosystem found within and around Sengekontacket Pond, and provides a connection between Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, via Beach Road. Dukes County and the Friends of Sengekontacket (FOS) formed the Barrier Beach Task Force (BBTF) to protect this valuable resource and to develop short and long-term plans for monitoring and maintaining this



fragile and precious ecosystem. The BBTF meets at the County Administration Building 2-3 times per year and is chaired by the County Manager and the Chair of the FOS.

In FY18 the County continued to work with all levels of government and the community to balance recreation, habitat of rare nesting shore birds, and erosion control for the preservation and protection of the beach. We also identify how state grant monies are allocated. Ongoing projects include beach nourishment, sand fencing, and planting beach grass which are shoreline stabilization techniques that are closest to natural methods of dune recovery.



Signage

Public information signs and numbering of beach pathways are provided to increase protection and public safety. Some of the main rules include no dogs on the beach April 1-Aug 30, no open fires, no littering and parking on pavement only. The “What is a Barrier Beach” sign at the Little Bridge parking lot was replaced in 2017, with assistance from FOS. In 2018 too bigger signs were added at the access points to the beach to inform visitors of the rules of the beach. Beach permits for larger gatherings and cookouts can be obtained at the County Manager’s Office. No commercial activity is allowed on the beaches without an approval of the County Manager.

PERSONNEL

The County Manager serves as an Ex Officio member of the County Personnel Board. She is responsible for implementation and enforcement of the County Personnel Bylaws. She supervises all County department heads.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP

The County Manager serves on many County boards and task forces:

- Healthy Aging MV (HAMV) Executive Committee and Oversight Committee
- MV Center for Living Board
- Community Action Committee of the Cape & Islands (CACCI) Board
- MV Substance Use Disorder Prevention Coalition

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF REGIONAL TOWN PROGRAMS

In FY2018 the County continued to host many regional services and programs through county funding, municipal funding, grants or a combination thereof. The County remains an umbrella for a myriad of regional services, forums and volunteer organizations that service the citizens of Dukes County. The County manager provides administrative and financial management for these regional services.

The County Manager oversees the following town-funded programs where the County provides administrative oversight and space:

- Vineyard Health Care Access Program (VHCAP)
- Mosquito Surveillance Program
- Tick Program



- Dukes County Social Services (DCSS)
- MV Senior Services provided through contract with MV Center for Living
- First Stop MV Program and CORE (Counseling, Outreach & Referral for Elders) Program were provided through contract with MV Community Services.

In FY18, the County continued its collaboration with the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands (CACCI) that started in October of 2015 to provide social services for the Island (page 30).

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The County Manager provides administrative and fiscal support and/or space for the following regional organizations:

- MV Medical Reserve Corps (fiscal agent, meeting space)
- MV Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee (fiscal agent, meeting space)
- Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust (administrative support)
- The Greenhouse - formally called "Community Solar Green House" or COMSOG (provide land for greenhouse and activities)
- MV Animal Shelter (meeting space)
- Friends of Sengekontacket (FOS) (meeting space)
- MV Law Enforcement Council (administrative and financial support, meeting space)

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS & ADVOCATES

The County Manager's Office provides administrative support to the following volunteer organizations and individuals:

- Dukes County Health Council (DCHC): 32 members appointed by the Dukes County Commissioners
- Associate Commissioner (AC) for Disabled Persons, AC for Homelessness Prevention, AC for Youth
- MV Network for Homelessness Prevention

The Dukes County Sheriff terminated the MOU between the County and the Sheriff's Office as of July 1, 2018 which resulted in the termination of provision of accounting services for the Sheriff's office and loss of approximately \$130,000 in county revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Martina Thornton

County Manager



THE DUKES COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

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Mailing Address:	9 Airport Rd., Suite 2, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568	
Website:	www.dukescounty.org	
Hours of Operation:	Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM	

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the County of Dukes County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. All financial records through that date have been examined by Powers & Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants of Wakefield, Massachusetts and were found to be in good order. The full audit report is available online at www.dukescounty.org or at the office of the County Treasurer.

At the close of FY18, the County's General Fund reported a fund balance of **\$ 951,498** which was a decrease of \$99,813 in comparison with June 30, 2017. **\$150,000** from the Cape and Islands license plate revenue was sent to the towns to spend on economic development and tourism. This is the fourth year that funds have been sent to the towns of the county which now totals **\$750,000**.

Major contributors to the decrease in Fund Balance were increases in deeds excise, a rise in revenue for the Treasurer's Office services, as well as departmental spending below the budgetary limits set by the County Commissioners. These positive results were offset by the use of the \$150,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance for the towns as well as supplemental appropriations. Fund Balance was used for capital improvements at the courthouse of which 87% will be reimbursed in the next fiscal year.

During FY18 there were staffing changes in the Treasurer's Office. Noreen Mavro Flanders retired in June after 27 years of dedicated service to our county. We thank Noreen for her dedication and her continued support as a consultant in FY19. Ann Metcalf was appointed by the Dukes County Commissioners to complete Noreen's remaining term. Donna Michalski continued to be our anchor in her position as half-time Parking Clerk and taking on new responsibilities in her role as Assistant Treasurer. Beth Kaeka joined the team in September 2018 and has been making contributions to the department with the payroll, bank reconciliations and benefit processing.

Noreen left the Treasurer's office in great shape and has provided the County with continuity by continuing on as a part time consultant. I am thankful to the County Manager, Martina Thornton and all the departmental managers for continuing to find ways to increase/maintain revenues and stay on budget. It's a pleasure to be part of a dynamic and hardworking team.

Thank you. It is an honor to serve the citizens of the County of Dukes County.

Ann Metcalf

County Treasurer





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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable County Commissioners
County of Dukes County, Massachusetts

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Dukes County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, located on the following pages, and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining schedules and the schedule of revenues and expenditures of the passenger facility charges, as required by the *Passenger Facility Charge Audit Guide for Public Agencies*, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2019, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Pamela Allen, LLC

March 27, 2019



STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2018

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 1,200,675	\$ 581,133	\$ 1,781,808
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Departmental and other.....	500,836	352,416	853,252
Intergovernmental.....	149,903	1,438,977	1,588,880
Internal balances.....	137,500	(137,500)	-
Inventory.....	-	262,280	262,280
Other assets.....	-	21,423	21,423
Total current assets.....	1,988,914	2,518,729	4,507,643
NONCURRENT:			
Capital assets, nondepreciable.....	1,034,954	2,102,623	3,137,577
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	1,628,206	34,549,601	36,177,807
Total noncurrent assets.....	2,663,160	36,652,224	39,315,384
TOTAL ASSETS.....	4,652,074	39,170,953	43,823,027
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions.....	146,475	198,451	344,926
Deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits.....	84,138	93,702	177,840
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES.....	230,613	292,153	522,766
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable.....	324,842	940,069	1,264,911
Accrued payroll.....	712	8,976	9,688
Accrued interest.....	10,033	-	10,033
Customer deposits payable.....	5,000	60,000	65,000
Other liabilities.....	168,114	1,986	170,100
Compensated absences.....	12,000	5,000	17,000
Notes payable.....	-	870,000	870,000
Bonds payable.....	160,000	-	160,000
Total current liabilities.....	680,701	1,886,031	2,566,732
NONCURRENT:			
Compensated absences.....	38,000	15,000	53,000
Net pension liability.....	1,063,848	1,441,361	2,505,209
Net other postemployment benefits liability.....	1,743,370	3,642,350	5,385,720
Bonds payable.....	1,120,000	-	1,120,000
Total noncurrent liabilities.....	3,965,218	5,098,711	9,063,929
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	4,645,919	6,984,742	11,630,661
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions.....	322,608	437,087	759,695
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets.....	1,383,160	35,782,224	37,165,384
Restricted for:			
Economic development.....	140,538	-	140,538
Gifts and grants.....	49,771	-	49,771
Unrestricted.....	(1,659,309)	(3,740,947)	(5,400,256)
TOTAL NET POSITION.....	\$ (85,840)	\$ 32,041,277	\$ 31,955,437

See notes to basic financial statements.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Program Revenues					
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue	
Primary Government:						
Governmental Activities:						
County commissioners.....	\$ 266,488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(266,488)	
Parking clerk.....	372,386	382,448	-	-	10,062	
Courthouse/Administrative building.....	299,709	199,478	-	-	(100,231)	
Treasurer.....	292,362	178,163	-	-	(114,199)	
Registry of deeds.....	419,065	186,685	35,510	-	(196,870)	
Civil defense/emergency management.....	14,578	-	-	-	(14,578)	
Health and human services.....	841,065	5,626	763,817	-	(71,622)	
Retiree postemployment benefits.....	225,606	-	-	-	(225,606)	
Veterans agent.....	73,724	-	-	-	(73,724)	
Recreation.....	101,010	63,491	43,750	-	6,231	
Law enforcement.....	21,668	4,367	-	-	(17,301)	
Senior services.....	642,563	86,484	517,549	-	(38,530)	
Interest.....	37,800	-	-	-	(37,800)	
Other expenditures.....	101,850	-	-	-	(101,850)	
Total Governmental Activities.....	3,709,874	1,106,742	1,360,626	-	(1,242,506)	
Business-Type Activities:						
Airport.....	9,807,468	7,606,458	68,091	4,559,565	2,426,646	
Total Primary Government.....	\$ 13,517,342	\$ 8,713,200	\$ 1,428,717	\$ 4,559,565	\$ 1,184,140	

See notes to basic financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (continued)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net position:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page.....	\$ (1,242,506)	\$ 2,426,646	\$ 1,184,140
<i>General revenues:</i>			
Town assessments.....	690,903	-	690,903
County deeds excise tax.....	346,088	-	346,088
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	137,950	-	137,950
Unrestricted investment income.....	5,381	-	5,381
Miscellaneous.....	4,720	-	4,720
<i>Transfers, net</i>	240,678	(240,678)	-
Total general revenues and transfers.....	1,425,720	(240,678)	1,185,042
Change in net position.....	183,214	2,185,968	2,369,182
Refund to member communities.....	(150,000)	-	(150,000)
<i>Net position:</i>			
Beginning of year (as revised).....	(119,054)	29,855,309	29,736,255
End of year.....	\$ (85,840)	\$ 32,041,277	\$ 31,955,437

See notes to basic financial statements.

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**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET**

JUNE 30, 2018

	General	Parking Clerk	County Capital Projects	Other Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 711,088	\$ 23,636	\$ 316,678	\$ 149,273	\$ 1,200,675
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:					
Departmental and other.....	149,938	-	5,837	218,612	374,387
Intergovernmental.....	148,966	-	-	127,386	276,352
Due from other funds.....	137,500	-	-	-	137,500
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 1,147,492	\$ 23,636	\$ 322,515	\$ 495,271	\$ 1,988,914
LIABILITIES					
Warrants payable.....	\$ 27,801	\$ 24,783	\$ 49,570	\$ 222,688	\$ 324,842
Accrued payroll.....	79	-	-	633	712
Customer deposits payable.....	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Other liabilities.....	168,114	-	-	-	168,114
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	195,994	24,783	49,570	228,321	498,668
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted.....	611,824	-	272,945	272,950	1,157,719
Assigned.....	14,585	-	-	-	14,585
Unassigned.....	325,089	(1,147)	-	(6,000)	317,942
TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....	951,498	(1,147)	272,945	266,950	1,490,246
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES.....	\$ 1,147,492	\$ 23,636	\$ 322,515	\$ 495,271	\$ 1,988,914

See notes to basic financial statements.



GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General	Parking Clerk	County Capital Projects	Other Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Town assessments - County tax.....	\$ 491,703	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 491,703
Town assessments - debt service.....	199,200	-	-	-	199,200
Town assessments - senior services.....	-	-	-	517,491	517,491
Town assessments - health care access program.....	-	-	-	316,789	316,789
Federal grants and reimbursements.....	-	-	-	87,700	87,700
State grants.....	137,950	-	-	406,868	544,818
Property rental.....	199,478	-	-	-	199,478
Registry of deeds.....	186,685	-	-	381,598	568,283
Dog license revenue.....	-	-	-	595	595
Natural resources.....	63,491	-	-	-	63,491
Parking fines.....	75,431	307,017	-	-	382,448
County alarm fees.....	178,163	-	-	-	178,163
Senior services.....	-	-	-	86,484	86,484
Investment income.....	5,230	145	-	64	5,439
Miscellaneous.....	3,978	-	-	10,140	14,118
TOTAL REVENUES.....	1,541,309	307,162	-	1,807,729	3,656,200
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
County commissioners.....	264,370	-	-	-	264,370
Parking clerk.....	68,002	307,994	-	-	375,996
Courthouse/Administrative/Senior services buildings.....	237,202	-	186,084	-	423,286
Treasurer.....	300,113	-	-	-	300,113
Registry of deeds.....	386,844	-	-	43,320	430,164
Civil defense/emergency management.....	13,206	-	-	1,372	14,578
Health and human services.....	2,883	-	-	827,966	830,849
Retiree postemployment benefits.....	280,579	-	-	-	280,579
Veterans agent.....	72,275	-	-	4,742	77,017
Natural resources.....	5,154	-	-	95,856	101,010
Law enforcement.....	-	-	-	21,668	21,668
Senior services.....	-	-	-	618,589	618,589
Other.....	99,108	-	2,000	22,269	123,377
Debt service:					
Principal.....	160,000	-	-	-	160,000
Interest.....	39,200	-	-	-	39,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	1,928,936	307,994	188,084	1,635,782	4,060,796
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....	(387,627)	(832)	(188,084)	171,947	(404,596)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers in.....	-	-	157,956	-	157,956
Transfers in - retirees' health insurance.....	103,178	-	-	-	103,178
Transfers in - cost allocations.....	147,500	-	-	-	147,500
Transfers in - deeds excise.....	345,092	-	-	-	345,092
Transfers out.....	(157,956)	-	-	-	(157,956)
Transfers out - cost allocations.....	-	-	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Transfers out - deeds excise.....	-	-	-	(345,092)	(345,092)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....	437,814	-	157,956	(355,092)	240,678
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....	50,187	(832)	(30,128)	(183,145)	(163,918)
REFUND TO MEMBER COMMUNITIES.....	(150,000)	-	-	-	(150,000)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	1,051,311	(315)	303,073	450,095	1,804,164
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 951,498	\$ (1,147)	\$ 272,945	\$ 266,950	\$ 1,490,246

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GENERAL FUND - COMBINED OPERATIONS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget			
REVENUES:					
Town assessments - County tax.....	\$ 491,739	\$ 491,739	\$ 491,703	\$ -	\$ (36)
Town assessments - debt service.....	199,200	199,200	199,200	-	-
State grants.....	95,000	95,000	137,950	-	42,950
Property rental.....	190,168	190,168	199,478	-	9,310
Registry of deeds.....	200,000	200,000	186,685	-	(13,315)
Natural resources.....	73,200	73,200	63,491	-	(9,709)
Parking fines.....	74,500	74,500	75,431	-	931
County alarm fees.....	160,000	160,000	178,163	-	18,163
Investment income.....	4,000	4,000	5,230	-	1,230
Miscellaneous.....	4,800	4,800	3,978	-	(822)
TOTAL REVENUES.....	1,492,607	1,492,607	1,541,309	-	48,702
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
County commissioners.....	281,063	279,063	264,370	-	14,693
Parking clerk.....	70,396	70,396	68,002	-	2,394
Courthouse/Administrative/Senior services buildings.....	249,761	286,295	237,202	13,385	35,708
Treasurer.....	304,111	302,694	300,113	-	2,581
Registry of deeds.....	380,740	395,920	386,844	-	9,076
Civil defense/emergency management.....	13,217	13,217	13,206	-	11
Health and human services.....	5,000	5,000	2,883	-	2,117
Veterans agent.....	72,567	72,568	72,275	-	293
Natural resources.....	10,500	10,500	5,154	1,200	4,146
Employee benefits.....	293,158	293,158	280,579	-	12,579
Other.....	106,643	115,758	99,108	-	16,650
Debt service:					
Principal.....	160,000	160,000	160,000	-	-
Interest.....	39,200	39,200	39,200	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	1,986,356	2,043,769	1,928,936	14,585	100,248
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES.....					
	(493,749)	(551,162)	(387,627)	(14,585)	148,950
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers in - retirees' health insurance.....	99,547	99,547	103,178	-	3,631
Transfers in - cost allocations.....	135,000	135,000	147,500	-	12,500
Transfers in - deeds excise.....	247,797	262,977	345,092	-	82,115
Transfers out.....	-	(158,464)	(157,956)	-	508
Unreserved fund balance.....	20,750	364,297	-	-	(364,297)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....	503,094	703,357	437,814	-	(265,543)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE.....	9,345	152,195	50,187	(14,585)	(116,593)
REFUND TO MEMBER COMMUNITIES.....	-	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year.....	1,051,311	1,051,311	1,051,311	-	-
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year.....	\$ 1,060,656	\$ 1,053,506	\$ 951,498	\$ (14,585)	\$ (116,593)

See notes to required supplementary information.



DUKES COUNTY PARKING CLERK

Parking Clerk: Donna Michalski dmichalski@dukescounty.org
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Physical Address: 9 Airport Rd., Edgartown, MA 02539
Mailing address: 9 Airport Rd., Suite 3, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

The Dukes County Parking Clerk processes payment of parking tickets from all six towns on Martha's Vineyard.

Tickets can be paid in person at the County Administration Building Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM or on the Ticket Payment Website at: <https://dukescounty.nsolutions.com/>

Parking Dispute hearings were held at the Dukes County Courthouse, 81 Main St., Edgartown. Hearings are held Monday-Friday 8:30AM-10:30AM, by Joseph Sollitto, Jr, or may be disputed by mail without waiving any rights within 21 days of issuance. Starting January 2019 the location of hearing will be 9 Airport Road, Edgartown – call to confirm date and time of hearing in advance.

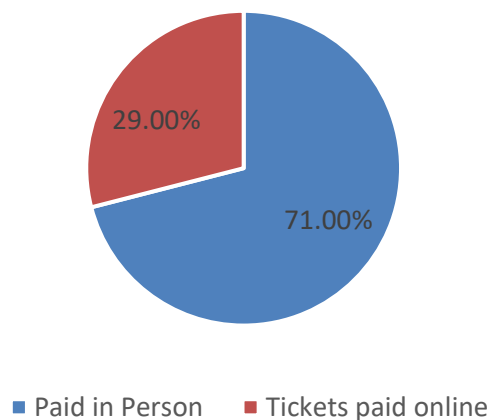
There were a total of **12,946 tickets issued and \$305,097.00** was collected.
During FY2018 there were 2,608 tickets paid online totaling \$87,946.00.

Our online access to the Registry of Motor Vehicles continues to enable us to assist those with parking ticket problems and/or questions immediately. It allows us to clear and mark tickets electronically. This real time updating proved to be very important in helping those in non-renewal status.

Thank you to all who
continue to support this
office.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna E. Michalski
M.V. Parking Clerk

Fees Collected from Parking Tickets



DUKES COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Register of Deeds: Paulo C. DeOliveira E-mail: registry@dukescounty.org
Assistant Register: Shannon C. Larsen
Phone: (508) 627-4025 Fax: (508) 627-7821
Physical Address: Dukes County Courthouse, 81 Main St., Edgartown (First Floor)
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5231, Edgartown, 02539
Website: www.dukescountydeeds.com
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM

In FY18 we launched our new website (dukescountydeeds.com), which serves as a highly functional resource for citizens of the County and of the Commonwealth. The new site conveys a high level of professionalism that properly and effectively represents our office. Since its' launch, the website averages over 1,800 visits a month.

In an effort to reduce the risk of real estate fraud, in September, the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in conjunction with the Secretary of State, launched a free Consumer Notification Service (CNS); this service offers people the opportunity to submit their names or business names to be monitored for potential fraudulent activity. Once a name is submitted, whenever a document containing that name is recorded the person or business will receive an email notification from the Registry of Deeds. To subscribe or login, please visit <https://cns.masslandrecords.com>.

The Registry has been working to make the Grantor/Grantee Index Books available online since late 2016, and after a significant amount of work, both in house and with Conduent and Kofile Technologies, we now have our Grantor/Grantee Index Books from 1641 to 1969 available online on masslandrecords.com. This has been a huge asset for those looking to start their research from their home or office.

FY18 marks our fourth year of accepting documents submitted electronically. Electronic recording continues to be an integral part of the Registry services, accounting for over 15% of all documents recorded this fiscal year. This innovative means of recording has had a positive impact on the productivity and efficiency of the office.

The online availability of Dukes County records continues to be a widely-used service provided by the Registry. The research website address is www.masslandrecords.com and is free to the public. At this time documents are available online back to 1976 for Registered Land and mid 1977 for Recorded Land. All Plan Books and Town Case Files are also now available online, as is a large inventory of miscellaneous documents.

Profits

Due to several large sales, Deeds Excise in FY18 was strong, totaling overall about 1% higher than the previous fiscal year. However, there was an overall 7% decrease in recording revenue to the County as compared to the previous fiscal year due to the decrease in the number of documents recorded.

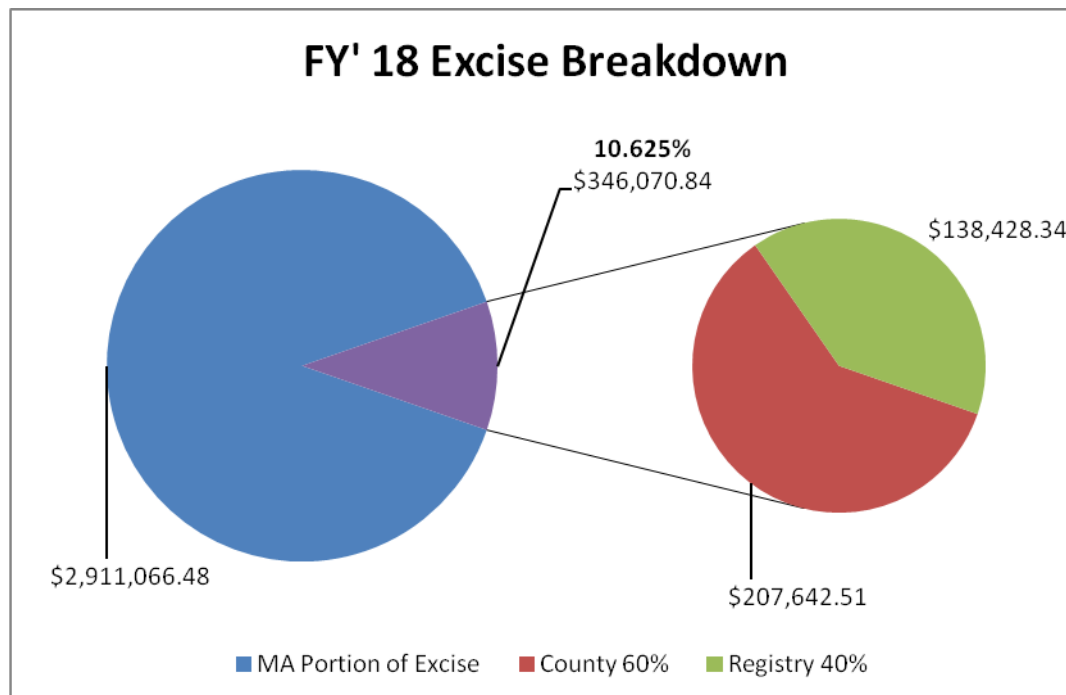


Statistics for FY18

There were a total of 1,437 deeds recorded, 9,015 total documents recorded and \$3,257,137 in deeds excise tax collected.

Revenue Report

	FY' 15	FY' 16	FY' 17	FY' 18
Copies & Postage	\$27,782	\$26,217	\$27,187	\$21,192
Plans	\$1,475	\$1,325	\$1,625	\$1,150
Recorded Land Recording	\$117,197	\$126,948	\$139,819	\$118,418
Land Court Recording	\$51,739	\$50,234	\$49,663	\$47,070
Excise to County	\$159,594	\$202,411	\$205,154	\$207,643
Registry Interest	\$5	\$6	\$6	\$5
Excise Interest	\$15	\$21	\$21	\$18
Total	\$357,807	\$407,162	\$423,475	\$395,495

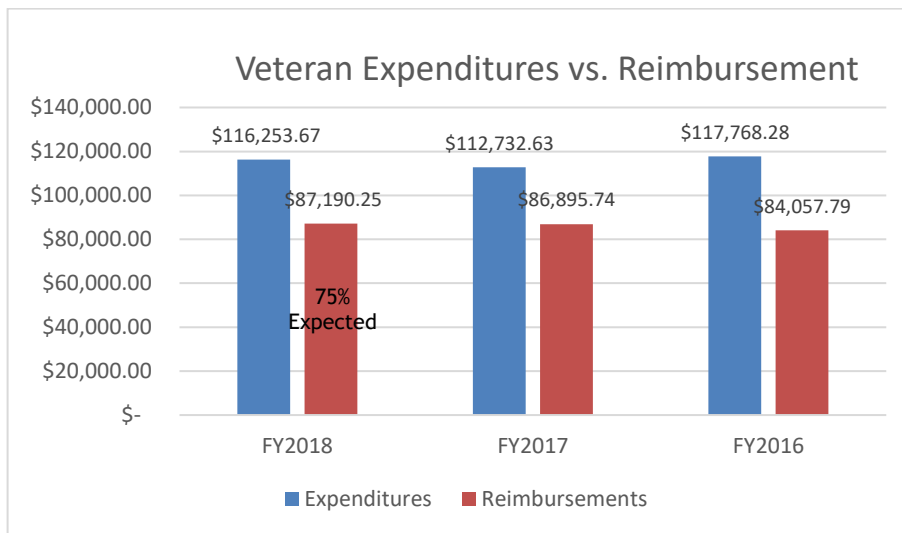


DUKES COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

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Website: www.dukescounty.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday 8:00AM-1:00PM
Tuesday 9:00AM-12:00PM & 1:00PM-3:00PM (at American Legion Hall, in VH)
Wednesday 8:00AM-1:00PM
Thursday 8:00AM-1:00PM
Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM



In FY18, The Dukes County Veterans Services Department handled **207 cases**, including financial and medical assistance. The total amount expended on veteran's assistance was \$116,253.67. We expect 75% of this money to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This year \$86,895.74 was reimbursed for last year's services to veterans and their dependents under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, as amended. The amount received from Federal VA expenditures through pensions and compensations was \$1,470,205.56.

We lost 11 veterans this past fiscal year. All were buried with Military Honors and with a representative from the Veterans Services Office and the Veterans of Martha's Vineyard present. All veteran's graves were decorated with flags per MGL 108 CMR 13:03. Thank you to all town Veterans Graves Officers for their assistance.

Veterans participated in three parades this past fiscal year: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. Our guest speaker for Memorial Day was Mr. Robert Sparks who taught American History at Northeastern University for 35 years. The Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services along with the Governor's Office sent out a Proclamation to be read on Memorial Day. Tisbury Selectman Tristan Israel read the Proclamation. All towns on the Island received a Proclamation. This is the 8th year that we have



been recognized by the Veterans Administration as a National Site for Veterans Day. We also visited Windemere to honor the veterans residing there.

On the Friday before Memorial Day island veterans met at the Oak Bluffs School for their community meeting honoring veterans. Island veterans also participated in the Tisbury School march to sea.

On May 27th island veterans, active duty military and first responders marched 26.2 miles for our 5th annual March for Heroes. We started at 9 am from VFW Post 9261 in Oak Bluffs, marched around East Chop, then around Oak Bluffs Harbor to the Beach Road and on to Edgartown. We stopped at the Edgartown Fire Station for a break, then on to the bike path around Katama and back to the Fire Station for lunch. After lunch we headed out of town to the Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road, on to County Road and back to the VFW for refreshments.

Veterans participated in the Wreaths Across America Program sponsored by Worcester Wreath Company, which has been decorating wreaths on graves at Arlington National Cemetery for 25 years. Seven ceremonial wreaths were placed to remember those who served, honor their sacrifices, and teach our younger generations about the high price of our freedoms. Specially made wreaths for Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and POW/MIA were placed on memorials during a unique ceremony. This year we had our ceremony a day early to include the students from the Tisbury School. This year due to extreme cold weather the ceremony was held at American Legion Post 257 home.

Dr. Monte VanBeber from the VA Clinic in Hyannis is still coming to the island to see veterans once a month. The last figures were that we had 200 veterans registered for VA Health Care.

It has been three years since I became a SHINE Counselor, which stands for "Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone". I feel that this has been a help to my clients and the community.

I also work with M.V. Community Services Veterans Program. This past year we held a dinner to honor and thank Vietnam Veterans for their service. Pins and certificates were given out to veterans and their spouses. This was possible by American Legion Post 257 and M.V. Community Services becoming a Commemorative Partner for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

I would like to thank the membership of the American Legion Post 257 in Tisbury for the use of their space at Seamen's Bethel Annex for the satellite Veterans Office. We also thank them for the use of their hall for veteran's activities.

I continue to write every month on veterans benefits for the 55 Plus Times, go to veterans organizational meetings, attend training with the Department of Veterans Services. As of this date we don't have any island soldiers serving in Afghanistan but have numerous others serving in the U.S. and around the world. If you know of someone serving please call my office with the address.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Murphy

Director of Veterans Service



DUKES COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Operating hours: Call to schedule an appointment.



In FY18, the Dukes County Emergency Manager continued his efforts to support the Dukes County public safety and public health agencies and to partner with other Island government and non-governmental entities. Three areas in particular were targeted to improve county disaster response support for the towns of Dukes County:

Communication with Federal and State Disaster Response Teams

In FY18, the Dukes County Emergency Operating Center was converted into a multi-faceted communication center. The purpose of this valuable disaster service is to enhance Martha's Vineyard and Elizabeth Islands' disaster survivability through direct, multi-faceted communication capabilities which serves agencies in a multi-discipline and multi-jurisdictional manner.

The radios installed include public safety VHF radio, a VHF radio that directly links county emergency management to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) headquarters and its Regional office, Amateur radio 2 meter and HF bands, a Marine radio on the US Coast Guard frequencies and a Digital Mobile Radio repeater.

We continue to maintain the VHF radio repeater and four radio frequencies owned by Dukes County Emergency Management. Inter –municipal communication between the towns during disasters was enhanced by the improvement of a radio system that link the county to the island town Emergency Operation Centers, using the radio repeater system.

The county is a participating member of SHARES (SHARED RESources), a Federal government HF radio program for backup communications and interoperability among Federal agencies and Federally-affiliated entities that have a need to send or receive national security or emergency preparedness communications such as state agencies, county emergency management agencies, and critical infrastructure/key resources providers (telecommunications, energy, healthcare, transportation, etc.).

The County Emergency Manager is the state designated official for the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) on Martha's Vineyard and the Elizabeth Islands. RACES is a protocol created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission for the purpose of emergency communications during disasters. Operators are activated by local, county and state jurisdictions and are the only Amateur Radio operators authorized to transmit during declared emergencies when the President of the United States specifically invokes the *War Powers Act*.



In addition to radio communication, computers systems were upgraded for internet weather, the web-EOC (a program for response reporting to MEMA), a hurricane tracking program called Hurrevac and for the transmittal of email alerts to county residents and local media outlets.

Logistical Support to Towns

In FY18, several pieces of equipment were either refurbished or purchased for responding to emergencies. The reconditioned ambulance was further outfitted with new radios and antennas were permanently mounted on the roof. An International cargo truck was acquired on a lend basis from the Federal Government along with a very large diesel generator which is now owned by the county.

Citizen Preparedness Programs

In FY18, the department continued the program that delivered storm condition alerts and disaster preparation information by email. Alerts were sent out to warn of impending threats of severe weather events along with information bulletins for preparing for these events, especially the blizzard that occurred in March of 2018.

There were no hurricane events affecting Dukes County during 2018. There were several winter storms. The County Emergency Manager activated the Dukes County Emergency Operating Center for these incidents. Disaster plans and protocols were implemented for these events.

The County Emergency Management continued its partnership with the emergency managers for the individual towns on Martha's Vineyard and Elizabeth Islands, the MV Medical Reserve Corps and the Island Boards of Health.

The Emergency Manager participated in an annual drill which tests the MV Airport's ability to respond to an aircraft accident on the airfield.

The Emergency Manager also participated as an official observer for Windemere's Regional Facility Evacuation & Resource/Asset Support Exercise. Windemere is a long term care facility and an affiliate of the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. Dukes County Emergency Management is listed as a regional asset in the Windemere Emergency Action Plan.

It has been another rewarding and successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles (Chuck) Cotnoir

Director of Emergency Management Services



THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT

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AIRPORT COMMISSION

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AIRPORT STRUCTURE AND HISTORY

The Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission is responsible for the care and operation of the airport, and the one square mile of land upon which it is located. The seven-member volunteer commission is appointed to three-year terms by the County Commission and represents a cross section of experience and backgrounds. The airport has 20 full-time and about 15 part-time and seasonal employees who operate the airport, including its service components and water and wastewater departments, implementing policy and ensuring compliance with state and federal guidelines. Originally constructed by the Navy as a training field for pilots during World War II, the airport was transferred to Dukes County in 1959. The property has been a civilian airport ever since, and has hosted many other tenants and activities. It remained largely unchanged until the late 1990s, when the construction of a new passenger terminal building and business park was completed. Annually the airport serves about 50,000 passengers (counted one-way), and has about 40,000 aircraft operations.

Efforts to update and modernize the airport facilities and processes have helped improve safety, customer service and administrative efficiency. The Airport Commission, along with management and staff, are dedicated to providing a safe, reliable and efficient travel option to the public, while remaining a self-sufficient asset for the Vineyard. The airport is financially self-supporting, with revenues offsetting annual expenses. Private construction and development on airport property generate tax revenues for Edgartown and West Tisbury, and provide significant direct and indirect economic benefits for all six towns on the Island.

GRANT-FUNDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In 2017 the Airport Commission completed a Master Plan Update that includes recommendations for how the Airport can accommodate projected changes over the next 20 years. As part of that process, the Commission in 2018 initiated an environmental review of those projects which the master plan



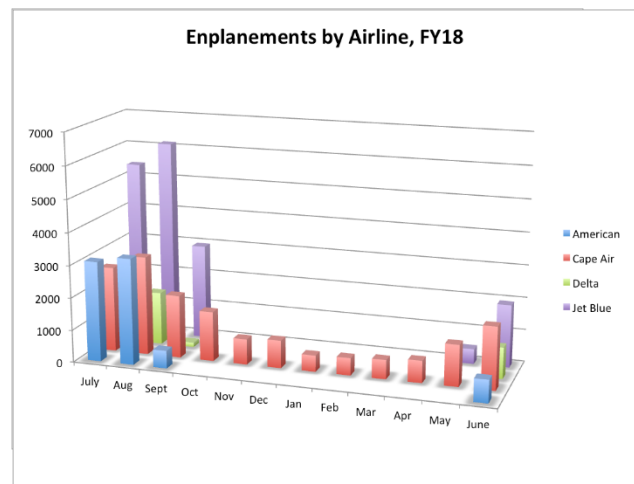
indicates should begin in the near future. Those projects include the following:

- Install no-taxi apron islands
- Replace two airport rescue and firefighting (ARFF) vehicles
- Mill and overlay Runway 6/24
- Mill and overlay Runway 15/33 and replace shoulders with grass
- Install a concrete pad at the fuel storage area
- Pave the transient tie-down area
- Expand the southeast and southwest ramps
- Expand and renovate the terminal building (originally constructed in 1999)
- Construct a new Taxiway E

A required environmental review of the projects listed above began in August 2017, with funding from the Federal Aviation Administration and Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The review will focus on the purpose and need for each project, along with an analysis of development alternatives, in coordination with a wide range of local and state permitting agencies. Public meetings will help ensure that the Island community has an opportunity to weigh in on each project. We expect to complete the environmental review by 2020.

AVIATION ACTIVITY

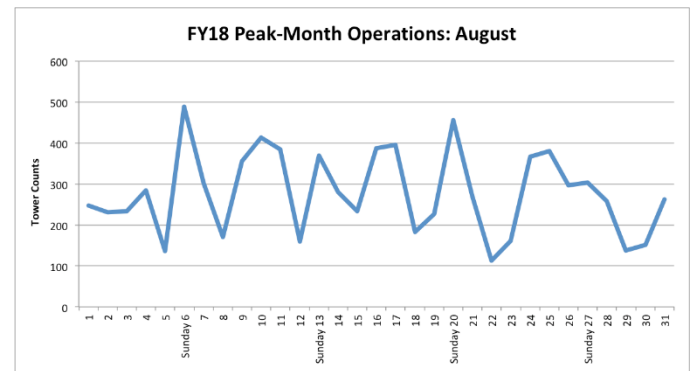
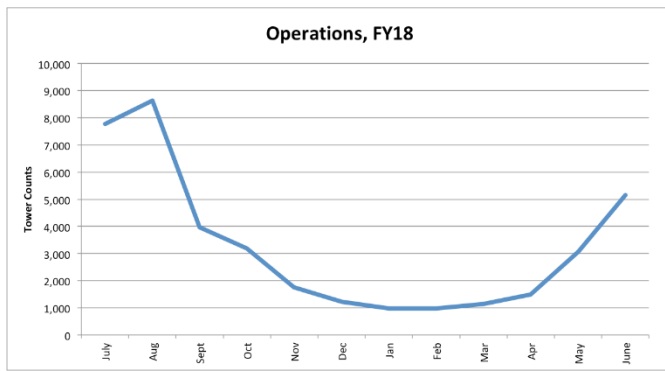
Total passenger enplanements dropped to about 45,160 in FY18, compared to 50,600 in FY17, but were up from 43,000 in FY10. As with enplanements, Airport operations declined significantly between 2000 and 2010, from about 66,000 to 43,000, due largely to changes in commercial services. Operations climbed to about 52,000 between 2011 and 2014, then fell to about 40,000 between 2014 and 2017. Fiscal year 2018 saw the first increase in operations (about 3 percent) since 2014. The Airport recorded seasonal variation of about 7,500 operations per month, between the peak month of August and the off-season.



AIRLINE SERVICE

Overall airline service during the year declined by about 11 percent, with Cape Air remaining the predominant carrier, serving Boston, New Bedford, Hyannis, Nantucket and other locations in the Northeast. Cape Air remains the vital year-round link to the Island, with about 36 percent of scheduled enplanements during the year and all enplanements in the off-season. Jet Blue accounted for about 37 percent, almost all of them in the summer. American and Delta airlines accounted for about 17 percent and 10 percent of operations, respectively.





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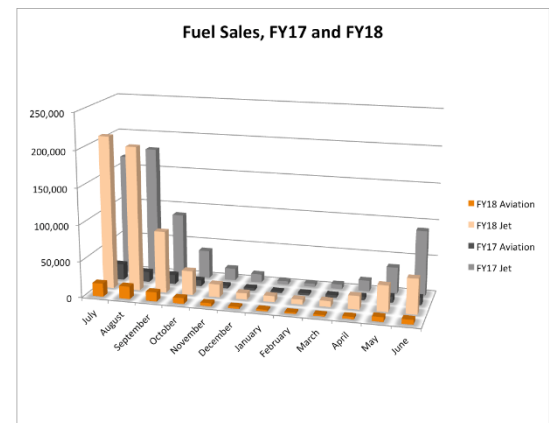
Budget, Avis and Hertz provided rental car services at the airport.

AIRCRAFT AND FLIGHT SERVICES

The airport continues to host several aviation service businesses that provide air charter transportation, aircraft management and aircraft catering services to the public.

CUSTOMER SERVICE, SALES AND PROCESSING

Aviation and jet fuel sales in FY18 totaled 764,035 gallons, an increase of about 1 percent from FY17. Landing fee collections totaled \$10,142 in FY18, representing a slight decline from December through May, but a 15-percent increase in July, August and June. The number of ramp fee payments totaled 7,147, a three-percent decrease from last year.



BUSINESS PARK

Efforts to expand the Airport Business Park continued in FY18 with the identification of areas that do not contain critical habitat or present other environmental restrictions. Areas deemed suitable for expansion must ultimately be approved by the FAA, which will consider any environmental restrictions, and also whether the land will be needed for aeronautical use in the future. We expect to issue requests for proposals for new properties in the spring of 2019. The Airport also worked to ensure that leasing policies were consistent with FAA regulations. In March 2018, the Commission adopted a Fair Market Value policy that establishes a method for determining and challenging the fair-market value of Business Park properties.

WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

The Airport is responsible for the maintenance and testing of the water distribution system for all of its users and tenants. Meters are installed on all service connections and are read on a monthly basis, with water provided by the Oak Bluffs Water District. The Airport and its tenants consumed 2,703,438 gallons of water in 2017 for a variety of purposes, including fire protection, training, irrigation and commercial uses. Water usage declined by 23 percent (from 3,524,642 gallons in 2017), likely due to the absence of the car wash at the former Airport Mobil, and an increase in water rates two years ago. Periodic testing of the water distribution system demonstrates regulatory compliance, including specific tests for coliform, lead and copper, all of which remain well below the threshold for safe drinking water standards.



VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM



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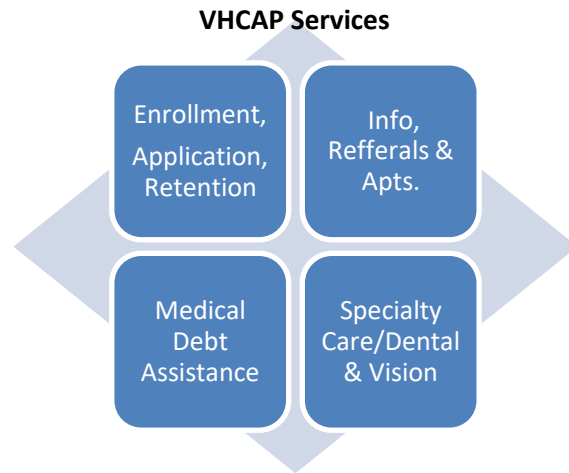
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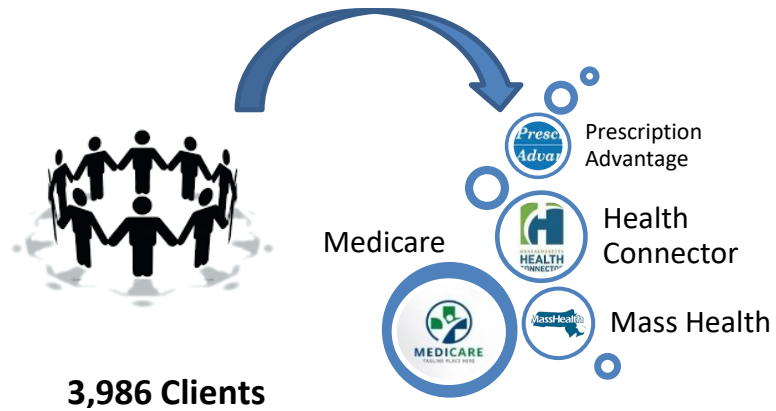
Client Services

The Access Program's core service is connecting the Island residents with affordable health insurance and helping them to retain this coverage. We provide health care program and insurance application, enrollment and retention services; information, referral and advocacy; referrals to medical providers; make doctor's appointments and help clients address medical debt; and we

facilitate access to services like specialty care, dental care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. The Senior Assistance Program provides application assistance, benefits counseling and program navigation for Island seniors and their families. We are also a liaison agency for other public benefits including Food Stamps (SNAP), emergency cash assistance, and Social Security disability claims.



In FY2018, the Access Program provided application and enrollment assistance for 3,986 individuals of all ages for MassHealth and Health Connector affordable insurance programs; 372 seniors were assisted with Medicare, Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage; the MassHealth Long Term Care and Frail Elder Waiver programs; and Disability. We provided health insurance, medical, dental, prescription and related referral assistance 6529 times



Navigator Program

The Access Program is one of 15 programs in the Commonwealth to be part of the Massachusetts Health Connector's **Navigator Program**. The Navigator program is an outreach, education and enrollment assistance program required by the federal Affordable Care Act. The Access Program's enrollment staff must participate in extensive training and pass an annual exam to maintain certified Navigator status.

The David Kurth Memorial Fund

This fund provides emergency financial assistance to Islanders with medical-related expenses that they cannot afford, primarily prescription medication. We also assist with medical transportation assistance for people under age 60 with medical appointments off-Island. ***In FY2018, we assisted uninsured or underinsured Islanders to get prescription medications and related assistance by providing \$5,038 in financial assistance.*** Contributions to the fund in FY2018 came from the Elizabeth and Peter Tower Foundation; the United Methodist Church; individual donors, and local businesses. This fund has provided over \$60,000 in financial assistance to help Islanders get needed medications and medical transportation since its inception.

Vineyard Smiles

Vineyard Smiles provides school-based mobile dental services and dental education for children in grades K-12; monthly dental hygiene clinics for seniors; and care facilitation for adults with unmet oral health needs. ***In FY 2018, 311 children received dental care including exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, sealants and fillings.*** Dental hygiene clinics for low-income adults were held once per month on average at senior centers and Island Elderly Housing. ***87 low income adults, including elderly and disabled patients, received services.*** These services are made possible by funding from the Town Boards of Health for health promotion services.

Local and Regional Initiatives

Access Program employees have been involved in a number of additional health care initiatives including:

- The Dukes County Health Council
- Regional Advisory Board for the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance
- The DCHC's Oral Health Work Group



- The Healthy Aging Task Force
- Elder Care Providers Work Group

Funding

The County maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the six Island Towns for the ongoing funding of the Access Program. This MOU describes the Access Program's governance structure; the County's role and services provided; Town obligations; Municipal Membership Assessments; and Indemnification and Insurance.

Our total FY18 budget was \$463,064.

By having agreements in place with each town, the Access Program's funding is secured and not subject to service cuts if grant funding is reduced. When the program succeeds in obtaining grants, these will offset the Town funding in the following year. **Town funding for FY18 was \$316,789.**

Other FY18 funding sources totaling \$146,275 included Island Health Care via the US Health Services Resources Administration, the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, and local funders including the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, local businesses and individual donors. The major new funding achievement in FY18 was the beginning of a contractual service agreement with Martha's Vineyard Hospital, effective June 1, 2018.



DUKES COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES (DCSS)

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Background

In 2015 Dukes County created its Social Services Department (DCSS) in response to the community's need for assistance with safety net programs and public benefits and resources for low income Islanders under age 60. DCSS connects needy Islanders with a variety of programs and services that support economic self-sufficiency for residents of Martha's Vineyard. The population that the department serves ranges in age, socio-economic status and education levels. We provide services in English and other languages, including Portuguese and Spanish.

DCSS Funding

In FY18, the department was funded by grants from the Community Action Committee for the Cape and Islands (CACCI), the USDA via DTA's SNAP Outreach Grant from UMass Medical School, and South Shore Community Action Committee Fuel Assistance Program. This funding allows the County to employ a part-time Social Services Caseworker for 19 hours per week.

DCSS Activities

The Social Services department's primary functions include, but are not limited to, application assistance for the following programs:

- **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)**
- **WIC (Women, infants and children)**
- **Fuel Assistance**
- **Utility Assistance**
- **Emergency and non-emergency food programs**
- **Social Security Disability Income and Supplemental Security Income**
- **Department of Transitional Assistance cash assistance**

The Department provides information and referrals to local and regional agencies that can offer services and resources to complete addressing the needs of every client and household that we serve. DCSS facilitates applications and referrals for childcare subsidy programs including Bailey Boyd and voucher programs; emergency housing and rental assistance; Cape Cod Times Needy Fund; and unemployment insurance.



Clients receive application assistance for outside agencies that address housing and homelessness, are advised of their options as to what is available to them in terms of rental assistance, housing search assistance, housing search support, homeless shelters and programs available and resources that can support presently homeless.

Information and referrals are made to agencies like The Housing Assistance Corporation, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, The Cape Cod Organization for the Rights of the Disabled (CORD), Community Action Committee for the Cape and Islands (CACCI) and Women Empowered. Locally, the department collaborates with organizations ranging from Elder Services, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Community Services, The Resource Institute, Salvation Army, The Clergy Fund, Vineyard Housing Office, The Vineyard Committee on Hunger, Vineyard Health Care Access and many additional agencies on the island.

Local and regional agencies refer their clients to the Social Services Department as a valuable and helpful resource. **The outcome of this collaboration is that clients receive complete wrap around services in a multitude of areas.**

The Department sponsors, in collaboration with CACCI, the VITA program which is an island wide, **free tax preparation program**, geared towards households under the age of 65 from January through April. In FY2018 the program was held on four dates and 11 clients utilized the service. In the future CACCI hopes to add additional volunteers to the program to provide clients with more service hours.

The case management includes advocacy services and acting as a liaison on behalf of the clients with a variety of the agencies mentioned previously. Examples may be when clients need advocacy with an agency to receive emergency assistance or clients may need clarity as to what verification documentation to submit to finalize their applications and assistance speaking with an agency to complete the application process.

DCSS provides outreach by attending local food pantries, Serving Hands, being a member of the Food Equity Network, assisting with the summer food program implementation and offering supporting data and input for the most recent Mobile Food Market project initiated by Island Grown Initiative.

SNAP outreach is provided by working with collaborating sites or partners, educating, prescreening, application assistance and support. In addition, we provide program information and referral help; to individuals, families, and community networks based on a comprehensive understanding of food resources and other available benefits.



DCSS is represented at the Department of Transitional Advisory board meetings as needed, is a member of the newly formed Disability Coalition, Food Equity Network and the local Homelessness Prevention Network.

Applications

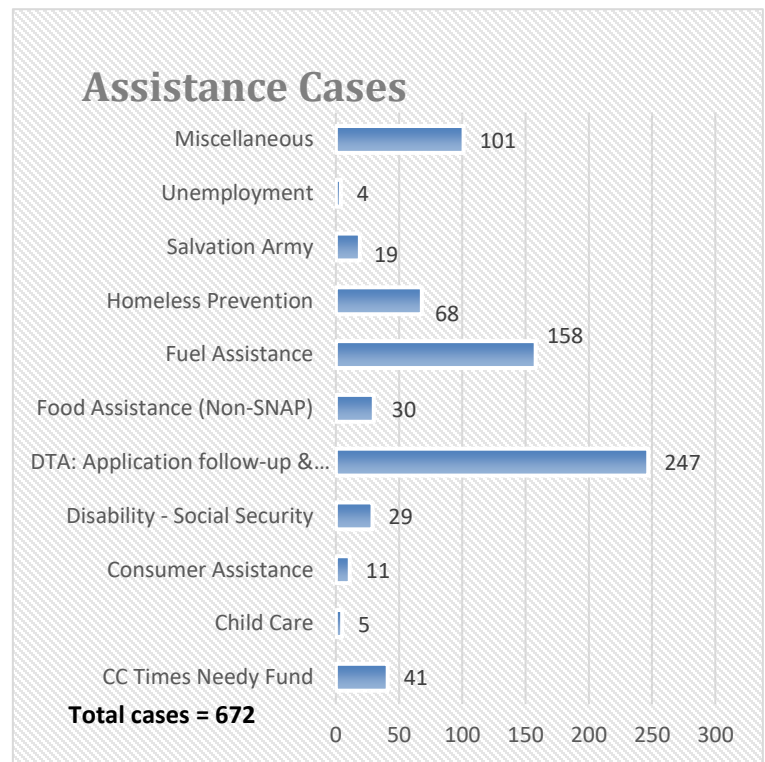
Type	# of Applications	# People
SNAP (Food Stamps)	116	156
Fuel Assistance	76	123
Disability	15	15
Cash Assistance	10	10

Assistance

Assistance includes information, referral, follow-up and advocacy for social services related to client self-sufficiency.

Proposed Program Expansion

We currently have grant funding for a 19-hour/week position. The demand from the community for our services exceeds what we can provide in this part-time capacity and clients may have to wait to get the assistance they need. The granting organizations do see the need for the expanded hours and are willing to increase their funding. Additional funding is however needed to cover the benefit package of an employee over 20 hours per week.



We would like to offer additional hours of service to the clients as well as provide additional services with the goal of moving clients beyond public benefits and welfare and towards economic self-sufficiency, when possible and appropriate. These enhanced services include job training, mentoring/coaching for low-income individuals and families, and related life-skills development to create economic independence.



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Homeless Prevention Services Provided by Associate Commissioner for Homeless Prevention

In FY18, the Associate Commissioner served as the County representative to the Cape and Islands Regional Network. She attended bimonthly meetings, networked with service providers on the Cape and kept the County Manager and the MV Network on Homeless Prevention updated on resources, policies and programs for homeless individuals. The Associate Commissioner chaired the MV Network for Homeless Prevention and oversaw the planning process for a new congregate housing program for homeless individuals called Harbor Homes. She collaborated with Houses of Grace night shelter and the daytime Warming Center to service chronically homeless adults. She established collaborative relationships with MVCS, MV Hospital, Health Care Access, Council on Aging, IHT, VHO, Boards of Health, Affordable Housing, and the police to strengthen services to homeless individuals.

In addition to her volunteer role as Associate Commissioner, Karen was hired by the County to write grants to supplement homeless prevention services. The County was awarded a Farm Neck Grant to fund discretionary needs for visitors at the Warming Center. This included monies for bus passes, cell phones, clothing, etc. She wrote grants to United Way and the Permanent Endowment to establish an emergency shelter program at local motels for reduced rates. This short term intervention was accessed by a dozen individuals during months that the night shelter was not operating as well as by two medically fragile adults and a pregnant woman who could not be accommodated at Houses of Grace.

Homeless Prevention Services Provided by HAC Housing Counselor

In FY18, a part-time Housing Counselor was funded through a United Way grant of \$25,000 and employed by Housing Assistance Corporation to provide services on Martha's Vineyard. The Housing Counselor was stationed at the Vineyard Housing Office (VHO) and provided a range of homeless prevention services to Island residents. These included centralized intake, case management, and screening of residents with a housing crisis and resource and referral to community agencies.

The following is a summary of the services and supports provided to Dukes County residents.

Meet individually with approximately 50 clients to assist them in filling out and filing applications for assistance, housing vouchers and subsidized housing including:

- Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)
- Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)
- Island Elderly Housing (IEH), Morgan Woods, Vineyard Housing Office
- Facilitate homeless individual referrals to the Shelter in Hyannis



- Maintain updated files on each client that includes contact information, services needed and requested, resource/referral information provided
- Provide enhanced case management for chronically homeless adults
- Screen clients for entry onto a waitlist for permanent supportive housing.
- Oversee the annual Point in Time count of homeless and submit report to COC.

The Associate Commissioner worked closely and collaboratively with the HAC Counselor to ensure that the Housing Counselor was aware of all community resources that might be beneficial to her clients.



DUKES COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL

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Meeting Time: DCHC meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 7:30AM at the West Tisbury Public Safety Building. Minutes of the DCHC meetings are available on the County Website: www.dukescounty.org

Board Members

NAME	Title
U. Lena Prisco	Chair
Eleanor Beth	Vice Chair
Robert Laskowski	Secretary
Kevin Carey	Treasurer

Active Members

NAME	POSITION	TERM
Eleanor Beth	Consumer, Vice Chair	2020
Irene Bright-Dumm		2020
Victor Capoccia	Consumer	2021
Kevin Carey	Consumer, Treasurer	2019
Leslie Clapp	Community Health Org.	2020
Betsy Corsiglia	Practice Professional	2020
Vanilize Cortez	Practitioner/Professional	2020
Matt D'Andrea	Public Official	2019
Cindy Doyle	Consumer	2020
Rebecca ElDeiry	Ex Officio, Associate Commissioner for Youth	E.O.
Julie Fay	Community Health Org.	2020
Jay Ferriter	Community Health Org.	2020
Alan Ganapol	Public Official	2019
Karen Gear, DDS	Practitioner/Professional	2020
Victoria Haeselbarth	Community Health Org.	2019
Thomas Hallahan	Hospice MV	2019
Charles Hodge, MD	Practitioner/Professional	2019
Mary Holmes	Community Health Org.	2018
Judy Jones	Practitioner/Professional	2018
Michael Joyce	Consumer	2020
Sarah Kuh	Ex Officio, VHCAP Director	E.O.
Robert Laskowski	Practitioner/Professional	2020
Marina Lent	Public Official	2019
Patsy McCornack	Consumer	2020
Paddy Moore	Assoc. Commissioner of Elderly	E.O.
Robert Moore	MV Public Charter School	2019
JoAnn Murphy	Ex Officio, Veteran's Agent	E.O.
Megan Panek	Elder Services	2020
Kathleen Perrotta	Wellness Coordinator	2019
Dan Pesch	Practitioner/Professional	2020
Lena Prisco	Practitioner/Professional	2019
Susan Sanford	Vineyard Complementary Medicine	2019
Sheila Shapiro	Vineyard House	Guest



Ashley Shattuck	Practitioner/Professional	2018
Myra Stark	Consumer	2020
Joyce Stiles-Tucker	Public Official	2020
Karen Tewhey	Assoc. Commissioner for Homeless	E.O.
Bernadette Thomas		2020
Martina Thornton	Ex Officio, County Manager	E.O.
Christine Todd	Public Official	2020
Berta Welch	Public Official	2019
Mary Jane Williams	Consumer	2019
Terre Young	Community Health Org.	-
Marie Zadeh	Practitioner/Professional	2020

Mission

The Dukes County Health Council (DCHC) is a volunteer coalition of community members, public officials, health practitioners, and health organizations whose mission it is to identify critical unmet needs and seek ways to address them. We promote community-wide health and wellness through the development of a cooperative, integrated health care network and through public education. Critical island resources such as Island Health Care, Vineyard Health Care Access Program, the MV Youth Task Force, Healthy Aging MV and FirstStop MV were formed from the efforts of DCHC. The Health Council has established several committees and work groups that focus on relevant issues and concerns for the MV community.

2018 Health Council Priorities:

Each Year Health Council Members vote on relevant community issues and the results are used by the Coordinating Committee in the formation of agendas for the remainder of this year. The DCHC also has several ongoing committees and workgroups that remain active year over year. The 2018 list of DCHC priorities are as follows:

1	•Cancer Care Access
2	•Community Needs
3	•Dental Services
4	•Transportation for Care
5	•Advance Directives
6	•Tick Disease
7	•Neurology Care Access
8	•Portuguese Speaker Access
9	•Veteran's Access to Care
10	•Immunization Info
11	•Electronic Health Info
12	•Tribal Care Access
13	•Pediatric Primary Care
14	•LGBTQ Issues
15	•Volunteer Organization Financing

Rural Scholars

One of the main activities of the DCHC is the annual hosting of the Rural Scholars, consisting of medical and advanced nursing students from the University of Massachusetts. The Rural Scholars spend two weeks on MV collecting data regarding their current project. In the fall of 2017 the project



was “Addressing Sexual and Reproductive Health on Martha’s Vineyard.” The presentation is available on the MVTV website and on the Health Council Website.

Substance Abuse Committee

In 2018, the Group approved a \$3500 allocation for the employment of a part-time data entry assistant to collect data on local opioid use. The substance abuse committee also continued to work closely with the highly successful Island Coalition on Substance Abuse. Both groups worked to bring the treatment community and law enforcement agencies together to tackle this issue.

A Poster Campaign highlighting that substance misuse is a disease and where to obtain treatment on the island was completed using a series of posters placed across many island sites beyond healthcare facilities and in MVTA buses. They are part of an outreach effort to help more individuals afflicted with substance use disorder engage in therapy. In 2019, this effort will continue with another poster and flyer campaign that again emphasizes the need for life-long support and treatment.

Communication Work Group

Beginning in 2017 and following into 2018, the DCHC Communications Work Group created a website that provides DCHC activities and communications for the public. On <https://www.dchcmv.com> information such as specific meeting minutes and agendas, affiliated organizations, resources, topics of interest and all of the Rural Scholars presentations. The content of the site is reviewed periodically and is in process of being updated with more health-related information of interest to islanders.

Healthy Aging MV Committee (HAMV)

Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (formerly the Healthy Aging Task Force), developed as a subcommittee of the Dukes County Health Council, is a new planning and advocacy coalition of over 70 leaders representing 37 nonprofit and municipal organizations serving Martha’s Vineyard elders and their families. The results of the formation of this group has burgeoned into several work groups to tackle several issues related to our aging island community including:

- Advanced care planning
- Healthcare access challenges
- Fall prevention
- Geriatric education
- Medical related transportation

Cancer Care and MV Cancer Support Group (MVCSG)

The Health Council continues to support and bring awareness to the MV Cancer Support Group. This non-profit organization funded by private donations and run by a 12-member Board which works to support cancer patients with travel off-island, housing, limited mortgage payment support and other financial needs. The group receives 2-4 applications from the community each month. MVCSG hosts several annual events that are prime sources of funding including the annual “Evening Under the Stars” and “Daffodil Day.”



Health Access Martha's Vineyard

This is a program of Dukes County initially founded by the Dukes County Health Council in 2017. Its mission is to assist residents of Martha's Vineyard to obtain affordable, high-quality health care, and safety net services. The DCHC remains committed to aiding this organization in bringing healthcare to vulnerable populations on the island, especially to non-English speaking persons and the LGBTQ community. Information about the assistance and program is available at: <http://mvhealthcareaccess.org/about/>.

Health Data Workgroup

Beyond demographic data collected and collected by the State and locally by the County, it became apparent to the DCHC that as an island community we are lacking vital health-related statistics. In the age of electronic medical records, it is now possible to collect such de-identified disease-related data in order to provide our island organizations with better insights into the acute and chronic conditions prevalent in our community. In 2018 in order to accomplish these goals efforts have begun to identify and consult with potential sources of existing health-related data resources (e.g. Mass Dept. of Health databases, Commonwealth Fund analyses; US census data, to name a few) and potential community partners for data acquisition specific to MV (e.g. MV Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Commission, Island Health Care, MVCS). The goals of this workgroup are to identify and provide recommendations for Island community-based models for the organization and presentation of health data (e.g. county health status dashboards). Interviews with community partners have already begun and potential assistance via internships with local universities for data collection and organization are being explored.

As stated on the DCHC website, through the work we do in committees and workgroups by establishing partnerships throughout the Martha's Vineyard community, our vision is a healthy community with seamless, complementary, coordinated and accessible health and wellness services for all residents of Martha's Vineyard.



MOSQUITO & TICK SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS

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MOSQUITO PROGRAM

In FY2018 The Dukes County Mosquito Control Program was administered by the County of Dukes County for the fifth consecutive year, with funding provided by the Boards of Health of the six towns on Martha's Vineyard. The total spending for FY2018 was \$5,626. The County provided the mosquito collecting equipment, a truck, office space and administrative support that made the Program possible. Mosquitoes were collected using gravid traps with hay water infusion as an attractant. We also sampled for mosquitoes that could potentially carry the Zika virus using cup traps and papers provided by Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Every week from July 3 to September 26, 2017 samples were collected, sorted by species and shipped to the Massachusetts' Department of Public Health Laboratory in Jamaica Plain for testing. In order to be tested, a minimum of five mosquitoes of a relevant species had to be captured in an individual trap. We collected mosquitoes from one site in each Island town each week.

Only 311 mosquitoes were collected in 2017, the second lowest total in the five years of testing. In 2015 only 207 mosquitoes were collected, but in 2013, 2014 and 2016 I collected over 500 per year (see Table 1). Of the 311 mosquitoes collected, 92 were *Ochlerotatus japonicas* and 219 were the *Culex restuans/piapiens* complex. From these, 20 valid pools were collected and sent to the state lab for testing. None of these samples tested positive for West Nile Virus. No mosquitoes that could potentially carry the Zika virus were detected using the cup traps.

The number of mosquitoes in the *Culex restuans/piapiens* complex collected in 2017 was about half the numbers collected in 2013, 2014 and 2016, which accounts for the low number collected overall. The number of *Ochlerotatus japonicas* was slightly above the average for previous years.

TICK PROGRAM

In May 2018, the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Boards of Health of all six Towns to operate the Tick surveillance program (formerly administered by the BOH). The goal of the program is to reduce the number of ticks and tick-borne illnesses. The County provides the following services to the Towns: financial management and financial reports, hires and supervises tick program staff and provides office and program space as needed. The BOH shall provide general programmatic oversight. The Steering Committee which consists of the County Manager and the Edgartown Health Agent and shall determine program activities, prepare annual operating budget, hire Tick Program Director and provide updates to the BOH. Funding for the program is ensured by the Boards of Health



through donations to the Permanent Endowment Fund. The Permanent Endowment Fund contributed **\$21,500 for the 2018 program season.**

Tick yard surveys: From mid-May through the end of July Tick Program staff will visit your yard, complete an assessment of potential tick habitat, check the yard for ticks and discuss ways you can reduce the number of ticks and the chance of being bitten. We request a minimum \$50.00 contribution for each survey, however we will do the survey for free if the contribution is an issue. If you would like to have a tick survey next spring, please complete a [Request for Tick Yard Survey](#)

Hunting on Private Property: We work with private landowners to connect them with responsible hunters to reduce deer populations Island-wide by targeting residential areas, a preferred habitat of our deer population. Find out more information and register here: <http://bit.ly/HuntingMVTicks>.

Community Deer Cooler/Venison Donation Project: We are working on an annual program with Island Grown Initiative (IGI) and the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society (MVAS) to increase the number of deer culled during bow and shotgun season on the Vineyard. The program includes a Community Deer Cooler that allows registered hunters to hang deer for up to 10 days (per deer) and IGI's Venison Donation Program that provides high-quality, protein-rich meals to Islanders in need. For more information, please visit here: <http://www.igimv.org/programs/food-equity-and-recovery/venison-donation-program>

Public Presentations: Tick Program staff do frequent public presentations throughout the year, focusing on ways to minimize the risk of tick-borne illnesses to you, your family and your pets. We also cover the latest research on ticks, including data on the location and frequency of our three common ticks collected during the yard surveys. If you would like to receive email notifications of our public presentation please contact Richard Johnson: ticksmv@gmail.com

Private Small Group Presentation: We also do presentation by request for Road and Homeowner Associations, civic groups and small groups of concerned individuals. These presentations are shorter and can be customized to meet the interests of the group. If you would like to request a small group presentation please contact Richard Johnson: ticksmv@gmail.com

Media Coverage: We are lucky to have two local newspapers and a local radio station that focus on issues important to our community. Dick Johnson is a frequent guest on WMVY's Vineyard Current, Laurel Reddington's Sunday morning Show. Both the Vineyard Gazette and the MV Times have publish frequent news stories on ticks and tick-related issues. Dick Johnson has also published several articles on the Gazette OpEd page, including Why We Should Focus on Reducing Deer and not Mice, Methods and Costs of Reducing Ticks and Deer (rename) and Lone Star Tick Larvae.



MV CENTER FOR LIVING



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Supportive Day Program Supervisor:	Eileen Murphy
Supportive Day Program Coord:	Susan Habekost
Special Assistant/Meal Coordinator:	Rosie Roberts
Special Assistant	Faith Benefit
Special Assistant:	Janice Rose

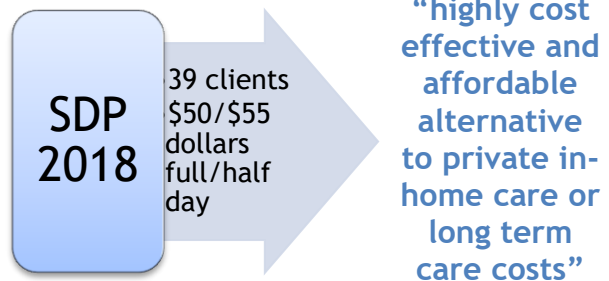
Mission statement

“Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment.”

In January of 2018, the Center for Living moved all programs, staff and participants to the newly renovated building at 29 Breakdown Lane in Vineyard Haven. Purchased in 2015 by Dukes County with the support of all six island towns; renovations were completed in 2017 with funds donated to the Center for Living from the estate of former island resident Margaret A. Yates. 2018 was a year of change and growth, with challenges met and overcome. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. As a 501c3 non-profit it is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 13 members, two from each island town and one County representative, as follows: Gail Barmakian, President (Oak Bluffs); Adam Wilson, Vice-President (Aquinnah); June Manning, Clerk (Aquinnah); Shirley Dewing, Treasurer (Edgartown); Jane Keenan (Edgartown); Nelson Smith (Oak Bluffs); Miki Badnek, (Tisbury); Eerik Meisner, (Tisbury); Risë Terney, (West Tisbury); Chris Decker (West Tisbury); Mary Breslauer, (Chilmark); Martina Thornton (Dukes County).

Supportive Day Program

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and unable to participate independently in community activities and programs such as those offered at the local Senior Centers. Equally important is respite provided for families and caregivers of SDP



participants. Many of the clients at the Supportive Day Program have various and sometimes multiple conditions of the aging process, or chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. However, most wish to remain at home in the care of their families. The Center for Living SDP affords them ability to participate in their community, enjoying the company of their peers in a safe environment free of stigma. The SDP offers companionship and a wide range of engaging activities tailored to individual capacity including exercise and yoga, music and dancing, arts and crafts, a book group, history club and more. Most importantly careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of our clients. In 2018, one important new aspect of the SDP is the provision of the noon meal. Although this has been challenging, we have successfully launched the new meal program to rave reviews. Some meals have been provided through generous donations from several restaurants and caterers including Linda Jean's, Mocha Motts, Lucky Hank's, Island Fresh Pizza, the Black Dog Bakery, Johnny Smiles catering, Buckley Catering and one donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Daily transportation to and from the Center is available and provided by the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA). In 2018, 39 individuals were served at the Supportive Day Program, providing over 21,000 hours of quality care as well as respite for families and caregivers. Clients have the option of participation for full or half days on a schedule that suits them and their caregivers. The move to the new building has afforded us the opportunity to expand the Supportive Day Program to five days and we expect to implement this in early 2019. The new space also allows us to increase the number of clients we serve on a daily basis.

Dementia Family Support Services

In 2017 we received a small grant from the Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard to implement a pilot Dementia Family Support Program. With the initial grant we implemented a Dementia Caregiver Support Group twice a month. In addition, a trained clinician is available to do cognitive assessments, refer to a Neurologist for further diagnostic testing, and to local agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the CORE program at MV Community Services, and the Center for Living Supportive Day Program and the Memory & Music Café for additional supports and services. The individuals served through this program range in age from late 50's to mid-90's, with more than half in their 80's. Most requests for referrals and services are initiated by family caregivers and other agencies involved with the client. In 2018, we received an additional \$7,100 grant from United Way of Cape Cod and the Islands to continue this program on a limited basis; the twice monthly Dementia Caregiver Support Group continues, and allowing for a small number of hours for individual assessments and referrals.

Memory Café

In 2018 the Memory & Music Café also moved to 29 Breakdown Lane. Memory Cafés are a national movement in community-based services for older adults with memory loss, their family members and caregivers. In Massachusetts, Cafés have also been open to older adults with developmental disabilities, and a portion of our funding for the Memory and Music Café comes from the state Department of Disability Services (DDS). Music is central to our Memory Café, with live music and singing every week. Ours is the only café we know of that is offered weekly, where most are offered once or twice a month. There are currently 100 Memory Cafés across Massachusetts. We participate in a state-wide Memory Café quarterly meeting that has begun to garner participation from other states that are interested in starting Memory Cafés in their areas. Memory Cafés differ but are all welcoming places where people can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear of



stigma. There is no charge to participants and each week 20 to as many as 40 participants join us for two hours of music, song, conversation and camaraderie. **Funding Sources:** MV Center for Living; Department of Developmental Services (State); local grant resources; ongoing fundraising

Medical Taxi (transportation to off-island medical appointments)

FY2018 was the final year in which we were able to offer the Medical Taxi program, primarily due to reductions in grant funding. The program is scheduled to end in September 2018. By the end of FY18 we had served 212 Islanders with transportation: 1,064 one-way trips to and from medical appointments throughout Cape Cod. The direct cost of this program was \$20,620. **Funding Sources:** Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands, Department of Elder Affairs Grant, MV Center for Living (in-kind), voluntary donations from participants. In FY19, the Vineyard Transit Authority will step in with the Cape Medivan Service, a one-year pilot program to provide limited transportation to medical appointments on Cape Cod.

Emergency Food Program

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is a sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program on-island, coordinating five Emergency Food Pantries (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). Every month, each pantry orders a variety of nutritious foods from the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston. MV Center for Living coordinates with Island Food Products (IFP) to pick up and deliver these orders for distribution to needy islanders of all ages.

The value of Island Food Products donation (truck, time, storage, Steamship Authority) is over \$30,000. Transportation costs reimbursed to IFP: \$4,000. Island Grown Initiative also distributes fresh produce at the Emergency Pantry sites, gleaned from local farms during the harvest season. Our local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their "Meat the Needs" program, as well as their holiday "Food for Friends" program. The Faith Community, led by the Good Shepherd Parish also orders food from the Food Bank during December, January and February, to support their Community Suppers and Homeless Shelter program.

The Emergency Food Program serves an average of 250 households monthly, including children and elders. Through the Greater Boston Food Bank we also have access to grant funding to increase capacity by providing additional refrigeration and/or freezer storage at sites where this is feasible. This year we also received a \$900 grant to purchase two additional freezers for the Serving Hands pantry at the Baptist Church. **Funding sources:** Project Bread Grant \$3,000 (annual); Vineyard Committee on Hunger donation, \$2333; Stop & Shop donations (Food for Friends Program) \$2539. In 2018 we received 67,000 pounds of food from the Greater Boston Food Bank; value of food received \$86,147; cost of purchased food \$1900.

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral

The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month at a cost of \$8000 annually. MV Center for Living is responsible for editing and submitting the information published in the 55Plus Times. It is a valuable source of information and we look forward in 2019 to working with the MV Times editors and staff to make this publication an even better resource for islanders 55 and over.



Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for \$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Under the direction of Chef Jack O'Malley, Culinary Arts students plan, prepare and serve the meal. Students from the Music Department, under the direction of Michael Tinus, provide musical entertainment. Between 25 and 40 seniors attend these luncheons each month. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Councils on Aging and the Martha's Vineyard Hospital kitchen to provide a home delivered holiday meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals on each of these holidays and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. In March 2018, 78 Easter meals were delivered, and during the 2018 holiday season, 85 meals were delivered on Thanksgiving Day, and on Christmas Day, 86 meals were delivered to homebound seniors.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, under the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2018, the island towns contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

We are grateful for the generous support, both financial and in spirit, of the town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies and the community at large. This support and generosity makes a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
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FirstStop MV is an Island-wide reference guide to support the health and wellness of the Island community by **connecting people** to information and **critical resources** for Islanders of all ages.

FirstStop is possible thanks to funding provided to the County by the island towns (FY18 \$ 86,990). In November of 2016, FirstStop was moved from being housed by the County, to Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS), a non-profit organization.

Since November 2016, the FirstStop MV website has expanded to become an Island-wide social services database and referral resource for Islanders of all ages –not limited to just elders and caregivers. Staff time was utilized researching and collecting data on all of the social service providers, activities, and opportunities on Island (and many off-Island), researching keywords associated with new categories and sub-categories; connecting with new providers; building the back-end of the website with a new structure, updated design, and language translation; and conducting usability testing. The new website has enhanced usability and searchable functionality, an improved mobile-friendly website and a language translator enabling a visitor to view content in either English or Portuguese.

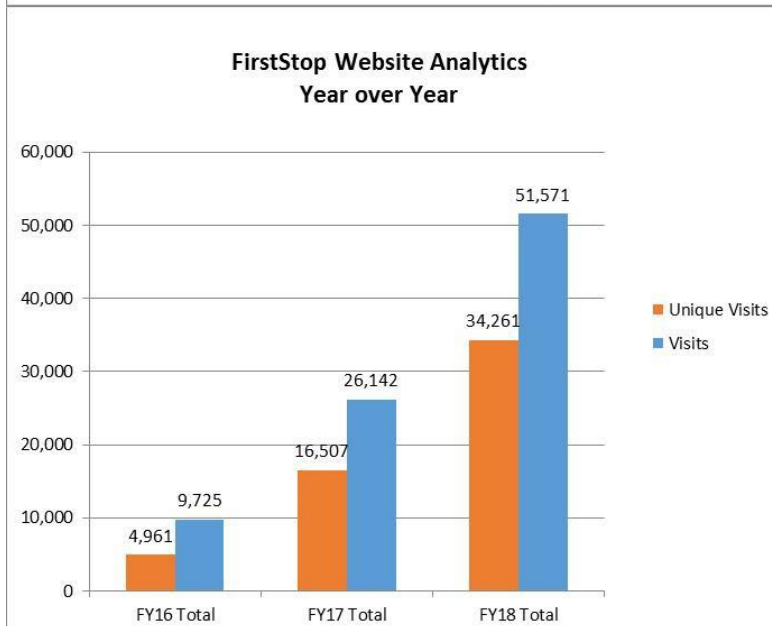
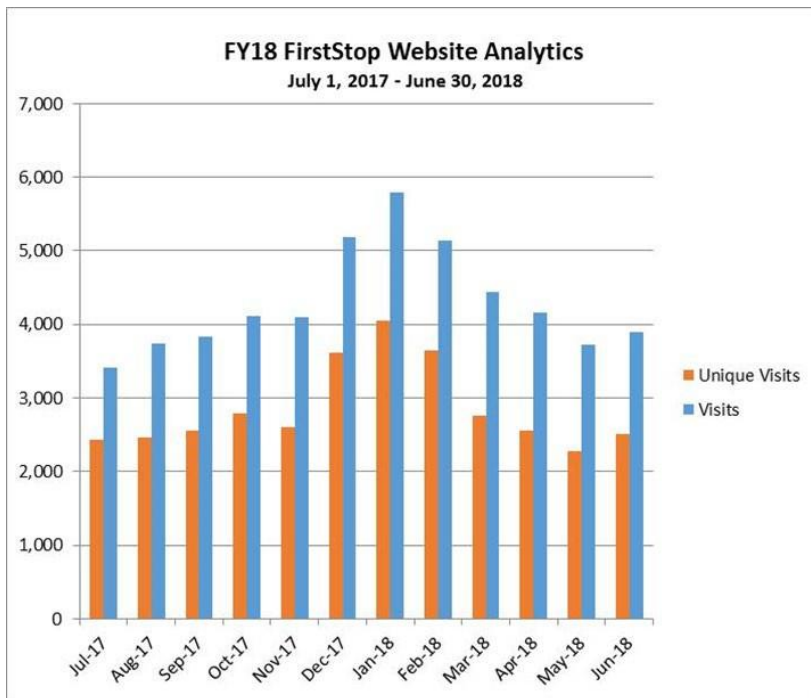
The online database of over 700 providers is comprised of far ranging service categories including emergency services; food access and nutrition; homeless services; mental health and substance use disorder services; family planning; childcare; family and caregiver support; legal and financial assistance; transportation; disability services; senior services; domestic violence support; educational and social opportunities; employment and volunteering; and more. The website can be searched by category or keyword to locate a service provider or other resource that may be able to help the visitor.

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Website analytics from FY18 can be found in Figures 1 and 2 below. The data in Figure 1 illustrates the uptick in website visits in the off-season, which shows the increase in demand for social service resources during the winter months. Figure 2 shows the increase in website visits from FY16-FY18.

Visits include individual visitors who arrive at the website and proceed to browse. A visit counts all visitors; no matter how many times the same visitor may have been to the site. Unique Visits include individual visiting the site for the first time.





COUNSELING, OUTREACH AND REFFERAL FOR ELDERLS (CORE)

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CORE (Counseling, Outreach, and referral for Elders) is a program developed by the Councils on Aging cooperatively with MVCS Island Counseling Center in 2011. The CORE program works with at-risk and mostly home-bound elders in the following manner who are referred to the program by Councils on Aging, primary care physicians, first responders, neighbors and family members, and MV Hospital. Town Funding for FY2018 was \$53,000.

CORE addresses the significant inter-related health, behavioral health, social and case management needs of elders age 55+ at no cost to the client. Many CORE clients require home visits due to their difficulties with mobility, transportation and Medicare restrictions. Care coordination connects elders to needed services, community activities, linkages with doctors, food supplies and encouragement of elders with substance use issues to address that problem. The care coordinators, guided by the clinicians, provide their services to meet the needs and desires of the clients.

CORE services are not covered by insurance and are a vital component of providing effective behavioral health treatment. Assuring that appointments with medical professionals are kept, coordinating treatment with clinicians and medication with psychiatric providers allows elders with medical issues to understand treatment and avoid medication interactions. CORE addresses a wide range of client needs, including:

- Meeting in the homes of clients who struggle with extreme anxiety. These clients would otherwise avoid treatment due to their fears and their inability to travel to the counseling center for treatment.
- Assisting clients to learn about and when appropriate, apply to other Island organizations'
- transportation supports, including MV Center For Living, Vineyard Village at Home and The Lift.
- Advocating for clients who are facing housing crises by connecting to them to local agencies, including Island Elderly Housing and Housing Assistance Corp. A CORE care coordinator can attend meetings with our clients to help disseminate information and aid in planning the next action steps towards secure housing.
- Food insecurity. CORE helps to connect clients to food resources on the Jsland including the Island Food Pantry, Serving Hands and SNAP benefits.
- Hospital stays are an unfortunate reality for some of our clients. With the CORE prog r am,



our clinicians can continue to meet with the clients in their hospital rooms. This supports continuity of care and it provides the client with additional emotional and mental health support during what can be a stressful and anxiety-ridden experience.

CORE Service Summary

Service Data	FY2018	FY2017	FY2016
# of Units	1132	797	848
# of Individuals	70	67	65



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MISSION

The Youth Task Force mission is to reduce substance use and other risky behaviors by promoting community-wide health and wellness for youth and families through a cooperative integrated network of youth, parents, health practitioners, health and social service organizations, public officials, educators, law enforcement officers, and other community members.

ASSESSMENT

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is conducted every two years on MV. For this anonymous survey, all students in grades 7-12 are asked a series of questions related to health and risky behavior. The surveys are analyzed and compiled into a report by an off-island agency. The YRBS Reports are utilized as a tool to shape YTF initiatives and create supports for students. The YRBS was edited and administered in April 2018. Edits included new questions about vaping and relationships (chosen in collaboration with CONNECT to End Violence). Additionally, in 2018 the YRBS was translated into Portuguese for the first time. New print materials were created with the 2018 YRBS data and distributed at community and school events. Additionally, the new data was distributed to parents of students in grades 6-12 via the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. The 2018 survey report is currently available upon request. The next YRBS is scheduled for Spring 2020.

PROGRAMS/IMPLEMENTATION

Social Norms Marketing Poster Campaign

The YTF facilitates focus groups with middle school and high school students to develop new marketing materials. Our message for our social norms marketing campaign reads "Most Students on Martha's Vineyard Choose Not to Drink Alcohol." The social norms approach focuses on positive messages about healthy behaviors and attitudes. Posters are distributed in the schools as well as the general community on bulletin boards at libraries, stores, ice arena, etc. The posters are also placed



on all Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) Buses and on Steamship Authority Ferries in our community. We are very proud to announce that MV high school drinking rates have decreased from 55% in 2007 to 33% in 2018.

Sticker Shock Campaign.

The YTF facilitates a community activity; Sticker Shock, where over 5,000 stickers are placed on multi packs and bags at liquor stores on the Island by community volunteers. The stickers educate the community on the legal consequences of providing alcohol to individuals under age 21.

The Sticker Shock campaign poster is also shown at the local movie theatre during previews and distributed on reusable shopping bags and posters in the community.

Digital Leadership with Janell Burley Hofmann

Janell Burley Hofmann, author of *iRules: What Every Tech-Healthy Family Needs to Know About Selfies, Sexting, Gaming and Growing Up* is an international speaker and consultant working with youth, parents, educators and professionals. In January 2018, Janell presented to all students in grades 6-8 in the MVRHS Performing Arts Center. Janell's presentation focused on digital citizenship and creating healthy boundaries with technology. Janell then returned to MV periodically from January to June 2018, to facilitate four half-day student workshop trainings with 50 middle school students. These students were chosen by their teachers to be Digital Teach Leaders and represented all five Island middle schools. The program included a series of workshops and programming to train the student leaders over the course of the four sessions to bring digital health, safety, character, mindfulness and well-being to their school communities. Trainings provided students with the knowledge and tools to support and lead the school community, develop student created campaigns, initiatives, programs and model a tech positive lifestyle.

Safe Medication Disposal

We promote the five med drop boxes on the Island and develop multiple materials for disseminating this information. Through the pharmacies we distribute thousands of prescription drug bags with information on local med drop box locations. Additionally, we have posters and information cards in key locations on the Island, including the MV Hospital Emergency Department and Vineyard Transit Authority buses.

Speaker Series

In 2018, the YTF partnered with the Island Wide Youth Collaborative, MV Family Center, Martha's Vineyard Public Schools and CONNECT to End Violence to sponsor multiple speakers including Lynn Lyons, Mark Hoover, Kathi Meyer Sullivan and Janell Burley Hofmann. Topics included social host liability, anxiety, underage drinking, and parenting in a digital world. In addition to providing the live event, the YTF arranged for many of the presentations to be professionally filmed (when allowed) and broadcast on our public access television station. The videos are available On-Demand on the MVTV website.

"Talk. They hear you." Campaign

A "Talk. They Hear You" 30-second public service announcement/info about the MV Youth Task Force airs before every movie viewed at the Edgartown Showcase Cinemas. "Talk. They Hear You." Is a



campaign created by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as a tool to help parents talk to their kids about the dangers of alcohol.

Parent Dinners

The Youth Task Force (YTF) continues to view parent networking as one of the biggest supports that it can offer to our community. The YTF has hosted annual parent dinners for parents of children in middle and high school for the past 10 years. These dinners offer an opportunity for parents to get together and discuss age appropriate issues for their children and network with other parents. These events have accomplished multiple results such as providing a pathway for the YTF to access parents, lively discussions that guide our efforts in developing resources for the community and allowing for important networking among parents themselves. During 2018, the YTF hosted screenings of Dr. Ruth Potee's 2017 vineyard presentation on adolescent brain development. These events were extremely successful. Over 100 community parents participated in the viewing of the presentation and the discussion that followed, facilitated by a recovery coach from MV Community Services.

Guiding Good Choices (GGC)

Guiding Good Choices (GGC) is a family competency training program for parents of children in middle school. The program contains five-sessions, with an average session length of 2 hours each week. Children are required to attend one session that teaches peer resistance skills. The other four sessions are solely for parents and include instruction on: (a) identification of risk factors for adolescent substance abuse and a strategy to enhance protective family processes; (b) development of effective parenting practices, particularly regarding substance use issues; (c) family conflict management; and (d) use of family meetings as a vehicle for improving family management and positive child involvement.

In collaboration with the Island Wide Youth Collaborative, the Youth Task Force facilitated the GGC curriculum at the West Tisbury, Tisbury and Edgartown Schools. For each session, dinner and childcare were provided.

Vaping

In response to the increased use and concern around youth vaping activities and inquiries from the Island Middle Schools and the MVYPCS and MVRHS, the Youth Task Force hosted an all Island middle school faculty and MVRHS faculty training presented by Bob Collett, Cape Cod Regional Tobacco Control Agent on "Vaping 101." He was able to provide faculty with up to date information about current popular products and current use rates. In addition, we hosted a parent workshop with Bob to educate parents about vaping. This presentation was recorded and available on our Facebook page Youth Task Force (MV). The YTF provided all of the schools with print and electronic versions of resource guides about vaping. The YTF also supported the development of a student designed and produced PSA about vaping in collaboration with MVRHS and CONNECT to End Violence. Additionally, YTF worked with MVRHS to provide materials to parents when their child has been suspended from school for substance use and up-to-date resource information on vaping cessation for youth.

