

**EDGARTOWN FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WITH THE ALL ISLAND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 – 7 PM  
AT THE EDGARTOWN FIRE STATION**

MEMBERS PRESENT: LES BAYNES, JIM CARTER, CHAIR—PAULO DEOLIVEIRA,  
CHILMARK SELECTMAN PRESENT: JIM MALKIN

OAK BLUFFS FINCOM MEMBERS PRESENT: STEVE AUERBACH, JASON BALBONI, BOB GAFFEY, MAURA MCGROARTY, ABE SEIMAN, BILL VROOMAN,

TISBURY FINCOM MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFF KRISTAL, JYNELL KRISTAL, MARY ELLEN LARSEN,

WEST TISBURY FINCOM MEMBERS PRESENT: GREG ORCUTT

OTHERS PRESENT: SARAH KUH, MARY LEDDY – VHCAP; JULIE FAYE – MVCS; PADDY MOORE –HATFMV; LESLIE CLAPP – CFL.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM.

THIS ALL ISLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE (AI FINCOM) SESSION WAS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE VARIOUS ROLES, FUNDING MECHANISMS, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGET IMPACT OF: HEALTHY AGING TASK FORCE MV (HATFMV), MV CENTER FOR LIVING (CFL), VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM (VHCAP) AND MV COMMUNITY SERVICES (MVCS). AFTER THE FY17 BUDGET CYCLE THE CHILMARK FINCOM REQUESTED THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS MEET TO CONSIDER COMBINING EFFORTS, PERSONNEL AND BUILDINGS FOR THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF FUNDS AND RESOURCES.

VHCAP DIRECTOR SARAH KUH gave a brief history of the program, which was a Dukes County Department, funded at the County 50/50 assessment formula through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Towns—in all town budgets except Edgartown where it was a warrant article.

- Grant funding was stable at about 1/3 of the total budget.
- \$600 in modest building upkeep/utility costs was paid to the county as rent.

The program was a state certified health insurance navigator serving 15-18% of the population along with medical advocacy, scheduling appointments, Medicare and Supplement registration, rehabilitation programs, emergency prescriptions, Windermere referrals, etc. VHCAP collaborated or administered a number of other social services: 'Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders' (SHINE), Vineyard Smiles school and adult dental program, etc.

- VHCAP and the County were instrumental in establishing 2 new Martha's Vineyard positions (a desperately needed homeless prevention assistant, and a half time social services coordinator—food stamps, fuel assistance, etc.) funded entirely by Cape and Islands Social Services which had not previously been active on the Islands.
- They were comfortable as a County Department and in their Oak Bluffs building and had consequently not yet thought about transferring to MVCS.

HATFMV/FIRSTSTOP COMMITTEE MEMBER PADDY MOORE explained they saw themselves as a planning and advocacy agency working with existing organizations to enable data-informed/evidence-based decisions.

- She outlined the successful senior survey resulting in invaluable data on the needs of the aging population on Martha's Vineyard. This phase included hiring a statistician, and collaborating with over 25 Island organizations (from Selectmen and Councils on Aging (COA) to non-profits, medical providers, the Wampanoag Tribe, the Chamber of Commerce, etc.). For example the survey showed 64% of Island senior's rarely or never used the COAs. 33% lived alone; and the fall rate was about 28%.
- Another initiative was the My Senior Center computers and software (now a line item in each Town's COA budget—total annual cost \$5,400) that tracked COA participation to strengthen programs, maintained records, facilitated outreach and aided in State reporting/grant eligibility. Only one of the four COA's was utilizing the system to its full design, the others being hampered by lack of staff, training, or hardware glitches. HATFMV would work to resolve these issues.
- The FirstStop website (total cost \$86,000 divided among Town warrant articles) in partnership with MVCS/CORE was a powerful resource tool for On and particularly Off-Island caregivers and providers, referring clients to many organizations as needed. The one full time staff person was available by phone and kept the website updated. Some information was duplicated by the Senior Centers but it was noted people looked for information in many different ways.
- HATFMV collaborating with the YMCA and others offered or was working on: on fall prevention training, caregiver respite and classes for caregivers.

MVCS DIRECTOR JULIE FAYE outlined the CORE program initially funded by a 5 yr. \$50,000 MV Hospital (MVH) grant and now by Town warrant articles. Referrals from the COAs, MVH, physicians, and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) targeted homebound seniors with depression, hoarding, medication confusion and self-neglect issues. Workers consulted families, straightened out problems, set up care systems and monitored the clients. They were mandated abuse reporters of Elder Services of Cape & Islands. However, counseling and mental health services were hampered by a Medicare regulation requiring a physician be in the building (whether treating the client or not).

- MVCS was constantly calling on or referring clients to VHCAP to facilitate client health insurance funding.

- Although all MVCS staff were on the lookout for grants, the preference was for the more stable Federal and State contracts. For example: the Island Wide Youth Collaborative (IWYC) was initiated through a \$300,000 Tower Foundation grant that leveraged its ongoing State contract funding. Cindy Mitchell's tremendous advocacy successfully established Island Healthcare as a Federally Qualified Health Service, bringing in stable federal support and enlarging funding opportunities (such as bilingual services for the underserved Portuguese population).
- Other MVCS programs included: preschool/childcare; Headstart home-based school preparation program; Family Center trainings/ classes for fathers, grandparents, families with military deployments, and other psycho-educational education; Island Counseling Center; Emergency Services; Day Break for people with ongoing mental health issues; Connect to End Violence against domestic violence and rape.
- Total MVCS staff was about 120 of which 30% were part-time, augmented by a phenomenal group of volunteers at Thrift Shop.

CFL DIRECTOR LESLIE CLAPP reported on the current status of the program. The majority of the CFL budget had been Town funded (within the COA budgets) for about 30 years, however the total budget included annual grant funding to operate 3 of its programs: Medical Transportation on Cape Cod; Emergency Food Coordination; and the new Memory Café for those suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's.

- The Supportive Day Program for people with more severe dementia/Alzheimer's issues was labor intensive and required skilled staff, operating out of 2 COAs 4 days a week, with the hope that in the new building it would increase to 5 days in tandem with the Memory Café. The program also provided much needed respite to caregivers.
- The plan was to increase medical/clinical/consultant staff with the Trust money, as there was a real need for additional services to families who often had no idea how to navigate these diseases; but not necessarily move to a certified "Medical Model" which involved overly complex Medicare certification and was not cost effective.
- CFL staff consisted of the Director (oversight, grant writing, supervision, accounting), an administrative assistant and 5 Supportive Day Program workers. The recently revised 13 member Oversight Board (budget, operations, Trust administration) included 6 town appointees, the County Manager, and 1 at large member from each Town.
- The lease of the new County owned building was about to be finalized. An architect/designer was expected to submit final plans this week and it was hoped work would start in the near future. Some of the Trust funds would be used for building updates (e.g. the sprinkler system). Utilities and other building expenses would be paid to the County in lieu of rent. The County was responsible for renovating and renting out the second floor.
- It was currently unclear what would happen to the Town voted FY17 operation funds predicated on a January 2017 move-in.

THE ALL ISLAND FINCOM THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND REPORTS.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD EXAMINE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: IN PARTICULAR DUKES COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION AND POSSIBLY DUKES COUNTY.

**MEETINGS:**

ALL ISLAND FINCOM – 6:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 AT HOWES HOUSE

MVRHSC – 7:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016, MVRHS LIB. CONF. ROOM (LCR)

BUDGET – 10:00AM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016 MVRHS LCR

BUDGET – 8:30AM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016 MVRHS LCR

BUDGET – 6:00PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016 MVRHS LCR

MVRHSC – 7:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016, MVRHS LCR.

BUDGET – 6:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 MVRHS LCR

MVRHS BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 PAC

MVRHSC BUDGET CERTIFICATION – 7:00PM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016,  
MVRHS LCR

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARNI LIPKE, OFFICE ON CALL/ORDER OUT OF CHAOS

**• These Minutes approved as written by the OB FinCom 11/3/16.**