



PROPOSAL FOR AN

ISLAND INTEGRATED PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATIVE (I2PHC)

INTRODUCTION

This proposal is developing and presently based on three critical components:

- 1.) Leadership, in-kind staff and grant funding from Island Health Care Community Health Center (done);
- 2.) Dukes County Manager/Commission agreement (in process with County Manager support);
- 3.) Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship (and/or other similar) two-year funding (note that two key IHC full-time staff members – **Lila Fischer, RN** and **Brian Morris, Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Access Coordinator** – are Vineyard Vision Fellows.)

WHO

Island Health Care Community Health Center (IHC) – Catalyst/Initial Lead Agency
IHC Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder (MH/SUD) Access Staff
IHC Public Health Nursing Staff
Six Towns Boards of Health
County of Dukes County
Dukes County Health Council
I2PHC Steering Committee (TBN)
Community Partner Agencies, Organizations and Individuals*

WHAT

A collaborative of the broad range of Island public and private health and human service agencies, organizations and individual service providers who will design, implement and maintain an ongoing integrated public health plan that includes but is not limited to:

- A comprehensive community health needs assessment to be updated at least every three years;
- Ongoing identification, collection, analysis and prioritization of a broad range of community and other public health data with an initial focus on data related to mental health, substance use disorders, and other behavioral health including environmental and social determinants of health;
- Strategic design and facilitation of a collaborative system response to the collectively prioritized health needs guided by the community needs assessment;
- Community/public health workforce training and development.

Note: A condition of IHC's grant funding contribution is that in Years 1 and 2 priority be given to the delivery of a collaborative system response to the Island's critical needs in the areas of mental health and substance use disorders that will include health and peer recovery coaching as well as evidence-based patient/client self-management education programs.

WHY

Although there is so much good and necessary work happening within/among the many private and public health and human services organizations/coalitions in our community, there is currently no established public health authority charged to collect, analyze, prioritize and report the health data necessary to guide an appropriate community-wide response plan. Our collaborative I2PHC model, largely informed by IHC's participation and experience in the federal community health center program – presently providing health and social services to over 27 million Americans,

including here on the Vineyard – represents a best-practice community-based approach to public health data management and responsive service delivery.

HOW

IHC will offer initial in-kind administrative and direct service support as well as furnishings/equipment as part of a recent grant from the federal health center program. We will look to the County for the contribution of space in which to operate I2PHC. A two-year Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship grant will allow I2PHC to cover other operational expenses anticipated in the first and second years. In its initial administrative agency role, IHC will:

- Host a collaborative strategic/sustainability planning process for the new I2PHC involving all community partners;
- Similarly host planning and provide staff resources to conduct I2PHC's first complete community needs assessment;
- Facilitate implementation of initial priority services

WHERE

Offices co-located with Martha's Vineyard Center for Living at County-owned building at 29 Breakdown Lane in Vineyard Haven (in area behind SBS).

WHEN BEGINNING JANUARY 2019

***List of Island organizations, agencies and providers who already contract/partner/collaborate with Island Health Care and the County and/or who will be encouraged to participate in the new collaborative:**

Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Primary Care Physicians (10), Specialists and Windemere Nursing Home	
Martha's Vineyard Community Services (Island Counseling Center, Peer Recovery Coaches, Island-Wide Youth Collaborative, Island Intervention Center)	
Vineyard Medical Care	Dukes County Communications Center
Vineyard Health Care Access Program	Dukes County Sheriff
Martha's Vineyard Center for Living	First Stop MV/Learn to Cope
Town Councils on Aging (4)	Vineyard House
Town EMT/Ambulance Services (4)	
Dukes County House of Correction	
Healthy Aging MV	
ACE MV	
Private Licensed Mental Health and Substance Use Providers/Counselors (60+/-)	
MV SUD Coalition	
Town Boards of Selectmen	
Martha's Vineyard Schools/Superintendency	
Island Grown Initiative	
Island Food Pantry	
Island Clergy Association	
Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society	
Dentists (8)	
Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands	
Health Imperatives Martha's Vineyard	
Town Public Safety/Law Enforcement (6)	
Nutritionists/Dieticians (6)	
Alternative Medicine Providers (20 +/-)	

We at Island Health Care deeply appreciate the opportunity to present this exciting new public health collaboration and very much look forward to working together toward making it a reality.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Mitchell, CEO Island Health Inc. and Island Health Care Community Health Center