



South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (CHNA 23)
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
8:45 A.M.to 10:15 A.M.
Plymouth Public Library
132 South Street, Plymouth MA

Minutes

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Meeting called to order by Mike Jackman, Chair at 8:55a.m. Everyone was welcomed and gave self-introductions.

Mike shared with all information on SSCPP's funding opportunities and new grant flyer. Offer mini grants (up to \$1,500) and two maxi grants (up to \$5,000) related to the South Shore Health Compass and the Health Literacy Action Plan. The steering committee will be discussing the potential of offering larger grants as well. Applications here: www.chna23.org/funding

Mini Grant Outcomes Report: Nikki Galibois reported on the Food Resources SSCPP Mini Grant received by South Shore Community Action Council.

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- SSCAC serves about 25,000 people a year. The food resources program coordinates regional resources to fight hunger and poverty.
- Have a food distribution center in Plymouth with 45 center members (soup kitchens, COAs, schools, etc.). Served 1,500 children and 1,300 seniors every month in FY16.
- Nikki also provided information on the other services offered by SSCAC including their fuel assistance program and emergency food pantry.
- Met all objectives set out in CHNA mini grant. Provided copies of slides for all.

Veteran's Health Panel

Mike introduced the four panelists: Joan Morely, Community Care/Senior Services; Bob O'Leary, Chief of Transportation; Bob Sprague, General Veterans Health Concerns/Compensation and Pension Program; & Patrina Perrington, Non-VA Care Coordinator (Patrina joined by phone).

Each panelist described their role, provided an overview of services offered, and answered questions from the audience.

Joan: Looking to establish a new contract for a nursing home in Plymouth. Currently have 20 nursing home partnerships with 165 veterans at these homes. Other services offered by VA Boston Healthcare System include: respite care, home-based primary care, contracted adult day healthcare. Joan shared a brochure on home and community based services.

Bob Sprague: If a vet has an injury/disability, he or she can file a claim for compensation. Discussed words and meanings, such as "non-service connected" which can cause confusion. Veterans are assigned compensation based on their zip code and can now file an accelerated claim. VA can deal with claims in 125 days and get exams done in 11 days. Once eligible, vets can receive hearing aids and eye glasses through VA clinic, not through primary care. Bob is happy to help with cases that are hung up. Congressman Keating's office has case workers in place to help veterans as well.

Bob O'Leary: Discussed transportation. People often have trouble getting to appointments and the demand for services is high. Boston VA transportation takes care of virtually all of New England. To be qualified for services, need administrative and medical qualifications met and need to be at least 30% service connected. Also have income qualifications. Received 20,000 consults for transportation in FY16, 1/3 of patients who come to services. Average 140 round trips a day and provide roughly \$3 million/year in reimbursements for veterans who use their privately-owned vehicle. Have limited resources. Lack of public transportation on the south shore is an issue and they hear concerns. Are limited by grant money for these services and often refer to local VSOs. Bob sees opportunities for all to work together to help provide services to those who previously could not get them. Uber and Lyft are sometimes used and can be partially reimbursed. Vets often do not have friends or family to pick them

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up when they are discharged, but it is less expensive to cover transportation home than to keep them another night.

Patrina: Works with non-VA care program called Veteran's Choice which was passed in May of 2015. If the VA cannot provide care or local services are not available, the veteran is considered choice eligible. Choice act has a contract with Health Net Services. There is a community based out-patient clinic for veterans in Plymouth on Long Pond Rd. Harbor Health shared that they are also a veteran's choice location. Service connection is not a criteria for eligibility, but it does come into play with co-payments.

The floor was opened for agency announcements.

SSCPP recently sponsored a mental health first aid training in Stoughton with the Brockton and Blue Hills CHNAs, and plan to offer another one in the Plymouth area.

The next meeting is scheduled for **December 14th**. Presentation will be on mindfulness and self-care.

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