Blue Hills Community Health Alliance
CHNA 20
February Newsletter

Greetings!

Spring General Meeting

Learn more about CHNA 20's newest funding opportunity the
Community Partnership Grant
and get a head start on preparing to apply!

Friday, April 7, 2017

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Place: Quincy Center for Innovation
180 Old Colony Avenue
3rd Floor Conference Room
Quincy, MA

Have a project idea for a *Community Partnership Grant*, but need a collaborator?

Want to do somethingmeaningful to address access to care in your community, but not sure what that"something" should be?

Is there somethingyou've always wanted to try, but you've struggled to connect with the communityleaders who could help you be successful?

Spring Meeting Call for Presenters!

We're opening up aunique networking opportunity at our Spring Meeting, to help you find yourperfect match, build potential partnerships and create collaborative programsthat will be eligible for funding under our Community Partnership Grantprogram.

- **Grants will be awarded in theamount of up to $15,000 each**
- **Grants are to be sharedbetween two partnering organizations**
- **Funding will be awarded forprojects addressing social determinants**
- **Strong mutual collaborationmust be at the center of applicant programs**
- **Preferencewill be given to cross-sector collaborations that bring together**

public health agencies with othercommunity entities

Up to 5 organizations will be invited to make abrief, 5-minute presentation outlining their big ideas for a program andsharing what they're looking for in a collaborative partner. We'll follow thepresentations with networking time so everyone in the room will have the chanceto talk about ideas and meet potential partners!

If you're interested in making your pitch forthe perfect partner at the Spring Meeting, please fill out this shortapplication:

Click here for pitch application

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

CHNA 20 Behavioral Health Initiative (BHTF)

The first meeting ofthe BHTF took place in January. The group reviewed local data and identifiedsocial determinants and other factors that impact behavioral health in theregion.

The February meeting will expand on the information mentioned above. Through a process to identify needs, risk factors and currentcapacity the group will determine what health problems should get priority for futureinterventions.

CHNA 20's Behavioral Health Task Force members include:

- **Bay State Community Services**
- **Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center**
- **Curry College**
- **DOVE**
- **Enhance Asian Community Health (EACH)**
- **Fallon Ambulane**
- **Father Bill's Mainspring**
- **Harbor Health Services**
- **Manet Community Health Center**
- **NAMI South Shore**
- **Norwell VNA and Hospice**
- **Norwood Council on Aging**
- **QCAP/Housing**
- **South Shore Mental Health**
- **Spectrum Health Systems**

CHNA 20 Continues to Support Mental Health First Aid Community Education

MHFAis an 8-hour course that teaches how to help someone who is developing a mentalhealth problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.

Over the past few years, CHNA 20 has proudly supported many Mental Health First Aid trainings in our communities. The coalition has sent 4 members to

become certified trainers,held 6 trainings, and underwrote 2 MHFA based community grants. Recently, CHNA 20 has also collaborated with CHNAs 22 and 23 to hold 2additional trainings in our region. All these events have trained over 700 individuals locally and throughout our region.

CHNAs 20 would like to thank Maura Weir of the Plymouth County Suicide Prevention Coalition for sharing her grant funding that provided the collaborative trainings and several CHNA 20 sponsored trainings.

When the most recent MHFA training invitation wasannounced, the training filled to capacity in less than 48 hours; generatingenough participants for a third collaborative training. This intense community interestemphasizes the need for mental/behavioral health education for our residents while helping to fight mental health stigma.

For other ways you can help fight mental stigma go to:

National Alliance on Mental Illness/9 Ways to Fight Mental Illness

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advocacy

The Future of *Drug Free Community Grants (DFC)* Needs Your Help!

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has proposedeliminating the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which will include the DFC grants. The ONDCP website has been shut down since Donald Trump has taken office, butthe SAMHSA website is still there.

Please consider joining this organizational sign-on letter **to the OMB director insupport of ONDCP. http://healthyamericans.org/health-issues/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Save-ONDCP-Letter-v6.pdf**

To sign-on sendorganizational name to: suerthau@aol.comsuerthau@aol.com

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National Alliance on Mental Illness

Stand up and tell Congress to

Keep What Works for Mental Health Coverage

#Keep What Works

It is time to tell Senators and Representatives about theimportance of quality, affordable mental health coverage.

1in 5 Americans experience a mental health condition and coverage for mentalhealth care is critical to early identification, treatment and recovery.

Goto a town hall meeting, call (202) 224-3121 or email your members of Congressto stand up for mental health coverage and insurance safeguards.

Whatto Say:

- **I am yourconstituent.**
- **I am a person livingwith a mental health condition orI am a family member of someone living with a mental health condition or I am aprofessional in the mental health field.**
- **The Affordable CareAct and Medicaid provide life-saving mental health coverage so Americansget treatment when they need it.**
- **Do NOT repeal the ACAwithout a replacement that maintains or improves mental health coverageand insurance protections.**
- **Do NOT allow cuts orcaps to Medicaid funding that leave states and communities paying more.**

If you can't make it to a town hall meeting orhave time for a call, make your voice heard by clicking below and emailing a message.

Send a message

Commonwealth Conversations

Transportation and Town Hall Forums

CommonwealthConversations is coming to the South Shore on February 28. *The Transportation Forum* will be held in the afternoon in Weymouth, and the*Town Hall Forum* in the evening in Canton.

The afternoon *Transportation Forum* will be public transportation focused.The evening *Town Hall Forum* is a good opportunity to share your opinion aboutthe MA legislature's consideration to reshape the marijuanaindustry law that passed at the ballot last November. Your legislator's need their community's input on all these important issues.

The event is hosted by Senator John Keenan, Senator Michael Rush, Senator Richard Ross,Senator Patrick O'Connor, and Senator Walter Timilty

***Transportation Forum:* 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

Southfield / Union Point , 26 Memorial Grove Ave, Weymouth, MA 02190

***Town Hall Forum:* 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm**

Hansen Elementary School Cafeteria, 25 Pecunit Street, Canton, MA 02021, Doors open at 6:30

For more information about the South Shore Commonwealth Conversation click here

Can't make it? Click here to email your opinion.

Prevention & Wellness Trust Fund (PWTF)
Campaign Kick Off and Advocacy Day

Join municipal, health, and civic leaders at the Prevention & Wellness Trust Fund (PWTF) Campaign Kick Off and Advocacy Day to advocate for

the continuation of the groundbreaking PWTF, a first-in-the-nation program that is key to eliminating health inequities by enabling major investments in prevention across the state. Funding for PWTF will sunset in June 2017 without legislative action. Before the event there will be a session on Building Advocacy Skills (11:30 - 12:30 PM) and on Educating Legislators about the Importance of the PWTF (12:30-2:00 PM). FREE.

Wednesday, March 1
State House, Room 428, Boston, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Registration and More Information

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Save the Date!
The Safe Prescribing & Dispensing Conference
Sponsored by the Norfolk District Attorney's Office

When: Tue, March 14, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
***Where:* Lombardo's, 6 Billings St, Randolph, MA 02368**

- **Open only to those who prescribe or dispense medicine in Norfolk County**
- **No walk-ins or telephone reservations**
- **Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided**
- **This conference is free**
- **CMEs available**

Click on this link for more information and to RSVP

Ounce of Prevention Conference 2017
Working Together for Healthier Communities

When: March 28, 2017; 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Where: DCU Center, 50 Foster St., Worcester, MA

Click here for more information and to register for Ounce of Prevention

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