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| **Lightly Edited Zoom AI Companion Generated Meeting summary for Dukes County Health Council Meeting (05/16/2024)** |

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| **Quick recap** |
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| The Health Council discussed: changes to the rural scholar program and previewed an upcoming analysis of the program’s accomplishments; discussed the need for Nominating Workgroup to review and update the Health Council's membership criteria; listened to an update on the tick situation on the Vineyard by Patrick Roden-Reynolds,;discussed a charter for a new standing Mental Health Committee. Announcements included: an upcoming visit to the Vineyard on Jne 4 by the Housing Secretary of the State of Massachusetts concerning affordable housing, and the appointment of a new Dukes County Director of Health and Human Services. |
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| **Next steps** |
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| • Kathleen Samways will appoint a small group (5 members) to form the nominations work group, with at least two members from the coordinating committee. |
| • The nominations work group will develop a recruitment strategy, including identifying potential members and reaching out to them. |
| • Bob Laskowski will send the draft Mental Health Committee charter to Lisa Belcastro and Beth Focarelli for revision to include the Committee’s role in addressing Substance Use Disorders. |
| • Patrick Roden-Reynolds will finalize the details for the Alpha-gal support group, including the venue and cooking demonstration schedule, and promote the group to the community. |
| • Leslie Clapp will ensure the medical staff receive the invite for the Alpha-gal support group. |
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| **Summary** |
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| **Establishment of Nominations Workgroup** |
| Bob Laskowski and Leslie Clapp discussed the need for a committee to review and update the Health Council's membership criteria. Bob emphasized the need for diverse representation, an improved nomination process, and a recruitment and retention strategy. They also discussed the necessity of leadership development for the council and setting standards and expectations for its members. Leslie and Dan supported Bob's proposal for a new process to appoint a nominating committee, which would be responsible for recommending the composition of the council. The proposal was agreed upon as a formal action item and the workgroup charter was endorsed by the Health Council |
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| **Housing Secretary's Visit and Focus Group** |
| Laura Silber announced a public event on **June 4th,** where the Housing Secretary of the State of Massachusetts would be visiting Martha's Vineyard. Laura emphasized the importance of this event as it would help the Healy Administration formulate their 5-year statewide housing plan. She encouraged everyone to attend and spread the word through their email networks. Laura also requested the health community's representation in a scheduled focus group. Leslie expressed gratitude for Laura's tireless efforts and emphasized the importance of getting the initiative over the finish line. |
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| **Rural Scholars Review of Progam Accomplishments and update of program status** |
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| Dave (?) and another former Rural Scholars Program student Giana described an review of the program’s accomplishments on the Vineyard that they are conducting. The also announced that the Rural Health Scholars program will continue in 2024 in a revised form. It will be a 3re year medical school clerkship. The inclusion of nursing students is an open issue. Health Council members encouraged their inclusion in the revised program with the hope that nursing students will also join the interprofessional opportunity.  |
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| **Mental Health Committee Charter Proposal** |
|  Bob Laskowski proposed the formation of a Mental Health Committee by the Health Council to address mental health issues on the vineyard. He presented a draft charter. Health Council members urged that Substance Use Disorders be included in the Committee’s work. Bob suggested that the charter be revised with the help of Lisa Belcastro and Beth Focarelli and re-presented at the next Health Council meeting.  |
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