## Dukes County asking for community support for Substance Use Disorder Prevention Initiatives FY2019

Dukes County is supporting a collaborative community approach to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention Initiatives. We collaborate with existing island organizations to identify and fill gaps in services. Commissioners Representative and County Manager attend monthly meetings of the SUD Prevention Coalition. The Coalition includes representatives from many island organizations and agencies including MV Hospital, Boards of Health, MV Community Services, Law Enforcement, Public Schools and Recovery Community. The following initiatives have been identified as priorities needing support. The funds would be administered by the County Manager and majority of the initiatives would be implemented through contracts with the providers of the specific service needed.

## \$10,000 Recovery Coach Training & Support - through MV Community Services

\$15,000 School Prevention Programs - through MV Public School Superintendent's Office

Programs will be chosen based on recommendations resulting from the Needs Assessment of Health and Wellness Curriculum and School Practices and Policies done by consultant from Georgetown University. These results will be available in spring of 2018.

Sample curriculum programs that the school is considering for school year 2018/2019 are:

Free from Chemical Dependency (FCD) Prevention Program

Think Kids (currently underwritten by YTF and IWYC)

Botwin Life Skills Program – currently offered through grant from MassDPH & Attorney General grant (which grant will not be available any longer)

**Public Service Announcement Campaign** - in collaboration with SUD Coalition and Break the \$5,000 Silence MV

Advertisements in newspapers, printing flyers and other info materials to promote SUD prevention topics: Good Samaritan Law, Resource guides, Awareness for new and existing programs, etc.

\$15,000 **Drop in Center w/ testing capabilities** - in collaboration with the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod The Center would be operating once per week - staffed by two part-time employees. This site would be a cost-free and confidential HIV/HCV and STI testing site with an expedited access to PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis is a new way to protect yourself from HIV), overdose education, referrals to treatment, Narcan distribution, syringe retrieval, disposal, and distribution services, utilizing the Harm Reduction Model. Opening of the center is supported by the SUD Coalition and local Boards of Health.

Cost of operation for one full day a week staffed by two counselors is \$60,000 (75% covered by DPH) - \$12,500 by AIDS Support Group. Cost to the island would be in a form of rent and operation of the space if a cost-free alternative cannot be found plus cost of Narcan to be distributed in the center.

## \$5,000 Education and Support of Professional Development

Cost of county officials to travel to and attend meetings on SUD prevention related issues - to network and find the best practices and additional resources to fund the SUD prevention initiatives on MV

**\$50,000** Total