

Committee's Goals:

- To advocate for and support the role of the Human Services Department in the town of Falmouth.
- To identify and prioritize unmet and emerging human services needs in the community.
- To advise the Board of Selectmen and educate the community-at-large regarding these trends.
- To stimulate the development of new programs, services and initiatives by public and private entities and/or partnerships to address human service related needs in Falmouth.
- To recommend human service related funding to the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting.

**Falmouth Human Services Committee
Non-Profit Agency Funding:**

For more than 30 years, Falmouth taxpayers have supported several non-profit agencies on the Cape through the operating budget of the Human Services Department. These non-profit agencies offer programs and services to assist Falmouth residents with a variety of human services related needs. All contracts were revised in FY 2018 and totaled \$81,700.

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod
\$2,500

Direct Services for people affected and infected with HIV and AIDS

CapeAbilities

\$3,700

Comprehensive rehabilitation and training for individuals with disabilities

Community Health Center of Cape Cod

\$7,000

Comprehensive primary care services for acute and chronic conditions

Gosnold of Cape Cod, Inc.

\$16,200

Comprehensive psychiatric, psychotherapy and substance abuse treatment for children and adults

Independence House, Inc.

\$10,000

Comprehensive assistance to women and their children who are in abusive situations

Sight Loss Services

\$1,500

Practical and emotional support to individuals experiencing serious sight loss

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

Legal services to low income and elderly residents

\$4,800

Homeless Prevention

Housing Assistance Corp.

\$20,000

Professional housing case management

Outmigration Prevention

Cape Cod Young Professionals

\$10,000

Mentor Exchange Program

Falmouth Service Center

\$6,000

Vocational technical assistance



In FY 2018, the Human Services Committee continued its new strategic process for the distribution of human services related funding. In November, the Department's budget was submitted with line items for the five priority categories of unmet needs. In February, Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sought from public and private non-profit entities to address two more of the priority categories: Unmet Mental Health needs and Unmet Substance Use needs of Falmouth residents. At the April Town Meeting, funds were appropriated for these two categories.

The Human Services Committee and the Human Services Department staff reviewed all RFPs received, and FY 2019 contracts were awarded to Falmouth Public Schools (FPS) in the amount of \$20,000 to support the Behavioral Health Consultation Program with McLean Hospital, Inc. and a \$20,000 contract awarded to WellStrong to increase recovery support services in the Town of Falmouth. Both FPS and WellStrong received a one-year contract with the potential for non-competitive renewal for two additional years if identified outcomes are achieved and funds are appropriated by town meeting in next fiscal year's operating budget.

Housing Assistance Corporation's (HAC) first year outcomes were reviewed by the department and Committee and HAC was renewed for year two of the Homeless Prevention Program. A FY 2019 contract for \$20,000 was awarded to continue to deliver specialized case management services two days per week out of the Human Services office. Eighty-three Falmouth residents were provided housing stabilization services in FY 2018 through the HAC Homeless Prevention Program.

Cape Cod Young Professionals (CCYP) presented to the Committee in January, and in consultation with the department, made adjustments to their strategic approach to addressing the Outmigration of Working Age Adults in Falmouth. CCYP has initiated a focused, multi-year effort to increase the visibility and awareness of CCYP in Falmouth with strategic planning and capacity building, Career Development programs expansion, and civic and community engagement of young professionals in Falmouth. CCYP was renewed for year two in the amount of \$14,000.

Volunteers and Community Support:

The Human Services Committee appreciates the ongoing support of The Board of Selectmen, other town departments, the tax payers, many community organizations and businesses, and the many volunteers in our community whose collaboration strengthens the delivery of human services in the Town of Falmouth.

A special thank you to the members of the Human Services Committee who provide ongoing support, vision and advocacy regarding the changing human service needs in our community:

- Anne Connolly
- Florence Davidson

- Kerin Delaney
- Stephen Gates
- Jessica Lambert
- Elaine Sinni
- Barbara Sullivan (Co-Chair)
- Tanya White (Co-Chair)
- Holly Wilson

For more information about the Human Services Committee please visit our web site www.falmouthhumanservices.org, call (508)548-0533 or visit the Human Services Department office at 65A Town Hall Square or come to a Committee Meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room in Town Hall, 59 Town Hall Square.

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