**Dukes County Health Council**

Committees and Workgroups

(The Health Council does the bulk of its work through Committees and Workgroups established for specific purposes)

Coordinating Committee: Committee composed of Health Council Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) and other interested Health Council Members; elected by the Health Council annually; purpose--to coordinate the activities and agenda of the Health Council

contacts, Ellie Beth, Vice-Chair of Health Council

Bob Laskowski, Secretary of Health Council

Nominating Committee: Committee composed of Health Council Members whose purpose is to nominate potential members of the Health Council in fulfillment of the bylaws

contact: Alan Ganapol, Chair

Youth Task Force: Community based coalition to reduce substance use and other risky behaviors among young people on Martha's Vineyard. Founded initially at a Committee of the Health Council.

<http://mvyouthtaskforce.org/subpage.php/1/About/Mission>

contacts: Michael Joyce, Co-Chair YTF

Cindy Doyle, Co-Chair YTF

Theresa Manning, Coalition Coordinator

Substance Use Disorder Committee: Committee focused on understanding the issue of substance abuse by residents of Dukes County, particularly opioid abuse. Co-sponsor of a community based coalition on substance use disorders.

contact: Marina Lent, Chair

Substance Use Disorder Coalition--a community group of organizations, professionals and concerned citizens working together to solve the County's problem with substance abuse. <https://www.mvaddictionhelp.com/>

contact: Victor Capoccia, Fr. Chip Seadale

Rural Scholars Committee: Committee of Health Council members focused on developing and supporting annual community research projects by medical and nursing school schools of University of Massachusetts. Past project reports on website: <https://www.dchcmv.com/rural-scholars>

contact: Dan Pesch, Chair

Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard: Committee of Health Council and a community based coalition of interested citizens; the mission of Healthy Aging Martha’s Vineyard is to create an aging-friendly Island meeting the needs of the rapidly growing 65+ population and those who care for them.

<http://firststopmv.org/provider/healthy-aging-marthas-vineyard/>

<https://www.facebook.com/healthyagingmv/>

contact: Paddy Moore, Chair and Associate Commissioner on Aging for Dukes County

Oral Health--Committee of Health Council and Dental Professional Association charged with assessing the status of oral health among county residents and making recommendations for improvement.

contact: Karen Gear, Chair

Health Access Martha's Vineyard: a Program of Dukes County initially founded by the Dukes County Health Council; Mission: to assist residents of Martha's Vineyard to obtain affordable, high-quality health care, and safety net services.

<http://mvhealthcareaccess.org/about/>

contact: Sarah Kuh, Director

Communications Workgroup: Workgroup of Health Council Members charged with developing a communication strategy for the Health Council to enable better understanding of the Health Council and its work on behalf of the community.

<https://www.dchcmv.com/new-page-about>

contact: Victoria Haeselbarth