CodComm Quarterly Issue Report 4rd Quarter 2015

The top issues identified for 2015 include homelessness and substance abuse, economic development, housing, transportation, and health and wellness. The fourth quarter had a focus on economic development, with interviews with educators, job coordinators, and healthcare leaders.

ISSUE: Economic Development, Jobs

DATE: 10/4/2015 LENGTH: 28 minutes

Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board Director of Youth Services Kara Galvin and Christine Duren of the Homebuilders and Remodelers Association of Cape Cod discuss the Construction Career Day, an event designed to connect young people with a variety of careers in the construction industry.

ISSUE: Community Development

DATE: 10/11/2015 LENGTH: 25 Minutes

The Cape and Islands United Way has merged with Cape Cod Volunteers, in an effort to bolster the support for local volunteer organizations. United Way Executive Director Barbara Milligan talks about the merger along with the United Way's focus on community impact.

ISSUE: Economic Development

DATE: 10/18/2015 LENGTH: 25 Minutes

National Graduate School president Dr. Clinton Miner shares information about the Cape Cod based National Graduate School for Quality Management, discussing the challenges faced by local employers and employees, and the value of higher level education as a vehicle for economic development.

ISSUE: Homelessness DATE: 12/06/2015 LENGTH: 28 Minutes

The annual Homeless for the Holidays event, held in multiple locations across Cape Cod, has participants living outdoors for one hundred three hours in order to raise funds for numerous local charities. The event is designed to raise awareness for homelessness and hunger. Organizers, participants, and a beneficiary talk about the impact and importance of this yearly event.

ISSUE: Health & Wellness

DATE: 12/06/2015 LENGTH: 25 Minutes

Every three years, Cape Cod Healthcare conducts a regional study to examine the community's health needs. Cape Cod Healthcare Director of Community Benefits Lisa Guyon discusses the study process, the results of the last study, along with ways in which residents can share their health concerns and needs.