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**Subject:** Drafts for your review  
**Attachments:** IPMP MOU revised 4-4-2013.pdf; IPMP Scope of Service 4-4-2013.pdf; VHCAP MOU revision 4-4-2013.pdf; VHCAP Scope of services 4-4-2013.pdf

Dear Selectmen,

as you may know the two programs run by the County - Vineyard Health Care Access Program and the Integrated Pest Management Program - are to be funded 100% by the towns in FY2014. The County Advisory Board (one selectman from each town) directed the County to transition the funding of these non-mandated programs out of the county budget and have the voters decide if they want to support these programs or not. This is in keeping with the recommendation to transform the County government into a model closer to the model of the Council of Governments. The transition process started 5 years ago, each year increasing the portion of the direct funding from the towns.

FY2014 will be the first year when these programs are fully funded by the member towns. To assure that the programs are run according to the towns' expectations the member towns will be asked to participate in the decision making process.

Today I would like to present to you drafts of intermunicipal agreements outlining and clarifying the roles of the County and the towns (see attached). Also attached is a document describing the proposed services that would be provided under the contract.

Please read these materials before the town meeting if possible. Feel free to distribute it to anyone interested. I will be at the Edgartown town meeting (my voting town) and I apologize to Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury voters in advance for not being able to attend their town meetings and answer their questions. (There shall be county representatives present in each of these towns to address the voters if necessary). I hope that the fact that the County is giving the towns direct control over these programs will be recognized as a positive change and it will gain both programs further support by the voters.

Please place a discussion of these documents on your agenda in the near future and notify me of the date and time. I will be glad to come and answer any of your questions and work with you on finalizing these documents by accommodating all parties involved as much as possible.

I feel that this is an opportunity to introduce a new model of collaboration between the County and the Towns where the County plays a role of a host agency providing administrative services (fiscal agent, employer of record,...) for programs and services that can be run more efficiently on regional bases (saving the tax payers dollars and/or providing better quality services).

Thank you for your support and I am looking forward to working with you on making the county government a valuable tool and an asset to the structure of public services on Martha's Vineyard.

Sincerely,

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