

Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

Sue Zeigler called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

40 members participated in ZOOM meeting.

Committee Reports:

By Laws Committee-no report

Strategic planning Committee-no meeting occurred. Planned November 2.

Breakfast Committee -no meeting occurred in last 2 months

Nominations Secretary Jill Geissinger has severed 2 terms and must resign. Mindy Chair asked for volunteers for secretary. Rose Marie Lister volunteered to be the secretary starting January 2021. There was a motion made to nominate Rose Marie Lister for secretary by Donna Trimmel and second by Mel Zeigler. All in favor, no one opposed.

Transportation committee reported that the transportation survey is still out there, please complete if able. On Monday November 23, the committee will meet to develop some action plans, which will be sent out when available.

Commissioner report: We have some increased cases of COVID. A few employees tested positive. The department heads will update their contingency plans and continue to work on how to operate at home. We have been moving through office closures. We are looking at lap tops to be able to work from home. Things are getting bad locally, as there are more and more positives. We want to take a proactive approach by holding more Zoom meetings and having less interactions. IT is open by appointment only for safety precautions.

Minutes were emailed to all from the last meeting approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jen Drake and a second was made by Tracey Fox. No opposed, motion carried.

Treasures Report was also emailed to all members. Account holds \$2994. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Krista Brownly and a second by Melanie Ziegler. No opposed, motion carried.

No new business.

Member Reports:

Right From the Start serves parents with children under age 5. We continued to do virtual visits families are receptive to weekly visits, virtual play groups and virtual Halloween celebration. We had porch drop offs for supplies for the families. We are keeping up with the visits and love seeing our families.

CMP Drug & Alcohol is working with a skeleton crew in the office and holding some outpatient people, telehealth and virtual. We are using Questionnaires and screening people when they are coming in. There are Fraud pills "Percocet" being sold in the Lehighon Community, but it is pure Fentanyl. One death that we are aware of. We are busy. Inpatient beds available and outpatient treatment is available.

Detox beds are available easier than the rest. It is taking about 48 hours to get people in to inpatient. Protocols are in place for COVID at these facilities. We are doing what we can. We have Narcan to distribute, call us for need.

Bob Schaeffer reported as community traffic coordinator, we are providing education to schools and community. We have sent out some videos for safety. Commissioners will sponsor our grant for traffic safety education which is our main goal. Elementary schools have a video and lesson plan. We have a School bus safety video to show, some programs state troopers approved. YouTube links available. bschaeffer@hsnetwork.org. Seat belt safety scheduled for Nov 16-28 for parent driver campaign. Car seat education through CareNet and Kids Zone planned for Weds. Dec 9 flyer can be sent with minutes. We are offering classes by zoom but people do not come in for parents, grandparents and caregivers to help with car seat safety. News letters are still coming.

Carbon County Department of Aging is closing the senior centers due to COVID uptick in cases. There is open enrollment for Medicare check your drug or advantage plans through Medicare. Telephone counseling is available. We are disinfecting and using PPE and gloves. In-home care reports are up and increased services for in-home care and aides are not available to fill the hours.

AHEC reports that there is a virtual information training through NCCC in Monroe to register through Monroe for Dec 7 classes begin. Diabetes prevention programs virtual starting after the first of the year.

Domestic Violence Service Center reports that shelter is available, 2 to a room and hotel stays that are paid through with grants. We closed the carbon office and there is no in person counseling sessions. We are creating a Doxy platform for support groups. Hotline is open 24 hours.

Systems of Care has training opportunities placed in the chat. MHDS Carbon server is down today. Call 610-377-0773 or 570-421-2901 for immediate concerns. We work through telephone and through computer. Handle with Care is for law enforcement that has contact with families and the law enforcement can email the school and the school adjust to the needs for that child due to interactions, that stakeholder meeting tomorrow at 2PM. Schools may go virtual soon. We are working with CYS and schools to find gaps and barriers. We are looking into other services to help families. We have a grant for creation of a youth peer support specialist. Virtual drop in center planned and seeking engagement and leadership opportunities to be outside box and fill gap and promote healthy thinking in grant from MH&SSS.

SHINE reporting that it was challenging this year, We had a late start in 11 centers. The medium is depending on the district Tamaqua, Palmerton, Mahanoy Area and Shandenoah, all 50/50 hybrid. We are cleaning buses and areas. We offer 12 hours of programming. Providing food to all 450 children by dropping off or pick up. STEM bag drop off is once a month. We can deliver to the home or to child if in school. Offering synchronic learning with our teaching staff. Data collection and funding going well. Extra masks and desk shields provided. United Way worked with Palmerton and Weatherly and made a video and is serving the community. Food insecurity is heightened, we sponsored Christmas meals and baskets to drop off with families. We provided books for kindergarten students to increase literacy in the home.

BHA medical office is open to in person and virtual. Telemed is planned for rest of year. Day treatment

Penn State Extension- Carbon appointment only. Virtual car seat check planned

Family Promise- graduated family and brought in another family. Our office is by appointments and we are accepting donations. New case manager Dawn. Fund raising flyer. Helped some families here and there by working with community partners for providing for the community and getting PPE

Iris Amerihealth Caritas Insurance Zoom training and working remotely through various platforms to provide the health education, calling members to see what needs referrals, equipment. GED programs for members to complete the GED and help to find a job. Working with careerlink and economic developments to find jobs and link to community. Weds help with food distribution to the community. We have lists of resources and send our members to them.

Department of Health- big announcement for travel and restriction coming into PA. We are swamped with reports. And increase in the COVID deaths. Are masks required in eating? Masks while chatting.

Jen Drake Independent Living Services increase in services in the home, waiver in the home

Self Determined Housing Program working from home giving webinars for help assists with eviction and PHFA to sign up people in need of housing. Reaching out to faith based community to prepare for large eviction. 500,000 people are in danger of losing their housing, second week of December meeting to come up with resources, concerned about utilities and eviction

St Lukes Community Health Department- Opioid Task force and Grant to address substance use disorder on a virtual platform. We have Narcan to distribute to the Panther Valley Area Safe RX for safely drug waste.

PA LINK- virtual trainings available. Substance use and abuse in older adults last month. 3 million dollar grant for all of PA LINK focused on aging and Disabled individuals for assistance in decreasing social isolation and grocery delivery. To give out electronics to seniors and disabled. Working with community partners to assist our population.

St. Peters is working on developing COVID 19 response for Carbon, supports who are medically fragile and quarantined in Carbon County.

CareerLink open by appointment encouraging virtual services staff and partners are working from home. Unemployment phone is off, training and job seeking services still working to get people hired. Moving our office to Nesquehoning

Garry Wentz- speaker today for offender re-entry and what we have accomplished

LCCC- mostly virtual nursing labs are happening Our Jim Thorpe site is closing and transition out to all in Morgan Center Tamaqua. Financial Aid session upcoming.

United Way- non-profit community is still strong! 211 increase in calls is seen. If you have a waiting list or have any updated info please let us know. Virtual office hours for trauma informed school and community with PineBrook Family Answers. To assist with self care Resilient Lehigh Valley Website. Marsha Maclush, still looking for businesses and Agencies next year to host mentors

Special Recreation Services

Jill, just text'd Wayne

From Larissa Kimmel to Everyone: 09:12 AM

Transportation Committee Survey for community members

<https://forms.gle/yKzhD8YagoVyYhKd8>

Transportation survey for social service workers <https://forms.gle/a8bAnSKhFjvHtCHE9>

From Larissa Kimmel to Everyone: 09:15 AM

Urgency of Awareness Training- Diversity Training, free to all who participate. Sponsored by CMP System of Care

From Natalie Bojko to Everyone: 09:16 AM

Happy Wednesday! No updates from CLIU21. I am in a classroom due to space limitations. I wanted to tune in and listen, but do not want to disturb any educational instruction by sharing.

From Larissa Kimmel to Everyone: 09:18 AM

Coach Approach to Adaptive Leadership Training, Virtual, anyone can attend any session. See flyers.

From Kerri Miller to Everyone: 09:33 AM

I have to leave for another meeting, thank you for sharing and all that you all do for our community!

From Maureen Leupold to Me: (Privately) 09:53 AM

Hi Jill! Sorry- I am on the phone with a parent at the moment. This is my first CC meeting, so I do not have anything to add at the moment

Thank you for allowing me to observe/participate

From Natalie Bojko to Me: (Privately) 09:54 AM

Hi Jill! I have to head out, but would love to hear more about the day program your working on with BHA!

From Bob Schaeffer to Everyone: 09:54 AM

I have another meeting to attend. Thank you for allowing me to attend. I am looking forward to working with all of you in the future. Have a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

From Kerri Quick to Everyone: 09:54 AM

I also have to jump off, thanks everyone!

From Ashley Highland to Everyone: 09:57 AM

I have to jump off too, Larissa was able to provide the updates for MH/DS. Again our email server is down, if anyone needs to connect to me regarding children's mental health services please contact me at 610-377-0773 ext 3621. Thank you and stay safe.

From JMann to Everyone: 09:58 AM

Jen, could you send me your email address? Mine is ccaging14@ptd.net

From kwhitney to Everyone: 09:59 AM

Good Morning, I have to leave for another meeting. PathStone Head Start is offering both center and remote services for the children. We do currently have openings if you know of any families with children under kindergarten age please have them give us a call. If you would like some handouts please send me an email at kwhitney@pathstone.org. I will send Jill an updated flyer to add to the minutes. Have a great day!

From Gina Nichols, UWGLV to Everyone: 10:06 AM

211 update info: <http://pa211east.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/agency-update-information.pdf>
Resilient LV info: <https://resilientlehighvalley.org/>
virtual office hour info to come :)

From Amber Zuber to Everyone: 10:07 AM

This is a link to LCCC's virtual information session: <https://lehighcarbon.secure.force.com/events/#/list>

CYS- January 13, ZOOM

Motion to Adjourn Donna Trimmel and Mel Zeigler 10:08 AM

Monday redo things-We have to go out in the community, need to be able to closing the senior center

Transferring phone to cell phones. Face to face meetings in the office, by appointment

Visits for children and families, rotate staff in and out to you and Dawn.

Greg Armstrong- to work on this.

Total loss for these cases. Marianne, you must see and talk to all children in the home.