

Minutes 3.11.20

Attendance attached.

9:07 AM Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Commissioner Wayne Nothstein.

Motion to approve the minutes from January meeting. Mel Zeigler made a motion and second by Tracey Fox. No opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report 2499.64 balance in the account. Mindy Graver made a motion to accept the report and Donna Buhosky second the motion. No opposed. Motion carried

Heather Mullen spoke from the United Way of the Greater LV representing Americorps Carbon County. She presented the background and progress so far. Service is part of the National Community Services, Federal grant serves 5 million Americans through all their programs. It steers and guides to help and meet critical needs in the education, health care and environmental protection. The Penn Serve Grant hosts the planning for PA. United Way received a grant in August of last year and I started the planning process. We took a look at economically disadvantaged students. Opioid addiction relates to student's achievements. Spoke with community partners and reviewed data and school assessment and surveys that participating schools gave us. Barriers found are poverty, access to resources. Challenges reviewed on a slide show. Unemployment rate is 7% here and 5.3% in the state. Rural community challenges throughout show, disadvantages 56.98 students are classified as economically disadvantaged. ALICE Asset Limited, Income Restrained Employed, are those who are working and struggling to survive. 32 % households are ALICE, 24 % throughout PA. 62% English and 42% math in grades 3-8 proficient. 59% of 410 SAP referrals for behavioral challenges. 39% felt sad or depressed according to 2017 PAYS. SAFE schools 114% increase. 2019 Bullying through St. Luke's study shows the highest rate.

We have access to resources data that show drug deaths increased recently. Education connects to health. Families are generally unaware of the resources out there. What can Americorps do? Evidence based approach mentoring, group mentoring and connecting community to services. The goal is to reduce absenteeism, social skills performance and disciplinary infractions. Resiliency and character development, social skills and linking families to services (family engagement). We want to improve the community through this service. Applying for the grant and recruitment of Carbon County residents.

If you would like information on the hiring process (15 expected position for one year) or details, reach out to Heather Mullen @ [heatherm@unitedwayglv.org](mailto:heatherm@unitedwayglv.org)

Committee Reports: Strategic Planning committee will produce the state of the child and family report for 2019. No current planning taking place. Remember that the Non-profit forum is upcoming and this is a place for us to talk about the strengths and vision for what actionable goals we share. Vision to Action is the theme of the event. What human infrastructure is needed to facilitate partnerships. Working together achieves this. May 5 at Blue Mtn Ski Resort 9-3. Cost \$15-20 to attend. Professional development session to tell your story to how you are impacting the community. 3 speakers, community leaders who have built community to share with all of us. I am stepping down as the director of the Carbon County Foundation. A new leader will need to take over. Volunteers appreciated. Kira reported you can expect an email as a data dump to review and report back. (sent by email 3/13/20) Updates to

the plan is that there will be Layout online, live pdf to follow links, table of contents, first week of April, SHINE has offered to help with cost. Limitations in the data will be expressed. Next committee meeting not scheduled as March 20, 2020 is the last day to respond to the data. It was suggested for schools to provide homelessness data as well.

By-Laws Committee reported. The group members were asked to review the information related to the changes presented by Jen Pantella at the last meeting and this was again reviewed out loud for reminder and clarification. It was discussed that due collection can be waived. It was also discussed that dues cannot be collected until the by-laws are approved. It was also discussed that being on the email list is for information sharing. If you attend the meetings, you are a member of the group and can be a voting member. It was next discussed that dues will not be voluntary and waivers were briefly discussed for non-profits that can't pay. It was next discussed that the amount of dues that was in the by-laws as "will be approved by the executive committee" will be changed in by-laws to approved by the whole collaborative. Add to by-laws, dues will be set at the November meeting for the following year. No motion was made to accept the by-laws.

Breakfast Committee reports that the breakfast is scheduled for April 24, 2020 at Whispering Pines Banquet. There are 5 speakers scheduled. Jeanie Miller, Tina Clymer, Father Hoffa, Rich Parsons, confirmed. Letters send out to sponsors for the breakfast. Speakers will discuss trends and vision for our group. Next committee meeting April 3, 2020 at D&A for 8:30 AM.

#### Old Business:

Transportation issues, Judge Matika presented on the Vet court and need for transportation and what is working and not. There was rate cost increase approved for County/senior transportation. Question asked has the social services surveyed their families need for transportation and gaps from community? There is a need for networking and link to all services. Commuter services and ride sharing is available but new here. Voluntary sub-committee for transportation to create a survey for gaps and needs. Larissa Kimmel and Jen Pantella will work on this.

Partners for Progress met yesterday for the first time in a long time. Commissioner Nothstein will provide an update at the next meeting.

#### New Business:

Coronavirus discussed that this is not the time to panic. Upcoming conference for commissioners on 3/20/20 to discuss many things. County Security and County safety committee have been putting information on the website. Continuity of Operation Plan, expanding new ideas and how to protect employees and the community and telecommute. It was discussed that the Department of Health website has the updated info for the state. CDC is testing and the state labs are testing for the virus. Medically needy family's protocols are different and should be considered. Information discussed can be emailed to members as collected.

#### Members Reports:

PA LINK -On March 26, emergency management at the woodlands in Luzerne County. Email me for information. April 3 is the senior fair at the Lehighton Recreation Center in Lehighton PA. In June we are sponsoring an event at Whispering Pines regarding medical marijuana and cancer. [ccaging14@ptd.net](mailto:ccaging14@ptd.net)

DVSC- April 4, 2020 Purple Paws Walk in Wilkes Barre, bring your pets. Fundraiser also for golf lovers, will send out if flyer found.

MHDS- transportation access to bus tickets if you are active with MHDS. TCM referrals open for referrals.

Allentown Health Borough- 35 staff, emergency prepared, injury prevention person. Grant called Safe and Healthy home grant. Perform a home visit, in low income family, 300% over poverty do not to prove. They are on income program SNAP, MA or reduced lunch in school. This is free service, going through the home safety hazards and pet hazards, issues identified, give the cleaning supplies as needed, pet supplies, calk guns child proofing supplies, injury prevention equipment. Any family with a pregnant or child under age 21 and meet the income guidelines. We can come to Carbon. Speak to your Agency I can do that.

Community Safety Day, May 2 from 10-2 PM at Mauch Chunk Lake.

Highway Safety Network, Traffic safety for school. Driving Simulators at Lehighton and Panther Valley High Schools. Medical Marijuana classes with Law Enforcement. April 21, 2020, Car seat check. Need for a car seat, CareNet office. Make an appointment with them. St Luke's Kid Zone car seat check in May location is TBA.

MHDS Handle with Care – law enforcement driven program on scene to let the schools know if there is a need for care for a student due to any circumstances. There is a stake holders on March 24 at MHDS office.

DOH- no cases of Coronavirus in the county, monitoring all travels flying and cruises. Go and travel you cannot go into Tier III areas. There are no tests for anyone, only if substantial symptoms. Emergency Prepared Plan in place.

MHDS- Systems of Care, improving the child serving systems County Board meeting and projects planned. Continue education on Trauma and ripple effect. May 29 all day training planned. Lkimmel

CareNet pregnancy and parenting coaching center. Events Easter on April 4, 2020, BWC church. Proceeds go to CareNet. May 30, 2020 Walk for Life need sponsors and attendees.

Doyle Heffley's Office is hosting a Sportman's Expo. May 9 2020, Penn Forest 1-4 PM, Hunters Safety's course at 8 AM, register at PA Game Commission website.

Krista from family Promise, Nesquehoning. September is the Walk and ride to raise funds.

County Foundation grants available until March 20, 2020, you don't have to be 501C3, link is on the website for review. Link to the website insert here. Non-profit forum May 5. New director for Foundation to be announced. [cccfound@pa.org](mailto:cccfound@pa.org)

VRC April is sexual assault awareness month. VRC is able to come to talk to your Agency and staff about responding to sexual assault. [tburke@vrcnepa.org](mailto:tburke@vrcnepa.org)

Welfare Office, LIHEAP ends April 1, 2020

Pocono County Careerlink- state and local internship program for the summer. Identify individuals paid for the summer that is planning for post-secondary training or occupational training. Host sites need to engage in 30% of the costs. Private sectors is reimbursed for 70% of the cost.

AHEC community Health worker program, rural focus this time. Info session is needed.

Jen Pantella asked that there is no caseworker network for all the organizations to touch base. How can we do this as there is a benefit and need for this to occur. Webinar and planning coming soon. Reconsider this as a subcommittee.

Children and Youth, we are hiring 2 caseworkers through Civil Service. 74 children in placement. Looking for foster parents.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Nothstein and second by Melanie Zeigler. Motion Carried.