

Carbon County Interagency Collaborative Minutes

November 10th, 2021, 9:00AM- 10:30AM

Attendance: sent as an attachment with minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion/updates/action
1. Welcome 2. Approval of September 8 th Minutes:	Minutes approved: Kerri Quick Second: Cindy Lynd Opposed: None
3. Treasurers Report: Cindy Lynd	Balance: \$2,499.64 Motion accepted: Julie Mann Second: William Getz
4. Speakers Sue Ziegler , Carbon County Area Agency on Aging: Shared Housing and Resource Exchange (SHARE)	Carbon County Area Agency on Aging provides information, programs and services to older adults. Services include: Information and referral Protective services for any reports of abuse for people over the age of 60 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 centers in the county ○ Provide nutrition resources, activities, health and wellness programs • Benefits counseling (60 and older) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tax and rent rebates for LIHEAP, Legal services • Assessment programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal care, Adult day care ○ Emergency response systems, Care management ○ Caregiver support, In home meals ○ Transportation, PA Mehdi program ○ Level of care determinations, Ombudsman program • SHARE program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share Housing and Resource Exchange ○ A housing choice option where two unrelated individuals share a home for their mutual benefit ○ It is not an emergency housing program, but are able to refer them to community resources ○ Participate for security, companionship, resource exchange, and financial resource
5. Old Business Annual Human Service Breakfast	Annual Human Service Breakfast 2022: April 22 nd , 2022, Topic is Carbon County resiliency; Save the date will be sent out soon and will be seeking sponsors for speakers. There will also be a basket raffle at the event. The location will be the Fire Company (used to be called Whispering Pines) on PA-903, Jim Thorpe.
Funding and webpage opportunities: Sharon Alexander	Community Foundation (CCCF) hosts a page on their website for the Carbon Collaborative and you can find the minutes and everything else posted here . Giving Tuesday is coming up on November 30 th , 2021
Grandparents raising Granchildren	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group is running every Wednesday at 9:30am and anybody interested, please call (610) 379-9304.

<p>Subcommittee updates: -Transportation: Larissa Kimmel -</p> <p>Strategic Planning: Gina Nichols</p>	<p>Transportation Subcommittee: Transportation Committee members are invited to go on a field trip to ride the public CT bus before the next meeting. Interested in trying to get a clearer understanding of how the bus system works and offer feedback about the experience. Please refer to the Carbon Transit website for route and fare information. Sharon Alexander will reach out to Commissioner Wayne Nothstein to talk about/request a copy of the transportation contract. Jackie Gallagher will reach out to Luzerne County to learn more about what they offer, how it is funded and how did they build their infrastructure. She will also begin to explore grant information and consult with the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 2nd, at 9:00am. Larissa Kimmel will send the Zoom link.</p> <p>Strategic Planning: Gina followed up with Jen Pantella to gather some background on the bylaws and where things were left off from the last state of the child and family, in which that report will be due soon. If you are interested in participating in this committee to gather that information, please reach out to Gina. The vision for this document is to be used as a resource that agencies can refer to when applying for grants, what's happening in the community, what are the gaps, etc.</p>
<p>6. New Business Carbon County Nonprofit 9.21.21 Forum -Call for volunteers: Sharon Alexander</p> <p>United Way Bold Goal Feedback: Gina Nichols</p> <p>Carbon Early Childhood Literacy: Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Reach out and Read/Brush, Book, Bed, Talk-Read-Sing, Ready4K: Rosemarie Lister</p>	<p>The CCCF hosted their Carbon County nonprofit forum at the end of September. The event consisted of networking and professional development in the morning and in the afternoon, there was a community conversations session where everyone in the room was able to discuss challenges and issues that were facing our organizations and how to possibly solve them.</p> <p>United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley is preparing its 2023-2030 community investment plan. We encourage the community to help build our roadmap to 2030 by attending our Bold Goal Planning Session for Carbon County-based organizations and partners to discuss community's most critical needs, funding gaps, and new strategies United Way could support.</p> <p>Ready4K is a free, evidence-based family engagement program that is delivered by text message and Carbon County families can sign up immediately. The content is for kids age zero to 10, and you can upload your family's information to personalize the type of text messages you receive. Talk-Read-Sing is a community engagement program that shares the importance of talking, reading, and singing. It is a public messaging campaign that uses posters, bookmarks, t-shirts to engage families out in the community.</p> <p>Dolly Parton Imagination Library currently has 675 families in Carbon County signed up. Reach Out and Read, which is with the Pennsylvania American Academy of Pediatrics, is a program that every time a child comes to their well visit at a St. Luke's practices in Carbon County, the entire staff trained. The visits provide the child with an age appropriate book and a lesson on why literacy is important. The program also includes messaging on Brush, Book, Bed since Carbon is a dental shortage area.</p>

7. Self-Introductions and Agency Reports	<p>Chat updates: can be placed in meeting chat and then saved into minutes</p> <p>Email updates: include "Carbon Interagency Update" in title; updates below in alphabetical order:</p>
<p>AmeriHealth Caritas Community Health Choices: If anyone has any in-person events that are looking for vendor representation, sponsorships, etc. or if you need any support or additional information regarding Community Health Choices (waiver) programs in your community, please reach out. Nicole Ragab, Community Relations Representative, AmeriHealth Caritas Community Health Choices, 570-506-4639, nragab@amerihealthcaritas.com</p> <p>BKK Street Outreach Program (Jen Pantella): Since launching in March the BKK Street Outreach Program has served 88 households with 142 encounters and has given out 89 resource packets, 725 lbs. of emergency food, 610 toiletries items, and 19 backpacks to homeless encampments. We are currently collecting items for winter for the homeless: tents, blankets, hand warmers, heating sources. The Resource Center Office at St. Peter's is complete and open to the public by appointment only, and we are planning a date for Grand Opening. We are also hiring an additional Community Resource Specialist (BIG Thanks to 20/20 circle grant) to hopefully start in the new year. BKK Street Outreach hotline # for Homelessness concerns or Emergency Food and toiletries deliveries 570-657-7899</p> <p>Cancer Support Community: We began offering weekly programs at Turn to Us, Inc. Nesquehoning in September (Wednesdays at noon). Our upcoming programs are: Intro to Tapping, Reiki Meditation, Abundance Bound, Holiday Crafting, and QiGong for Self-Care. We also offer individual counseling support and access to resources to reduce stress and improve quality of life. To register, people affected by cancer can call (570) 732-4220 or (610) 861-7555. We'd love to welcome new people.</p> <p>Carbon County Area Agency on Aging: Aging has partnered with the Angels for Aging program and the Frailey Insurance and Financial Services to provide Christmas gifts to Seniors that have no or limited family. The gift card can be picked up at the Frailey Insurance and Financial Services office on Coal Street in Lehighton.</p> <p>Career Link Carbon County: Samuel Hellen will be stepping up to Gary Wentz's position as Gary will be retiring. Heather Brown will be stepping up to Sam's position at the same time.</p> <p>Carbon Corps: CarbonCorps is still recruiting mentors for 2 school-based positions. We are excited to now have a mentor with Lehigh Valley Children's Center at their new location in Palmerton. Our Panther Valley Elementary school mentor is working on Thanksgiving food distribution to be held November 19. Our Weatherly mentor is working on getting the Holiday Hope Chests from LV Volunteer Center for holiday distribution. If anyone knows of someone that might be interested in serving as a mentor in a school setting, I can be reached at marsham@unitedwayglv.org.</p> <p>Carbon County "Right from the Start": Serves as an in-home visiting program, with parent education and kindergarten readiness. There are currently 15 families in the program and are accepting more. The program is free of charge and must be a resident of Carbon County and agree to participate in at least one home visit per month. Currently in a virtual format.</p> <p>Carbon, Monroe, Pike Drug and Alcohol: Still seeing people in person, with exceptions to telehealth. Able to hold their first recovery simulation a few weeks ago at ESU with a total of 33 participants. Looking to have a simulation in Carbon County, projected for November. If anyone needs Narcan, please contact our office. Starting up the Christmas tree decoration again with St. Luke's. The trees will be decorated with recovery information.</p>	

CMP System of Care: Jason Frei from St. Luke's Behavioral Health and Larissa Kimmel are new trainers for the Prepare School Based Safety Planning Curriculum. They are working on a plan to offer one day Workshop 1 (6.5 in-person presentation/credit hours; .5 online preworkshop hours) and 2 full days for Workshop 2 (12 presentation/credit hours) to interested school districts. The curriculum was created by the National Association of School Psychologists with the goal of assisting school safety teams in developing more comprehensive safety and crisis planning. *The next Carbon County System of Care Meeting will be December 14 at 1:30pm.* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HR2HFRR>

Domestic Violence Service Center: We are seeing people in our Carbon County Office now and are seeing an increase in people for filing for PFA's. If you have a client that might need help or might be in a domestic violence situation and just need to talk, please call our office as we do counseling. One on one. Counseling in our office, in the Carbon Office and in our Wilkes-Barre office.

East Central AHEC: Please see our [website](#) in conjunction with Northeast AHEC for more information on our CHW training programs, Princeton Review SAT/ACT Prep course offering, SEARCH Academy, and Commonwealth Civilian Coronavirus Corps. We received CDC funding to train Community Health Workers in response to Covid-19 and are offering free training for a limited number of individuals. We have a new center director, Lori Chaplin Masterson. We just finished a community health worker training program in partnership with St Luke's. We are offering the Princeton Review for high school students and this is open for all high school students. It's a discounted fee of \$60.00 through AHEC. Normally the price is \$299 and it's a self-paced online prep course and it's open to any high school student. We also just started our search Academy again back in September. This is a virtual program that is held every second Tuesday of each month except for December. Students receive hands on materials for an activity and hear from speakers in different health care careers. All the AHEC's in the state received a CDC COVID-19 grant to train 200 individuals across the state as community health workers. The Northeast region also received additional funds for the Commonwealth civilian coronavirus core. This is a National Health care program and pays members a living stipend. Living allowance stipend of \$15.00 an hour for a one-year commitment. They also get other benefits like an education scholarship if they need health care insurance.

Family Promise: The office has moved into the Nesquehoning campus, working out of the rectory. Working to bring the families in, working on a few things that still need to be completed.

LCCC: LCCC Hosts Virtual Job Information Sessions

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) will host virtual information sessions for adjunct instructor positions open in all academic divisions. Sessions will include an overview of the hiring process, as well as training and can lead to teaching positions starting in the spring 2022 semester.

Two sessions will be available, one on Wednesday, Nov. 10, and another on Thursday, Nov. 11, both from 7 to 8 p.m. To join either Zoom meeting, visit <https://bit.ly/LCCCJobInfoSessionNov>. For more information, contact LCCC's Academic Services office at 610-799-1195 or email Larissa Verta, vice president for academic services and student development at lverta@lccc.edu.

LCCC Honors Scholars Program Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the fall 2022 Honors Scholars program for prospective students who would like to concentrate more seriously on academics and who are intellectually curious and highly motivated. Scholars receive a full tuition scholarship, covering tuition and fees after all Federal Pell grants and institutional scholarships are applied. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to

be eligible for the scholarship each semester. Students have the option of applying to one of two tracks - Liberal Arts or Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM). In addition, high achieving students who have completed 15-30 credits as dual enrollment students, current LCCC students or students who have transferred in to LCCC from other institutions are encouraged to apply to the Honors College program, which is a one-year scholarship opportunity. For more details on the Honors Scholars program, contact LCCC's Admissions office at admissions@lccc.edu, 610-799-1575, email honors@LCCC.edu or visit our website.

EMT Training Course-Spring 2022

Registration for our Spring 2022 Emergency Medical Technician Training at the Tamaqua Site is now open. More details are available on our website: <https://www.lccc.edu/career.../public-safety/ems-courses>

Lehigh Area Memorial Library: We have been having a real increase in people coming into the library sent by different agencies and different places to get help with applications online, finding Social Security card applications, and anything you can imagine. The carbon libraries will be reaching out to different agencies and trying to get some contacts and things that we can get some help with. We can't always give people what they need because we don't have the staff and we don't have the resources. So, if anybody is interested in finding out what we can do or helping us with some of that, we'd be really interested.

Lehigh Valley Health Network: Campus moving along quickly, and we have programs we will be bringing to the county. Will have more information at next meeting as we still have things we are polishing up.

Pathstone: Currently in need of teaching staff. There are currently 5 classrooms closed because of being short staffed. Enrollment is at about 50% right now.

Pennsylvania Linked to Aging and Disability Resources: We are getting back into doing live meetings as of September. There will be a live meeting December 16th up at senior care of planes up in Luzerne County. We're getting a good number of groups maintaining social distancing and wearing masks and everything, but we're doing very well. Next R VA live meeting will be January 26th from 10-12:30pm. The topic will be mental health during COVID-19.

Penn State Extension: Offering nutrition education classes to low income parents of children 19 and under and senior citizens. Topics include how to eat healthy, save money on a budget while under budget, and basic nutritional information. Recently updated their pregnancy program.

Representative Heffley's Office: Please know that we continue to help with Unemployment issues and LIHEAP and PA1000 Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications.

Sharon Alexander: Any questions about the Carbon County Community Foundation, please feel free to reach out to me at director@cccfoundpa.org or 610-730-2526.

Self-determination Housing of Pennsylvania: We are working with landlords right now. What we call landlord engagement. So, we're looking for if there are any landlord organizations in each county and training landlords about what's happening with people around housing assistance animals. Hopefully trying to get landlords to accept vouchers and subsidized programs. We have gotten the adaptive

modifications grant, so we are working statewide to make people houses accessible: Bathrooms, ramps, chairlifts. Also looking to hire two regional housing coordinators in Eastern PA. [SDHP Calendar](#)

St. Luke's University Health Network: The new Carbon Campus Hospital will be opening November 20th. The new hospital will be offering 24/7 critical care. The Lehighton Campus will grow their mental health services. Plans to open a walk-in center for mental health services.

St. Luke's University Health Network, Pocono Mountains United Way, and the AllOne Foundation are partnering together in sponsoring a Certified Recovery Specialist/Certified Family Recovery Specialist (CRS/CFRS) Training offered at no cost to registered participants! A CRS/CFRS serves as a role model, mentor, advocate, and motivator to recovering individuals to help prevent relapse and promote long-term recovery. Individuals must have 18 months of continuous recovery at the time of application to the training. Trainings will be conducted by The Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations – Alliance (PRO-A) at the Mountain Center, 354 Memorial Boulevard, Tobyhanna, PA 18466. This series also meets the PCB Educational requirements for the CRS. If you or anyone you may know would like to apply to be a participant, please contact Dana Stebelski at dana.stebelski@sluhn.org or at 484-526-6569.

St. Luke's Community Health Department is also working on a project right now to try to improve confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines. We are looking to partner with some agencies in the area that may want to be champions of that.

Turn to Us: Partnered with the Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley in September. Currently getting ready for the holiday season with a few different projects. Will be providing gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas to our families along with meal recipes. Also collecting new, unwrapped presents for the toy give away through the families and along with the chamber. Jim Thorpe tree lighting on December 3rd. Looking for lamp post sponsorships for families to help us defer the cost, and a little sign will be placed on the lamp post as an acknowledgement.

Victims Resource Center: If anyone has any questions just contact us at 610-379-0151.

8. Next meetings: Secretary RL set up reoccurring meeting invite	Every other month, the second Tuesday of each month from 9-10am as follows: Jan 12, 2022 Mar 9, 2022
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Please email Carbon Interagency Secretary rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org with any clarifications/corrections

Thank you!



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Breaking News!

Wednesday, December 1

8:30am - 1:00pm

Fowler Center at Northampton Community College

The Eastcentral & Northeast Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)'s will host a
Get-To-Know-Us Summit on

Wednesday, December 1st

at the

Fowler Center at Northampton Community College.

Join us for a networking breakfast, informative program sessions, complimentary lunch,
Q&A session with AHEC panel of experts and door prizes!

Registration

LOCATION

Northampton Community College Fowler Family Center

DATE AND TIME

12/01/21 8:30am - 12/01/21 1:00pm US/Eastern

Come One! Come All! Come see what AHEC we do!

I'll Be There In-Person

I'll Be There Virtually via Zoom

You can also register via email at: lmasterson@ecneahec.org

If registering via email, let us know if you will be joining in person or virtually!

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**from Lehigh Carbon Community College,
partnering with Lehigh Valley Health Network,
at the Morgan Center, LCCC Tamaqua,
234 High Street, Tamaqua, Pa. 18252**

**Designed for individuals who may respond
to pre-hospital emergencies.**

You will learn:

- Patient assessment
- Administration of emergency medical care including CPR
- Symptoms of psychological and physical emergencies
- Strategies to administer rapid response
- Basic anatomy and physiology
- Hazardous material awareness

Upon successful completion of the course, 16-year-old-plus participants are eligible to test for the National Registry EMT certification. NREMT certified individuals will be able to seek entry-level employment in emergency medical services.

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Learn through classroom presentations, skill demonstrations, hands-on practical skill workshops and practical experience provided by the state-certified EMT instructor team.

Class schedule:

Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 – Monday, June 6, 2022

The classes will be held every
Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon
at the Morgan Center, LCCC Tamaqua,
234 High Street, Tamaqua, Pa. 18252

\$1,350 tuition (includes textbook; no additional gear required)
Additional cost: NREMT Testing

PERM4D-b-i (2021-09-24)

To register: 610-799-1197 Information: 610-799-1574

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