

Carbon County Interagency Collaborative Minutes

January 12th, 2021, 9:00AM- 10:00AM

Attendance: saved as an attachment with minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion/updates/action
1. Welcome 2. Approval of November 10 th Minutes:	Minutes approved: Cindy Lynd, Robyn Plesniarski Opposed: None
3. Treasurers Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC):	Balance: \$2,499.64 Motion accepted: Kerri Quick, Dana Stebelski
4. Speakers: Covid Response Updates from Healthcare Organizations; St. Luke's University Health Network and Lehigh Valley Health Network	<p>St. Luke's University Health Network (John Nespoli, Joe Pinto):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID census is at an all time high among both hospitals; Primarily the unvaccinated are those being admitted (~90%). • Vaccine Clinics every Monday 4-7PM Pfizer, every Tuesday 4-7PM Moderna • Our Carbon Campus was chosen to provide oral covid medications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prescription only drive through service • St. Luke's is not testing asymptomatic community members as we want to reserve those tests for those who are showing symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A doctor's order is necessary for a COVID test (dial 1-866-STLUKES or visit Care Now to be tested) <p>Lehigh Valley Health Network (Raymond Bernardi):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of patients admitted are unvaccinated • Experiencing testing delays in turnaround time • Advising community members to not come to the ED for covid testing • Working hard to increase bed capacity to make sure everyone is able to receive the care they need • Thank you all healthcare workers for working tirelessly to uphold our mission to heal, comfort, and care for the community • Responses to chat questions: (LVHN) no increase in hospitalizations for children under 4, (SLUHN) we have seen a slight uptick in children being hospitalized.
5. Old Business Annual Human Service Breakfast Funding and webpage opportunities: Sharon Alexander	<p>Annual Human Service Breakfast 2022: April 22nd, 2022 9:00AM</p> <p>The committee met on Monday, January 10th to discuss the Annual Human Service Breakfast. Still planning to hold it in-person if possible, working on a contingency plan to hold it virtually if necessary.</p> <p>If you are involved in any type of creative arts organization, the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation has partnered with the Pennsylvania Council of Arts and are the lead in funding opportunities available (three different grant programs available). Next Tuesday, January 18th the Community Foundation is holding a seminar about estate planning and charitable giving, a free presentation at CCTI. Our grant cycle will be opening in the Spring so stay tuned for grant opportunities. Any updates for the</p>

<p>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Supports: Donna Trimmell</p> <p>Subcommittee updates: -Transportation: Larissa Kimmel -Strategic Planning: Gina Nichols</p>	<p>Carbon Collaborative website, please send to Sharon. Grants for arts organizations: https://www.lehighvalleyfoundation.org/grants/overview/pennsylvania-partners-arts-grants CCCF Grants Opportunities: https://cccfoundpa.org/request-funding/</p> <p>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group is running every Wednesday at 9:30am in Weissport and anybody interested, please call (610) 379-9304.</p> <p>Transportation Subcommittee:</p> <p>Strategic Planning: Meeting as group to see what data we need for the State of the Child and Family report. Any data to include, please send to Gina Nichols or Dana Stebelski. Curious to know how community partners are using this report-please fill out quick survey so we can collect responses. If you are interested in participating in this committee to gather that information, please reach out to Gina or Dana. 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. Link for the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D9M6Q58</p>
<p>6. New Business</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>Jeanie Miller</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.</p> <p>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. New theme: Let's Talk about Dancing.</p> <p>Dolly Parton Imagination Library currently has 716 families in Carbon County signed up. If you need additional information, please reach out to Dana Stebelski or Kerri Quick. 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 practice in Carbon County, the entire staff is trained on how to engage families and how important it is to talk, sing, read, and play with your child consistently. 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> <p>Sending out survey for childcare and preschool, looking for facility in Jim Thorpe area. The survey will be available through various agencies</p>
<p>7. Self-Introductions and Agency Reports</p>	<p>Chat updates: can be placed in meeting chat and then saved into minutes Email updates: reach out to Rosemarie.Lister@sluhn.org include "Carbon Interagency Update" in title</p>

AmeriHealth Caritas Community Health Choices: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community Health Choices is looking to partner with primary health networks and local organizations on vaccination efforts to boost vaccination rates among our Participants. Our Community Outreach Manager can be reached at mpadua@amerihealthcaritas.com or 267-532-8332

BKK Street Outreach Program (Jen Pantella): Doing best to serve the community and did a homeless enactment visit on NYE that went great.

Cancer Support Community: Moving everything strictly virtual for the month of January but still staying in contact with members and providing support and resources.

Carbon County Area Agency on Aging: We were able to provide presents for 40 seniors through the Angels for Aging programs. We are seeing an increase in Protective Services report, referrals and out reaches to consumers.

Career Link Carbon County: Still open to public to help with career searches, resume assistance, job placements.

Carbon Corps: We will be recruiting soon for the next group starting with the next school year - if anyone knows of someone who might like to serve with AmeriCorps CarbonCorps please contact me marsham@unitedwayglv.org. Great opportunity for new college graduates and those in a gap year as well as other adults seeking to work directly with the youth in Carbon County.

Carbon County "Right from the Start": We are continuing to serve families in a virtual format. We currently have approximately 10 families enrolled. Please contact us a 570-249-8560 with any referrals.

Carbon, Monroe, Pike Drug and Alcohol: Currently providing services in-person and virtual as well.

Eastcentral AHEC: Lori Chaplin-Masteron is the new center director. Eastcentral AHEC has been contracted by LHVN to collect data for their Community Health Needs Assessment in Carbon County. I have spoken with many of you but would love additional input. Please contact me at lmasterson@ecneahec.org at your convenience and we can schedule a time to talk.

LCCC (Amber Zuber): Face-to-face enrollment at the Morgan Center has increased by 47% for this spring. Still requiring masking and classes begin January 18th. Starting a food share program for students, faculty, and staff who may be experiencing food insecurity. Able to take 3-5 grab and go items each day in help to offset any hunger or cost issues on campus.

Lehigh Valley Health Network: Vaccine clinics rounding through the school districts (6 month rounding). Please call the schools if you are looking to get a child on the list. Information for COVID care: <https://www.lvhn.org/testing-services/coronavirus-covid-19-care> ; <https://www.lvhn.org/contact> (1-888-402-LVHN)

MHDS: Carbon is currently closed for case management services. We have staff hired and being trained in hopes for the location to be open shortly.

Pennsylvania Linked to Aging and Disability Resources: Continue to be on a hybrid model. On January 26th 10AM-12:30PM will be offering a virtual training on mental health and COVID. Received a COVID vaccination grant to potentially use for at-home testing kits.

Pinebrook Family Answers: Provide re-entry services in the Carbon County Jail.

Pocono Counties Workforce Development Board: New office location and phone number: 811 Blakeslee Blvd Dr E, Suite 85 Lehighton, PA 18235; 484-464-2494 www.pcwia.org

Representative Heffley's Office: Rep. Heffley's office is still available to help constituents with any State agency related issues. We are currently fielding several calls a day for assistance with Labor and Industry and Unemployment Compensation and are able to provide some assistance for getting in touch with Labor and Industry. Please feel free to call us at 610-377-6363.

Self-determination Housing of Pennsylvania: Applied for three grants: specifically, for people with traumatic spine injuries (seniors, disabled, and specific types of spinal injuries). The website includes a form where a person can be put on a waitlist to have inspections and modifications done to their homes. [Checking link \(office.net\)](#)

St. Luke's University Health Network: If you are interested in a Substance Use Stigma Presentation or QPR Suicide Prevention for your organization please contact Kerri Kerri.quick@sluhn.org; For St. Luke's vaccine information: [Vaccine Scheduling \(sluhn.org\)](http://VaccineScheduling(sluhn.org)); <https://www.sluhn.org/covid-19/> (1-866-785-8537 option #7).

St. Peter's Community Resource Center: Recently hired their first employee who will be starting as the first Community Resource Specialist.

Turn to Us: Able to support quite a few families through the holidays with autism, cancer care, and financial stability.

United Way: Mid-April 2022: Bold Goals announced to community, and application opens; Late May 2022: Applications due; June-August 2022: Applications reviewed by volunteers, and recommendations approved by Investment Committee and Impact Council; January 2023: 2023-2024 Funding Begins.

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

Thank you!