

Carbon County Interagency Collaborative Minutes

May 11th, 2022, 9:00AM- 10:00AM

Attendance: sent as an attachment with minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion/updates/action
<p>1. Welcome 2. Approval of January 12th Minutes:</p>	<p>Minutes approved: Larissa Kimmel Second: Kerri Quick Opposed: None</p>
<p>3. Treasurers Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC):</p>	<p>Balance: \$3,103.64 Motion accepted: Julie Mann Second: Dana Stebelski</p>
<p>4. Speakers: Lorianne Roke, PathStone Head Start</p>	<p>PathStone is a leader in advocacy for low-income individuals and families. Provide services in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult training and employment • Youth education and training services • Housing opportunities • Child and family developmental services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is done through federal and state funded Head Start ○ Early Head Start ○ PreK Counts ○ Migrant Seasonal Head Start (not available in Carbon) <p>Throughout the challenges of COVID-19, the goal was to continue to provide the best and safest care for the children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently allowed parents back into the building for pick-up and drop-off • Slowly regaining staff • Promoting open enrollment and services <p>Open House Event will be held May 25th from 12-3PM for all past, current, and future families to come and see the center. Classrooms will be open, and families will be able to tour the building, meet the staff, and see all that the program has to offer. (Flyer is attached in email thread)</p> <p>In the upcoming months, Path Stone’s goal is to hire staff, enroll families, and build their program up to the potential it has.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori shared that they currently have 80 students and asked for our assistance in increasing enrollment to 250. Let’s set an objective to increase enrollment by 100% (160) by August 2022 with a bold goal to reach 250!
<p>5. Old Business Annual Human Service Breakfast</p>	<p>Annual Human Service Breakfast 2022: April 22nd, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to all of those who attended! It was a great turnout • Congratulations to Mindy Graver on receiving the Excellence in Service Award • April 28th, 2023, is the date for next year’s Human Service Breakfast • If you lost a black, leather jacket at the breakfast, please contact Cindy Lynd

<p>Funding and webpage opportunities: Sharon Alexander</p> <p>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Supports: Donna Trimmell</p> <p>Subcommittee updates: -Transportation: Larissa Kimmel -Connection to Care, Education, and Services for Children: Rachael Miller and Larissa Kimmel</p>	<p>NEPA Gives will be held on Friday, June 3rd. Open to 501c3 organizations. To learn more about raising money on NEPA Gives, please visit: https://cccfoundpa.org/nepagives_kickoff_party_2022/;</p> <p>GRC (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren) Coalition Annual Conference: Oct. 21st; Looking for speakers, specifically attorneys Meetings are Wednesdays at 9:30a.m. in Weissport. For all info, contact: Howard Grossman 570-262-3443@ grossmanhj@aol.com</p> <p><u>Transportation Subcommittee:</u> -Met on May 4th and continuing to truck along and have developed a great relationship with LANTA and other transportation providers. Currently working on a press release which provides information on all new updates on Carbon County Transportation. Looking at phase 2 of a 4-phase project in which they will be supporting LANTA in getting some additional surveys to get feedback from the community on transportation needs. Utilizing Find Help to make sure all up-to-date information is included on all transportation services in Carbon County. Next transportation subcommittee meeting will be held June 1st, 9:00a.m. by Zoom. https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87109531624?pwd=czJzemtySU5hdUFSQ3JDQnYyRHhyZz09</p> <p><u>Connection to Care, Education, and Services for Children:</u> -Have not met since last Interagency Council meeting. Continuing to work through the barriers to child services agencies have run into as well as develop a better, stronger network.</p>
<p>6. New Business Carbon Early Childhood Literacy: Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Reach out and Read/Brush, Book, Bed, Rosemarie Lister</p>	<p>Dolly Parton Imagination Library currently has 792 children 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. KidZone purchased a Little Free Library that is placed outside the St. Luke’s Leighton Care Now where individuals can take a book or share a book within the community.</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: include “Carbon Interagency Update” in title</p>
<p>Area Agency on Aging: Senior Games open on 5/17 and runs through 5/24. We have around 160 participants registered which is about 50 people less than what we usually have. Farmers Market vouchers will be distributed in the month of June to individuals over the age of 60 that fall within the program guidelines. Watch the newspaper for more information.</p>	

BKK Street Outreach Program (Jen Pantella): A Scheduled Street Outreach Day to serve the homeless and visit homeless encampments is May 28th 2pm. Anyone interested in joining or donating please contact Jen at 570-657-7899.

Carbon County Head Start: Come join us for some community outreach! Wednesday, May 25th 12:00 – 3:00 PM; 110 N 3rd Street Lehighton. We are inviting local agencies and organizations to come to this event to set up an area or activity and share information about their programs with our families. Both indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) spaces will be available for set up starting at 11:00am. Please let us know you are coming before Tuesday, May 24th by contacting the Center Administrator Lori Roke at 610-377-5671

Carbon County “Right from the Start”: Serves families living in Carbon County who have children prenatal to kindergarten entry. The program is free with no income restrictions. Referrals can be sent to ekuehner@jtasd.org or calling 570-249-8560.

Carbon, Monroe, Pike Drug & Alcohol: Recovery Stigma Simulation June 7, 2022, 9am - noon Aquashicola Fire Company Palmerton, PA sign up though sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549AFAE29ABF94-recovery>. CMP D&A has RX destroyer for individuals who need to get rid of medication contact Carolee Boyer at 610-377-5177 ext 2106

Carbon, Monroe, Pike MHDS: May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We are inviting everyone to participate in the Green Light Campaign by lighting up you space green, post yard signs, posters and hand out resource cards. If anyone is interested in these materials, please reach out to larissa.kimmel@cmpsystemsofcare.org or another staff from CMP MHDS. You will see Billboards on 209 near the Country View Diner and on 248 Near State Road.

CareerLink: Julie Walker is the new administer of CareerLink. CareerLink is still up and running and looking to get started with the summer Youth Employment program.

CMP Systems of Care: CMP Systems of Care is sponsoring a Trauma Training Series; all are welcome to participate.

EastCentral PA AHEC: EC PA AHEC continues to offer SAT/ACT prep courses at a significant discount. Contact our office at lchaplin@ecpennahec.org (my new email address). EC PA AHEC is offering Mental Health First Aid (youth and adult) and Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI). Contact me at lchaplin@ecpennahec.org

Family Promise: Family Promise is working with the Department of Health to come out and educate the community about the Hep A vaccine and make it accessible to the homeless population on the day they come out for free. I will email the information once we have a date. Family Promise is planning a ribbon cutting for the family shelter, possibly toward the end of June. We are having a cycle event 5k on September 10th. There is going to be a BBQ cookoff between the churches, bounce house, balloon animals, and face painting. We are also continuing to move forward with the women's shelter. We have had contractors out to quote what it would take to renovate the church to house women safely.

KidZone: Car seat check on Wednesday, June 1st from 10 - 2 at Walmart in Lehighton. Please help promote the event to your staff and families. The Little Free Library has now been installed at the St. Luke's Lehighton Care Now entrance.

LCCC (Amber Zuber): Accelerated Summer EMT Program at LCCC Tamaqua 6/13 - 8/4/22 Mon-Thu 5:30-9:30 pm; Sat 9 am-noon Monday thru Thursday & Saturday morning Campus, Tamaqua \$1,350 (includes book, no additional gear). LCCC Tamaqua is now offering introductory HVAC courses for Fall 2022. Choose from HAC 104 (Basic Electricity), HAC 119 (Construction Print Reading), and HAC 150 (Heating Systems). All courses are offered as part of the certificate program AND the associate's program!

Visit <https://www.lccc.edu/academics/manufacturing,-trades-and-transportation> for more information.

LCCC SAT Prep Class at Panther Valley High School. Tentative schedule: M/W in September 7:00-9:00 pm

Lehigh Valley Health Network: LVHN will be opening their new Carbon Hospital very shortly and will be holding various community events around the opening for community members. LVHN is looking for a LSW for school-based programs. <https://pm.healthcaresource.com/cs/lvhn#/job/36770>

Pennsylvania Linked to Aging and Disability Resources: PA Link Collaborative Partner Meeting- Heritage Hills Assisted Living/Weatherly-9:30-10:30 RSVP to Julie Mann ccaging14@ptd.net

Representative Heffley: The date of Wednesday, September 7 has been set for Rep. Heffley's Senior Expo at the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. More details to come. Our office is open for any PA related issues, including researching issues with Unemployment Compensation and providing assistance with filing for the 2021 PA1000 Property Tax and Rental Rebate program

St. Luke's University Health Network: St. Luke's Walk-In Center for Behavioral Health will be completed by the later part of July. We are renovating at the old Lehighon Hospital into a physician office for behavioral health that will be staffed by providers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Accepting patients 14 years and older. The St. Luke's Children and Women's Center is open in Palmerton on Delaware Avenue. There are five OBGYN's doing prenatal care as well as Baby and Me services. New food pantry serving families in the Panther Valley and surrounding areas. Distribution on 3rd Wednesday of the month at PV Elementary from 4 - 6 pm and 1st Saturday of the month at the PV football stadium. There is a form that will need to be completed. People can contact Kerri Quick at 570-393-7148 for more information or to get the form mailed. 7th Annual Panther Valley Health and Safety Carnival May 26th from 4 -6 pm at Panther Valley Intermediate. Most of the agencies on this call are already registered but let Kerri know if you'd like to join kerri.quick@sluhn.org

Saint Peter's Community Resource Center (SPCRC): ST. Peter's has expanded our partnership with Second harvest Food Bank and is now able to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy products on top of the typical canned food pantry items and toiletries supplies. Our next Pantry Day is May 28th 10am-1pm @ 177 Main Road Lehighon PA 18235. Community Resource Center- May is Mental Health awareness month so our Resource of the Month is Ethos. Contact D'Ache for any community resource needs at 484-464-4474.

Turn To Us: Merging with any PA inclusive to expand their autism programming and their sensory gyms into their 12-county service and bring their services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism down to Carbon/Schuylkill County. They primarily focus on job training, employment services, community living day services, housing services, and advocacy. Our cancer programming will be merged with cancer support community. Alicia Kline will be joining any PA inclusive as their development and new business coordinator.

United Way: United Way CarbonCorps - recruiting host sites and members for 2022-2023 cohort starting early September. We really want to grow in the community with the program and collaborate with as many agencies as possible. We are trying to expand our services to reach more families and students. If anyone is

interested in learning more about serving as a host site and how a mentor can fill in any gaps you might have in services, please email Marsha. We already have some strong candidates who have applied to be mentors. marsham@unitedwayglv.org

8. Next meetings: Co-Secretary Dana Stebelski will set up reoccurring meeting invite	Every other month, the second Wednesday of each month from 9-10 am as follows: September 14th November 9th January 11th March 8th May 10th
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Please email Carbon Interagency Co-Secretary dana.stebelski@sluhn.org with any clarifications/corrections

Thank you!