

Draft Minutes

Carbon Collaborative
January 11, 2023
9 AM-10 AM

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1. Welcome
 - a. Kate Thornburg, Regional Housing Coordinator, Carbon and Monroe SDHP
 - i. Offer webinars for housing with those with disabilities and information and referral link <https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp/sdhp-calendar>
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x67YtnLiv0qdUVftDZHv9VY2j9bxvJArNqFzbUVSUpUN1ZKMFhJMkRMS0ROT1BLWDBDMzhCS1k1SyQIQCNOPWcu>
 - b. Joe, Murphy, Palmerton (CAPAC) St. John's Towamensing Lutheran Church Food Pantry
 - c. Palmerton Library Christine DeSousa
 - d. Lehighon Library: Melissa Hawk
 - e. Jim Thorpe Library: Kara Edmunds
2. Approval of [November 9th, 2022 Minutes](#): Carolee and Larissa
3. Treasurer Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC): \$3,103.64: Carolee and Bridget
4. Speaker: Early childcare education partners: Rachel Miller, Beth Ann Sheckler, Charles Dinofrio, and others from the state of the child connection to care subcommittee
 - a. Status of existing services and how we can further connect families in Carbon
 - b. Rachel Jim Thorpe Rotary assessed needs for childcare gap of families (600 families) that need care and brought in LVCC; bringing together superintendents in Carbon County with SHINE
 - c. Charles early education and childcare organization for birth -12; Jim Thorpe planning space wrap around childcare for hours needed for working parents; 48 partners with PVSD preK
 - d. Kim Whitney Head Start (137) and Pre-K (47) counts; there are childcare gaps from employee/workforce needs childcare centers
 - e. Larissa asked if parents can be part of the planning process; parents from Jim Thorpe rotary were part of discussion and survey
5. Old Business:

- a. Funding and webpage opportunities: CCCF grant cycle opening February 2023 with recording; PPL posted webinar on updated funding on DEI, education and stable communities from \$5-\$50k <https://www.pplweb.com/communities/ppl-foundation/pa-grants/>
 - b. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren supports
 - c. Literacy: [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), [Reach Out and Read/Brush, Book, Bed, Talk-Read-Sing](#), Ready4K, [Palmerton Library Baby and Me](#); Meeting with local libraries
 - d. Subcommittees
 - i. Transportation: Larissa Kimmel
6. New Business: Annual Human Services Breakfast, April 21, 2023 subject is Live Here, Work Here, and Keep Carbon County Strong
 7. Self-introductions and agency reports
 - a. Chat updates: chat updates can be placed in meeting chat and then saved into minutes
 - b. Email updates to Secretary and include "Carbon Interagency Collaborative" in title
- LCCC, Amber Zuber: enrollment is increasing; PA food access program with TASD, upcoming info session on dual enrollment and site tour for prospective HS students, Talk, Sing, Read program.
 - CCMH Ashley shared the county is hiring case manager
 - Career Link: Ben Winn working with County and partners to promote services
 - US Congresswoman Wild Megan Beste: office in Lehighon; please reach out if interested in services, grants US Congresswoman Susan Wild has opened a government office at 1001 Mahoning St. Lehighon. Constituents can call 570-807-0333 for help with any federal agency. Reach out to Megan to let her know organization's priorities and challenges, grant funding needs and legislative questions or suggestions. megan.beste@mail.house.gov (202) 805-0443
 - Carbon D&A, Carolee Boyer: looking for counselors; Meth, Alcohol and Opioids are on the rise; 11 overdoses since the holiday
 - Catholic Charities, Rob Nicolella: still providing the Emergency Rent Assistance Program. It's somewhere in the tune of providing \$100,000 about every two weeks - with rent assistance to Carbon County residents. Contact is Tom Miller at Tmiller@allentowndiocese.org
 - AHEC Cyndy Lynd: SEARCH Academy for high school students signup paahecsearch.org and SAT/ACT Princeton online course offered at \$60 (\$299 value) please contact Lori Chaplin at lchaplin@ecpennach.org

- C&Y, Jill Geissinger: 118 in care; 21/31 staff filled still looking for Bachelor Degree case workers; seeking foster homes
 - BHA Jillian Horton: Grief support groups for Wednesday evenings Behavioral Health Associates
Outpatient contact information: 610-379-9304 for info/interest in youth grief group
 - Domestic Relations, Bridget Johnson: increased case load, open positions
 - Julie Mann: Hybrid January 25th mental health workshops with Area Agency on Aging
 - Larissa Kimmel, trauma trainings flyer virtually and in person; can accommodate staff trainings;
Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide initiative follow up meeting January 24; Handle with Care program that notifies schools that a child was involved in something that could affect performance without sharing details
 - Robyn Pleasarnski and Melissa Yingling LVHN: Please keep in touch with all the new additions to LVH-Carbon by following our page. Find us on social media as well.
<https://www.lvhn.org/locations/lehigh-valley-hospital-carbon> If your organizations have any partnership needs or opportunities for these initiatives, please feel free to reach out!
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 - St. Luke's updates: Listing of St. Luke's Carbon and Lehighon Services as well as Family Doctor locations: [St. Luke's Carbon Campus \(slhn.org\)](http://slhn.org) To locate partner community support in Carbon: [St Luke's University Health Network by findhelp - Search and Connect to Social Care](http://slhn.org)
 - Right From the Start, Meagan Rodgers: mental health needs and support for ages 3-5 gap years
 - SHINE, Rachel Strucko, Maker spaces and ECO System grant that includes libraries for training and STEM programming
 - County Commissioners: working on priorities is mental health funding
 - Jennifer Drake: caregiver crisis please reach out with interested caregivers
8. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 9:00 AM via TEAMS
- a. Re-occurring meeting invites via Microsoft TEAMS with call in number and link

Please reach out to Rosemarie Lister at rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org with any clarifications/corrections