

Carbon Collaborative Minutes  
March 8, 2023  
9 AM-10 AM

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1. Welcome
2. Approval of [January, 2023 Minutes](#): Approval: Kerri Quick, Second: Larissa Kimmel
3. Treasurer Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC): \$3,103.64; remains the same; received a few sponsorships: Approval: Kim Whitney, Second: Kate Thornburg
4. Speaker: Robert Nicolella updated on behalf of Thomas Miller [tmiller@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:tmiller@allentowndiocese.org): 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Transition; \$100k towards rental and utility assistance for those directly and indirectly effected by COVID
5. Old Business: Funding and webpage opportunities; Sharon Alexander shared AllOne application open and shared links: <https://cccfoundpa.org/request-funding/>, <https://allonefoundations.org/foundation/>
  - a. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren supports
  - b. Literacy: [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), [Reach Out and Read/Brush, Book, Bed, Talk-Read-Sing](#), Ready4K, [Palmerton Library Baby and Me](#)
    - i. Melissa Hawk, Lehighon Librarian shared Hot spots for internet access at home
    - ii. St. Luke's Community Health will follow up with Bridget Johnson, Domestic Relations, for lending library
  - c. Subcommittees
    - i. Transportation: Larissa Kimmel: Megan Beste interested in being part of committee: [Megan.beste@mail.house.gov](mailto:Megan.beste@mail.house.gov)
    - ii. Early childcare education Rachel Miller, Larissa Kimmel, Lorianne Roke, Charles Dinofrio, and others from the state of the child connection to care subcommittee; status of existing services and how we can further connect families in Carbon
      1. LVCC and NEPA Alliance Appalachian Regional Commission application
      2. C & Y and PV working together
      3. Early Resource Center Career Link calendar advertised on social media
      4. New Business: Annual Human Services Breakfast, April 21, 2023; next meeting 3/31 at 8; next year date is April 19 2024

**Self-introductions and agency reports:**

- Kids Zone Carbon County Safety Day, May 6, 10-2, Mauch Chunk Lake Park, Jim Thorpe, Rain or Shine
- Melissa Hawk: Lehighon Library want to be more involved with agencies
- Amber Zuber: FAFSA support, STEM, accelerated EMT program; PA Hunger Free Campus Emily Wargo AT, Earth Boxes, Boyers and pantry
- Ashley Highland: MH awareness month May and open for CM services
- Career Link Pocono Counties Workforce Development is updating our website, visit it at [www.pcwia.org](http://www.pcwia.org), and see updated Labor Market Information site which has area specific LMI tools and an Economic Overview at <https://pcwia.org/lmi/>; Julie Walker 107 unemployment program; employer outreach on website; rapid response. Workshops continue at Carbon CareerLink. The workshop is target plan to get resumes seen.

- Megan Beste introduced Carol Etheridge constituent <https://wild.house.gov/fy-2024-appropriations-requests>
- Cathy Lamm – New Executive Director Family Promise at full capacity
- AHEC Lori Chaplin Masterson, Eastcentral PA AHEC Office is offering "Participate-Simulate-Educate" professional development day for school counselors in Carbon, Lehigh, Berks, Northampton and Schuylkill Counties is March 29th at LVHN Center for Healthcare Education in Center Valley. This event is free of charge for school counselors and Act 48 eligible. We are also hosting "Adventures in Healthcare", a summer camp at NCC Monroe July 17-20th for students in grades 6-9 who wish to discover healthcare career pathways. 2nd Annual CHW Conference is September 27-29th in Boalsburg. Opportunities for sponsorships as well as registration will open soon. SAT/ACT prep courses continue to be offered for \$60. We're hiring! Our office is looking for either a part time or full time health educator available immediately. Visit our website for details [www.ecpennaehc.org](http://www.ecpennaehc.org) or email me at [ichaplin@ecpennaehc.org](mailto:ichaplin@ecpennaehc.org)
- Area Agency on Aging Deena Fital; 21 needing personal care down from 31
- Anthracite region for independent living: Denise Corcoran works with those with 570 445 9890
- Gina Nichols: UW hiring grant writer and administrator, AVP philanthropy; Gina Nichols: [Ginan@unitedwayglv.org](mailto:Ginan@unitedwayglv.org) Marsha Macalush: [Marsham@unitedwayglv.org](mailto:Marsham@unitedwayglv.org) AmeriCorps Community Resource Navigators can be placed at social service agencies and community hubs to support connection to community resources. AmeriCorps members have the ability to go deeper into areas that families may need support. For example, if someone is working with a housing agency, but have other presenting needs, an AmeriCorps member can support those needs and make the appropriate connections to services.
- St. Luke's Community Health: Panther Valley Health Carnival: May 25th 4 -6 pm at Panther Valley Intermediate School. Organizations register here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544aaa82da3f94-panther1>
- Lifelong Resource Center: Laura Hoppes Education Leading to Employment and Training (ELECT); 2 case managers, Jessica Urenko; [hoppl@iu29.org](mailto:hoppl@iu29.org) serving pregnant and parenting teen through Education Leading to Employment and Career Training- serving Carbon County through PDE and DHS grants. Looking for referrals to assist in Carbon County
- Jen St. Clair – Cancer support with both St. Luke's and LVHN
- Children and Youth Jill Geissinger shared 113 in foster care; working with 92, seeking case workers and moving in new location, 10 adoption pending; numbers have remained the same, 30 reports of abuse and neglect each week; ranges 30-40. Seeking MH support, seeing increased meth use
- Jillian Hortan, BHA: Well of Hope Youth Grief Group (Ages 4-18). Wednesday evenings. For more information or to enroll a child, please contact 610-379-9304 and reference the group.
- Kate Thornburg, Regional Housing Coordinator, 3 part series, Housing as a Human Right May 9, 10 conference, <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x67YtnLiv0qdUVfjtDZHv9VY2j9bxvJArNqFzbUVSUpUN1ZKMFhJMkRMSOROT1BLWDBDMzhCS1k1SyQIQCN0PWcu>
- Kelly Cummings: SHARE housing coordinator, Department of Aging website
- Kim Whitney, Pathstone Head Start: open house job fair, March 28, still recruiting and enrolling, multiple positions open, Courtney Creiger will cover for Kim when she retires
- Larissa Kimmel: Carbon Monroe Pike System of Care (CMP MHDS) has a new website <https://soccmp.com/> Please take a few moments to look at partners, events and projects. We are working with Jefferson University on a Suicide Prevention Project to focus on prevention and postvention for youth who have been hospitalized for suicidal thoughts and actions. We continue to offer Trauma Informed Trainings using the Lakeside Global Institute curriculum. If anyone is interested in trauma trainings for your organization, please connect with me. [larissakimmel@cmpsystemsofcare.org](mailto:larissakimmel@cmpsystemsofcare.org). Lastly, August 16 and 17 we are offering a FREE Coach

Approach to Adaptive Leadership Training to continue to develop our county leadership through this interactive model developed by Georgetown University. County Administrators, Supervisors, Managers and staff leaders are invited to participate. Garrett Smith suicide prevention County-wide Transition Fair is scheduled for 4/18 5:30-7:30 at Lehighton High School

- St. Luke's: John Nespoli, Behavioral Health walk in center served over 500 and most had no prior care, Lehighton programs have extended hours, urgent care, fitness center re-opened with over 400 members, expanding 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Carbon Campus and Emergency Room and operating rooms expansion. [St. Luke's Carbon Campus \(slhn.org\)](http://slhn.org) and [St. Luke's Lehighton Campus \(slhn.org\)](http://slhn.org)
- LVH-Carbon Updates: Melissa Lapos, expanding campus, including the services like Cardiac Rehab and an ICU that are offered to the community. <https://www.lvh.org/locations/lehigh-valley-hospital-carbon> You can follow us on Facebook as well, @LVHCarbon. Colon Cancer Awareness panel on March 20th. Join experts at this in-person educational event honoring Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Attendees will learn about the latest colorectal cancer screening guidelines, surgical and nonsurgical treatment options for colorectal cancer, hereditary colorectal cancer and nutritional recommendations for colon health. Megan Rogers – Right from the start home visiting program, UW grant, prenatal to 5
- CCCF: Sharon Alexander: United Way is partnering with Network for Good to assess the capacity and sustainability needs of nonprofits, including in Carbon County. Please complete a 10-minute survey so they can better understand your capacity building needs. As a thank you for your participation, you'll receive a toolkit containing 200+ unique fundraising templates that you can use to support your fundraising efforts this year. [https://networkforgood.secure.force.com/survey/apex/VisualAntidote\\_HostedFastForm?h=E22I](https://networkforgood.secure.force.com/survey/apex/VisualAntidote_HostedFastForm?h=E22I)
- Volunteer Centers of LV Shawn Bariana; volunteers for Carbon County
- Doyle Heffley's office Timm Berger: property tax rebates free of charge, accepting vendors for expo
- Weston Brehm- Carbon County Housing Authority, voucher program open; 38 available, send interested landlords
- County updates: Coroner's report; 31 deaths, 21 suicide, 4 drowning, 657 cases and 239 hospices, new roof on county building
- Carbon Drug and Alcohol: Recovery Stigma Simulation, May 8, 9-12, Aquashcola Fire Company, Palmerton To Register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549AFAE29ABF94-recovery2>

Email updates to Rosemarie Lister, Secretary and include "Carbon Interagency Collaborative" in title  
Next meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 9:00 AM via TEAMS; Re-occurring meeting invites via Microsoft TEAMS with call in number and link

Please share any clarifications/corrections with the interagency secretary at [rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org](mailto:rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org)

Thank you