

Carbon Collaborative Minutes DRAFT

May 10, 2023, 9 AM-10 AM

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1. Welcome
2. Approval of [March 2023 Minutes](#) Jen Drake, Cindy Lynd
3. Treasurer Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC): Beginning Balance \$3103.64
Total receipt from the breakfast \$2331.00 Total disbursement for the breakfast \$1338.00
Balance \$4096.64
4. Speaker: Larissa Kimmel to discuss Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow, a non-profit that supports children and their families when the child is affected by illness, injury, or death.
<https://www.dylanandgavinsrainbow.com/>
Larissa shared story about Dylan & Gavin. Please follow link to donate. Younger brother Gavin and family created a mission called "Dylan's Arm" after Dylan was diagnosed with Lymphoma and hospitalized for 60 days in 2010 and passed away. Gavin was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2012 and passed away as well. The mission of Dylan and Gavin's rainbow came up, it is a nonprofit really created to reach out to families who are experiencing a serious illness of a child or a loss of a child. This mission provides gas donations or food vouchers, College scholarships, small gifts for siblings, along with other necessities as needed. Outreach is provided in different forms, including sending encouraging notes, offering to connect with families and offering prayers. There will be a 5K (2nd week of December in Leighton). Since 2012 this mission assisted 200 families. Event volunteers needed. Larissa is looking for referrals and for children and families who are going through difficult times. Larissa is requesting to display brochure in the waiting areas and to create calming space to support families in need in near future. Referrals can be put in for a parent as well (if one of the parents passed away leaving young kids). Board would look at the referral and decides. larissa.kimmel@cmpsystemsofcare.org
5. Old Business:
 - a. Annual Human Services Breakfast, April 21, 2023 – "Live Here, Work Here, Keep Carbon County Strong" panel speakers; Kim Whitney honored; 100 attendees
 - b. Funding and webpage opportunities:

Sharon Alexander shared that CCCF is reviewing funding applications, NEPA gives 4th annual fundraising opportunity for 24 hours June 1st -June 2nd
<https://cccfoundpa.org/nepa-gives/> There is a fee to register, but if there is a hardship for your organization, Sharon has a code to waive the fee. Contact me at director@cccfoundpa.org or 610-730-2526. There is hundreds of thousands of dollar in matching and cash incentive prices can be unlocked. Every year more than \$1,000,000. Average amount raised per organization is \$5,000.

Chick-Fil-A true inspirations awards for nonprofits making an impact applications due June 1st.
<https://www.chick-fil-a.com/true-inspiration-awards>

Veterans grants available
 - c. [Grandparents Raising Grandchildren supports](#) Wednesday's at 9:30, BHA but temporarily suspended Carbon County Aging Office have a reimbursement program to help parents, and grandparents to pay for seasonal clothing and after school activities for infant's diapers. Any questions reach out to Dina Fital (care management supervisor).
 - d. Subcommittees
 - i. Transportation: Larissa Kimmel; transportation ambassador orientation on May 10, 2023. 25 people registered for the event.
 - ii. Early childcare education: status of existing services and how we can further connect families in Carbon
 1. PathStone Headstart May 26, June 21 breakfast, open houses: three upcoming open houses: May 26th from 9-12. Breakfast will be available and a tour of the facility. June 21st from 2-5 and July 22nd. Current enrollment is 120.

2. Pre-K capacity

Dave McAndrew (Superintendent) informed that kindergarten program looks like it is going to be at a capacity, will be adding that extra classroom

- iii. Literacy: [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), [Reach Out and Read/Brush, Book, Bed, Talk-Read-Sing](#), Ready4K, [Palmerton Library Baby and Me](#)
Book Buggy donated books to Carbon County Safety Day event. Anyone in need of books to promote Literacy please reach out to Kerri Quick.

6. New Business:

- a. Kids Zone Injury Prevention Collaborative Subcommittee: It was approved to make Kids Zone a subcommittee of the Collaborative with the funding housed at Carbon County Community Foundation. The Collaborative Officers will oversee the management of the committee and Sharon Alexander will represent the Foundation on the Collaborative. The Kidzone subcommittee will have a chair which was opened to the group. Kerri worked with Mindy to order 250 helmets. Reach out Mindy or Kerri if you need helmets, they can connect you before the transfer the funds to the foundation

- b. 2024 Annual Human Services Breakfast, April 19, 2024.

7. Self-introductions and agency reports

Suzanne Smith, Kerri Quick, St. Luke's Community Health Liaisons: sluhn.findhelp.com, DDAP & Department of Health has health education resources available in over 100 languages

Kerri.quick@skuhn.org

- https://www.panthervalley.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_890754/File/New%20Health%20Carnival%202023.pdf
Panther Valley Health Carnival.

Amber Zuber, LCCC-

- LCCC is preparing for STEM family fun night at the Morgan Center on Thursday @ 4:30. It is a free even for families and children for all ages.
- LCCC accelerated EMT program is running in the summer.
- Cougar Cabinet food pantry is running since March 20th for the faculty, staff, students, and members of LCCC.
- LCCC planted and distributed 20 earth boxes- it was funded by PA hunger Free Krampus Grants.
- LCCC is working on a new initiative for the fall "College and Career opportunity"

Commissioner Wayne Nothstein

- Thanked CCC foundation for Kids Zone subcommittee assistance and being part of the collaborative and Sharon for being the point person/representative from the foundation.

Megan Best, Carol Etheridge District Director for Congresswoman Susan Wild-

- encouraged by all the interest in federal grant funding and interested in priorities and types of funding needed in order to connect to resources. For affordable housing projects please reach out o Megan or Carol in the Leighton office. Megan.Beste@mail.house.gov

Carolee Boyer, outpatient treatment supervisor, Carbon Monroe Pike, Drug, and Alcohol

- Recovery simulation received positive feedback, small community garden

Commissioner Chris Lukasevich No updates

Christine Biege, Lehigh Valley Health Network Carbon

- Lehigh Valley Carbon Aging Expo with approximately 14 vendors.
- Adopted 2 miles highway in front of their building – they will be cleaning up roadside on May 20th from 8-12.

Robyn Plesniarski, Lehigh Valley Health Network

- <https://www.lvhv.org/free-hernia-events> May 25th– Free Hernia screening

Gina Nichols, United Way shared the ALICE Report [Pennsylvania | UnitedForALICE](#) ginan@unitedwayglv.org

Laura Hoppes, Lifelong Learning Center

- Still taking referrals for pregnant and parenting teens in Carbon County to keep them in school or get them back into school to earn their high school diploma or high school equivalency
- hoppl@iu29.org ELECT Pregnant and Parenting Teen Grant for Carbon and Schuylkill Counties- assist teens to stay in school and earn high school diploma or GED.

Jen Drake, Independent Living Services: no updates but looking for caregivers

Jill Geissinger, Children & Youth

- Safety day was a great success.
- Panther Valley fair is coming up on May 25th. Flyers will go out with the minutes.
- Still seeking foster parents. Around 100 children are in placement.
- First responder Expo at Mahoning Drive In is June 22, 2023 contact Linda Rex lrex@carboncountychamber.org for info

Joseph Greco- No new updates

Sam Hellen, Ben Winn, Julie Walker, Career Link

- Unemployment Equity Grant has been extended. Reps will continue to schedule unemployment appointments twice a week in Carbon County Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Interview basics on how to apply for government jobs & resume writing workshops scheduled.
- Early learning Resource Center to use conference room is scheduled once a month from 9-3.
- Job Corps requested to use one of the conference rooms to meet with parent & child. Community Partners are utilizing the space.
- Department of Corrections is having a job fair on May 18th
- [Carbon County Summer Youth Employment Program \(SYEP\) - Pocono Counties Workforce Development Area \(pcwia.org\)](http://pcwia.org) is accepting applications for the 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program. The jobs/internships are at local, non-profit, government, and community-based

Lori Chaplin, Area Health Education Center lchaplin@ecpennahec.org

- Please reach out to Lori if you like to advertise your event in the newsletter.

Megan Rodgers, Carbon County Right From The Start

- Networking with many agencies in the Carbon County.
- They are nearly at full case load and looking for new office space.

Natalie Bojko, Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit (CLIU), no new updates

John Nespoli, St. Luke's President, Carbon and Lehighton Campuses

- The Lehighton Behavioral Health Walk In Center at the Lehigh is growing and has 97% compliance with appointment follow up and have received the Magellan contract for the walk-in center
- Veterans Hub continues to grow in services, both counseling and connecting vets to social services

Taylor Boyce, EMS Liaison for Lehigh Valley Carbon, from Lehigh Valley Hospital

- Worked at the safety day at Kids Zone.

Terry Berger – Behavioral Health Associates (BHA) Clinical Director

- Grief support group for children and adolescents which is currently working with four children and will be open soon for new referrals.

Larissa Kimmel

- May is mental health day you can show your support by using green back drop.

Email updates to Collaborative Secretary rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org and include "Carbon Interagency Collaborative" in title

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 9:00 AM via TEAMS

- Re-occurring meeting invites via Microsoft TEAMS with call in number and link

Please share any clarifications and/or corrections with rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org

Thank you