

Carbon Collaborative Agenda and Minutes
September 13, 9 AM-10 AM
In person and hybrid through Microsoft TEAMS
Carbon County EMA/911 Office
1294 Emergency Lane
Nesquehoning, PA 18240

1. Welcome:
2. Approval of [May, 2023 Minutes](#) Bridget Johnson and Bill Getz
3. Treasurer Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC): Beginning and ending balance: \$4,146.64
4. Speaker: Fatima Nabavian, M.Ed, Coordinator of Accessibility and Related Programs, Lehigh Valley Center For Independent Living (LVCIL) [Help Paying for Assistive Technology – TechOWL \(techowlpa.org\)](#)
5. Old Business:
 - a. Carbon County Community Foundation: Sharon Alexander
 - i. Dashboard to highlight county nonprofits services, data, gaps, opportunities
 - ii. Funding and webpage opportunities
 - b. [Grandparents Raising Grandchildren supports](#) Wednesday's at 9:30, BHA
 - c. Subcommittees
 - i. Transportation: Larissa Kimmel, next meeting is October 11, 2023
 - ii. Kids Zone: Jill Geissing on behalf of Mindy Graver
 - iii. Early childcare education: status of existing services and how we can further connect families in Carbon
 - iv. Literacy: [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), [Reach Out and Read/Brush, Book, Bed](#), [Talk-Read-Sing](#), Ready4K, [Palmerton Library Baby and Me](#)
6. New Business:
 - a. In person and virtual meetings: propose Sept, November in person; January, March, May virtual since the breakfast in in person in April
 - b. 2024 Annual Human Services Breakfast, April 19, 2024
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
8. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 9:00 AM in person and with limited hybrid ability

The following are the partner updates from the chat, in person from meeting, or email updates:

- Shawn Bariana: Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley: (1) 9/14 is the United Way Day of Caring. We coordinated 1,200 volunteers from 54 businesses to help out 53 different nonprofits across the Lehigh Valley. Although invited, we don't have any Carbon County nonprofits on this list. We would love to see Carbon County nonprofits take advantage of this day of service in 2024. (2) Our Volunteer Engagement Training Program (VETP) for nonprofits begins on 9/27 and runs weekly through 10/25. For more info: <https://www.volunteerlv.org/vetp> (3) LEAD NOW Nonprofit Board and Executive Director virtual training runs weekly from 10/10-11/7. For more info: <https://www.volunteerlv.org/LEAD-Now>
- Sharon Alexander: Funding Opportunities include PPL Foundation - Energizing Education grants for STEM, literacy, and/or college and career readiness. Up to \$50,000. Due 10/15 <https://www.pplweb.com/communities/ppl-foundation/pa-grants/>, PA Humanities Wingspan Program. Grants to support BIPOC led and serving OR rural community serving organizations. Organizations should be doing community-based humanities work. \$100,000 in flexible funding over 2 years. Due 9/29

<https://pahumanities.org/wingspan/#:~:text=PA%20Humanities%20is%20proud%20to,organizations%20that%20make%20Pennsylvania%20thrive>. Wingspan PA Humanities is proud to announce the launch of Wingspan, a new grant program to support BIPOC-led and serving or rural organizations doing community-based humanities work.

- Amber Zuber, LCCC (Guest): Morgan 20th Anniversary Celebration - September 26th at 12:00 pm (rain date - September 27th), 234 High St. Tamaqua, RSVP: <https://forms.gle/RJ6BgjWcK15HjPev6> Students can register for late start fall classes, which begin on Tuesday, September 26 and Wednesday, October 18. To get started, follow the registration steps: [10-week online and remote classes begin September 26](#). Choose Accelerated Term-Last 10 Weeks in the “Part of Term” filter on the Course Search, [7-week online, remote and in-person classes begin October 18.](#), Choose 2nd 7 Weeks in the “Part of Term” filter on the Course Search, LCCC November 3 Career day at LCCC 9-1:30 Morgan Center
- Sharon Alexander displayed the CCCF Nonprofit Dashboard. Here is the survey we are asking nonprofits and community-serving organizations to complete so we can fill out our dashboard and bring more funding and resources to our region <https://form.jotform.com/231766003933050> Carbon County Community Foundation - Nonprofit Needs Assessment. Also, this is a funding opportunity that is only open to arts organizations with an average annual revenue between \$10K - \$200K. The Pa. Council on the Arts (PCA) Creative Sector Flex Fund application offers \$5000 grants. Eligible uses of funds are flexible, including the support of applicants’ administrative, programmatic, and project-related expenses. Due 9/18. https://www.lehighvalleyfoundation.org/creative-sector-flex-fund/?fbclid=IwAR0gniUPqgHciSjLrc_95Z5BKPCqKuJXQFLkp3ntPpKIYAxwKBOSImuZVQA Creative Sector Flex Fund - Lehigh Valley Community Foundation.
- Doyle Heffley’s office is planning for D & A Expo; additional details to follow
- Career Link Open House in Nesquehoning, [Join Our Team: Administrative Assistant Position Available - Pocono Counties Workforce Development Area \(pcwia.org\)](#) Those interested in applying can do so through the Carbon County Employment Opportunities Website: https://www.carboncountypa.gov/services/employment_opportunities/index.php#outer-162
- Fatima Nabavian, Coordinator of Assistive Tech and Related Programs at LVCIL, spoke about AT Programs and Services that are made available to the following counties with TechOwl and PATF partnerships: Carbon, Monroe, Luzerne, Schuylkill, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton. These two nonprofits offer free resources to all Pennsylvanians in need of devices or equipment to access their environments. Call or email today to find out more and to request free presentations, trainings, free special phones program (TDDP) info, borrower services, one-on-one demonstration, and more. Email atinfo@lvcil.org, and call 610-770-9781, ext. 123. Visit us at LVCIL.org/assistivetech and our partners at TechOwlpa.org, and patf.us.
- Francis Ferrer, Department of Health: the Bridge to Access Program along with a link to locate a location nearest them where they can get the Covid Vaccine https://www.vaccines.gov/search/?zipcode=18017&medicationGuids=cd62a2bb-1e1e-4252-b441-68cf1fe734e9&appointments=true&medicationKeys=moderna_spikevax_c
- Kerri Quick and Suzanne Smith from St. Luke’s Community Health shared Oct 15, Community Day at Blue Mountain and [Social Services for 18235 \(lehighton, pa\) | St Luke's University Health Network \(findhelp.com\)](#)
- Terry Knox Ramseur: Center for Humanistic Change (CHC) provides drug, alcohol, and tobacco product prevention education and programs as well as life skills and in-school mentoring for students. We are making our way into Carbon County and would love to find partners through which we could do some of our presentations and provide information. We do a Mock Teen Bedroom and HOPE presentations (Heroin Opioid Prevention Education) for the general public and employers.

Give Lisa Wolff a call re: prevention education 610-443-1595 ext. 36 or me at ext. 28. Sorry I've got to go! Be well. tramseur@thechc.org

- Amy Cozze, Senator's Casey office
- If anyone needs a free presentation or AT related training to any group, reach out any time, atinfo@lvcil.org
- Cathy Lamm Family Promise working with 8 families, 33 on waiting list
- Debbie Smith, Special Recreation Services, dsmith@specialrecreation.org
- Kim Minor, Regional Housing Coordinator with Self Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP).
- AHEC: SAT and ACT self-paced prep course from the Princeton review, LCHAPLIN@ECPENNAHEC.org, apply today for the 2023-24 SEARCH Academy free virtual program PAAHECSEARCH.ORG, State CHW Second Annual Conference, September 2023. St. Luke's R. Lister and J. Hudak keynote speakers, CHW fall class, if interested, please contact Melissa Saunders msaunders@ecpennahec.org
- Carol Etheridge, Constituent Advocate, Congresswoman Susan Wild (PA07), 1001 Mahoning Street, Lehighton, PA 18235, P: 570-807-0333 C: 202-744-2618 F: 1-877-347-4103
- Amanda Wessner: Case Management Select Program
- Jill Geissinger, Children and Youth is still in need of foster parents
- Sue Ziegler, Area Agency on Aging listening sessions and Medicare open enrollment
- Ashley Highland, Carbon CASSP Coordinator, CMP Mental Health is accepting referrals
- Cortney Krieger, PathStone Head Start, over 150 families enrolled

Update the committee through the chat during meetings is a great way to ensure your agency information is included in the minutes. Email updates to be included in the minutes to rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org and include "Carbon Collaborative" in title

***Please share any clarifications and/or corrections with rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org
Thank you!***