

5. New Business: during the November 2023 meeting, in person members discussed having speakers only every other meeting to allow for more partner discussion and alignment during the meeting – if all agree there will be no March speaker to allow for additional collaboration time

2024 Annual Human Services Breakfast, April 19, 2024; Discussed topic: Homelessness; Homeless not Helpless, Finding Your Way Home; next meeting 2/2 at 8:30 am; Commissioners and Solicitor and County Administration visited the homeless site with 20-30 homeless (more couch surfing); Representative Heffley held meeting to discuss the issue as well as mental health, veterans. Complaints on the smoke from burning garbage (microwaves, plastic) DEP and Emergency Management contacted. Facilities do not accept those with OUD/SUD. Solicitor to provide guidance as a municipality can be sued. Family Promise planning warming center and case management. BHA activity in parking lot and Leighton Library is utilized.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/ByHvpHFRKGWEc9Z3/?mibextid=ohfGji>

Kim Miller is coordinating the Point in Time count efforts for the county if anyone wants to volunteer to help: ccachs@verizon.net

Collaborative Scholarship: <https://form.jotform.com/240087670737058> which includes background info about the Carbon Collaborative, as well as a section for Parent/Guardian contact information. All of the questions require a response except for the Letter of

Recommendation. Entrees need to be emailed to Sharon by March 15th



Email communications update from Rosemarie/Secretary: emails will be up to 50 members due to new email list protocol/restrictions; all community members can still access the agenda/minutes from CCCF website and can reach out to me to be added; Email updates to Secretary and include “Carbon Interagency Collaborative” in title

6. Self-introductions and agency reports (30 attended virtually)

Chat updates: chat updates can be placed in meeting chat and then saved into minutes

Leigh Ann Wiedlich, AmeriHealth Caritas Community HealthChoices: works with Emily Dally and covers 22 counties in the Northeast Zone.

Robin Plesniarski, LVHN: adding free services that will be on social media

Aggie Schoenberger, Peaceful Nights: emergency shelter for men with no requirements; 250 North First Street

Ashley Highland, CMHDS CASSP closed for targeted case management services

Sam Hellen, CareerLink: career services refer to CareerLink website or Sam’s office

Carol Etheridge and Megan Beste, Susan Wild’s Office: working with local organizations for federal grants, Carol Etheridge, PA-07, carol.etheridge@mail.house.gov

Fatima Nabavian, LV Center for Independent Living webinar for special education; PATF has a free financial ed series called Money Talks- link to register for Identity Theft and Scams webinar on Jan 29- [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#) Please Share far and wide if you don't already receive PATF's updates and access these wonderful free resources! Follow TechOwl and PATF on social

media. Email fatimanabavian@lvcil.org, if you have any questions related to accessibility and assistive technology.

Jill Geissinger, Children and Youth: 81 children in foster care; down from last year

John Nespoli, President of the St. Luke's Carbon and Lehighton Campuses: 15 students from the Carbon Leadership Program touring the campus, census is up and services are being accessed

Kerri Quick (St. Luke's Miners) and Suzanne Smith (St. Luke's Carbon Campuses) Liaisons:
[Social Services for 18235 \(Lehighton, PA\) | St. Luke's University Health Network \(findhelp.com\)](#)

Shawn Bariana, Volunteer Services thanked everyone who contributed to PV; the Volunteer Challenge matches companies to support the nonprofit community by assembling a team of volunteers (of various sizes) to plan and execute sustainable multi-day volunteer projects that will have a lasting impact. These corporate "Challenge Teams" roll up their sleeves between February and April. <https://www.volunteerlv.org/volunteer-challenge>

Leigh Ann Wiedlich: seniors and individuals 21 and over with disabilities; interested in Family Promise

Larissa Kimmel, Systems of Care, CPMH, recommended Aggie Shoenberger to present all the programs offered by Peaceful Knights at a future Collaborative Board meeting