

Carbon Collaborative Minutes
September 18, 9-10 AM
In Person or Microsoft Teams meeting
Carbon County EMA/911 Office, 1294 Emergency Lane, Nesquehoning, PA 18240
[Click here to join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 276 901 481 825 Passcode: 6iMxfo

1. Welcome
2. Approval of May, [2024 minutes](#) Julie Mann, Ashley Highland
3. Treasurer Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC): \$3,925.64 approved by Kerri Quick, Gina Nichols
4. Speaker: Nicole Folino, Second Harvest: seeing recommendations on how we can keep food pantries sustained as food pantry directors are retiring; NFolino@caclv.org
5. Old Business:
 - a. Carbon County Community Foundation (CCCF): 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. Homeless Task Force: Commissioner Nothstein
 - ii. Transportation: Larissa Kimmel
 - iii. Kids Zone: Jill Geissinger on behalf of Mindy Graver
 - iv. Early childcare education: status of existing services and how we can further connect families in Carbon
 1. CCCF: [Addressing the Childcare Crisis in Carbon and Monroe: 9/19, 8-10 am at NCC Monroe](#); please register to attend this free event
 - v. Literacy: [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), [Reach Out and Read/Brush, Book, Bed](#), [Talk-Read-Sing](#), [Palmerton Library Baby and Me](#)
6. New Business:
 - a. *United Way Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)*
 - b. 2025 Annual Human Services Breakfast will be April 4, 2025
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 (Rosemarie.Lister@sluhn.org) and include "Carbon Interagency Collaborative" in title
 - c. Post community event flyer on CCCF Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/covid19.carbon/>
8. Next meeting: November, in person at the Carbon County EMA/911 Office, 1294 Emergency Lane, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

Community partner notes from the meeting chat:

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference at The Woodlands Inn in Wilkes Barre on 10.18.24; contact Suzanne. Harding@LuzerneCounty.org; if anyone is interested in a free resource table, please reach out to Julie Mann.

Kerri Quick, Suzanne Smith, Rosemarie Lister, St. Luke's Community Health: please use <https://sluhn.findhelp.com/> and enter your zip code to find food pantries near you. Thank you to everyone who took or shared the St. Luke's Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) survey! We are excited to say 1,0002 Carbon County and 1,383 Schuylkill County Community Members took the survey so local voices have been heard! The 2025 CHNA survey will soon be available to assist all local residents in understanding the needs in our local community so we can partner to measurably improve health outcomes!

Robyn Plesniarski, LVHN: Free Flu Clinic at LVHN Carbon campus Oct. 26th 9-12 ages 6 months and up with Senior Vaccines for 65+; Nicole Folino Please email any veterans pantry information to me robyn.plesniarski@lvhn.org

Cathy Lamm: Homeless taskforce meeting 10/11 @9:00, Family Promise of Carbon County ...we are at capacity, and we are currently under construction for our community resource center which will house our weather dependent emergency shelter.

Carbon County Poverty Simulator October 12, please contact Sharon CCCF or Carol for more information.

rroman@justiceworksyouthcare.com would like to join the transportation committee, Could you please ensure that my email is included in the notes? This is for the Plan of Safe Care Coordinator for Carbon. Anyone with questions or looking for a presentation for the organization can contact me. rroman@justiceworksyouthcare.com

Dental: Please reach out to Jacqueline.Grier@sluhn.org from Star Community Health Dental Van for questions on dental van. The Lehighon Dental Van numbers from 2024 through summer:

Schools: 11, School visits: 48, Patients: 555, Sealants: 452, Restorations: 119, Average # patients seen weekly: 40, Summer 2024: 278 patients seen

KidZone: Mindy Graver is the contact for Kid Zone: mgraver@cmpda.cog.pa.us

Kim Minor: I wanted to share that we are now offering Continuing Education Credits, please see our flyer and feel free to reach out to me by email: Kim.minor@inglis.org, [PREP Series Flyer CEU.pdf](#), I'm also passing along our Fall webinar series. All are free to attend. We also offer them in-person if you'd like to hold them as a staff training. One more to share, is our Fall Landlord/Property Manager webinar flyer also. Feel free to share with others.

Sharing from our SDHP Landlord and Property Management Engagement Team

Please join us for our LLPM Fall Webinar Series. You can register for one or all the upcoming webinars below [Registration Link](#):

- September 17, 2024, Assistance Animals, Presented by: Brittany Mellinger, Fair Housing Training & Outreach Coordinator, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. This webinar will provide information to help housing providers successfully navigate reasonable accommodation requests for assistance animals.
- October 15, 2024, Housing Choice Vouchers for Landlords and Property Managers Explained, Presented by Nicholas Dennis, SDHP Sr. Regional Housing Coordinator. Learn the logistics of Housing Choice Vouchers and how property owners can get involved.
- November 19, 2024, Eviction Prevention and Processes, Presented by Kim Minor, SDHP Regional Housing Coordinator and Dawn Edwards, Senior Regional Housing Coordinator. This webinar is an introduction to the evictions process and preventative strategies that support Landlords and their tenants.

[Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund](#) | Inglis is currently looking to expand our landlord network. If you know a landlord or have a network of landlords in your county, please share this information with them. They can join our network of landlords who we can refer those who are transitioning from the nursing home back into the community. [LRMF Landlord Network Signup](#) if you have any questions you can email: LRMF@inglis.org.

John Nespoli, St. Luke's Carbon Campuses President: Just a reminder for all to pass the word - our fitness center in Jim Thorpe now has several hundred senior members who participate in the Silver Sneakers program through Medicare that offers free or discounted access to the gym. Great way for seniors to stay active and improve their health.

Lehigh Valley Child Care LVCC centers CDinofrio@LVCCOnline.org cdinofrio@lvcconline.org

St. Luke's Resources: St. Luke's Penn Foundation Mental Health Resources: <https://www.pennfoundation.org/news-events/articles-of-interest/the-impact-of-social-media/>, Fall Lecture Series presented by St. Luke's Penn Foundation's YESS! (Your Emotional Strength Supported) program. To learn more and register, please visit www.PennFoundation.org/events. Lectures include the following topics: Mental Health Treatment of Amplified Musculoskeletal Pain Syndrome, Recognizing Signs and Symptoms of Childhood Anxiety and Depression and Interventions that Parents Can Use, Transitioning from High School to College for Students with Disabilities: Student Evolvement and Changes in the Parental Role

Wellness 101 links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-MXwjP8Oto&list=PLthVdqaBG9ZATDyMrZRfnA1xzmjx3hFq3&index=11&pp=iAQB>, St. Luke's Lehighon Behavioral Health Walk-In Center: [Behavioral Health Walk-in Center | St. Luke's Psychiatry and Behavioral Health \(slhn.org\)](http://Behavioral Health Walk-in Center | St. Luke's Psychiatry and Behavioral Health (slhn.org)) Those seeking services or support for a non-life-threatening mental health circumstance will be greeted by a medical receptionist and will be assessed by a professional crisis intervention specialist in a relaxed, non-clinical environment. Individuals will be evaluated and provided with the resources and/or referrals needed to deal with the immediate situation. This may include psychotherapy sessions or connections other community resources – such as Veterans Affairs -- and specialists. A case manager may be assigned to provide ongoing support.

Carolee Boyer, Carbon Drug and Alcohol: Recovery Event 09/19/24 at 430 south 7th street lehighon from 5-8 DJ, vendors, speakers, & food trucks, [Carolee Boyer \(External\): Recovery Event 09/19/24 at 430 south 7th street lehigho...](#), Robin introduced herself as the new Plan of Safe Care Coordinator for Carbon County. Please reach out to me and I'll gladly come talk with you and your staff about this program to help pregnant and new moms dealing with drugs and alcohol.

St. Luke's Lehighon Behavioral Health Walk-In Center: [Behavioral Health Walk-in Center | St. Luke's Psychiatry and Behavioral Health \(slhn.org\)](http://Behavioral Health Walk-in Center | St. Luke's Psychiatry and Behavioral Health (slhn.org))

Larissa Kimmel: those seeking services or support for a non-life-threatening mental health circumstance will be greeted by a medical receptionist and will be assessed by a professional crisis intervention specialist in a relaxed, non-clinical environment. Individuals will be evaluated and provided with the resources and/or referrals needed to deal with the immediate situation. This may include psychotherapy sessions or connections other community resources – such as Veterans Affairs -- and specialists. A case manager may be assigned to provide ongoing support. LOSS Team Training November 23

Theresa Hall, Doyle Heffley's Office, shared the October 18, Drug and Alcohol Expo registration form

Gina Nichols, United Way: grant application timeline: September 9, 2024 – Application opens October 7, 2024 – Final day to submit applications, October 2024 – Applications will be reviewed, November 2024 – Applicants will be notified of funding decisions, January 2025 – Funding begins United for Veterans' Mental Health Grant. This grant is designed to support programs and initiatives that make mental health resources and supports available to veterans <https://www.unitedwayglv.org/united-for-veterans/>

Innovation in Youth Mental Health Grant. This grant is designed to support innovative projects that prioritize and enhance the mental well-being of young people <https://www.unitedwayglv.org/youth-mental-health/>, Fund for Racial Justice and Equity. This fund supports Black and Brown leaders, community members, nonprofit organizations and institutions in leadership development, economic advancement, health and wellness, and stories of Black and Brown excellence and success <https://www.unitedwayglv.org/frje-grant2024/> United for Veterans Grant - United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley. The United for Veterans' Mental Health Grant is designed to support programs that directly address veterans' mental health in the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Attendance:

In person:

Cindy Lamm, Carol Etheridge, Pastor Everett, Ashley Highland, Larissa Kimmel, Wayne Nothstein, Cindy Lynd, Sue Ziegler, Jill Geisinger, Rosemarie Lister, Suzanne Smith, Kerri Quick, Gina Nichols, Carol Etheridge, Theresa Hall, Rob Nicolella,

Virtual:

1. Summary
Meeting title
Attended participants
Start time
End time
Meeting duration
Average attendance time
2. Participants
Name
Lister, Rosemarie
Natalie Bojko
Smith, Suzanne D
Quick, Kerri L
Kim Minor (External)
Amy Miller - Times News (Unverified)
Pipech, Brian (External)
Bryan Cohen
Brenda Sacco (External)
Robyn Plesniarski (External)
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3. In-Meeting Activities
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Please share any clarifications and/or corrections with Rosemarie Lister at rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org
Thank you.

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