

Carbon Collaborative Minutes

November 13, 9-10 AM

In Person or Microsoft Teams meeting

New Address: Carbon County Children & Youth, 525 Iron St., Lehighton, PA 18235

[Click here to join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 276 901 481 825 Passcode: 6iMxfo

1. Welcome
2. Approval of September, [2024 minutes](#) approved by Ashley Highland, Kerri Quick
3. Treasurer Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC): \$3,925.64 Lourdes Serrano will provide the updates going forward
4. Speaker: no speaker this month to allow time for discussion/alignment
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
 - i. Sue Ziegler at Area Agency on Aging has seen an increase in grandparents needing assistance
 - c. Subcommittees
 - i. Homeless Task Force: Cathy Lamm provided an update; next meeting is December 13 at 9 am, tent city has moved; additional details available through the committee minutes and/or reaching out to Cathy
 - ii. Transportation: Larissa Kimmel; committee and ambassador meeting being held directly after this meeting today; flex rides being promoted; committee minutes available
 - iii. Kids Zone: Jill Geisinger on behalf of Mindy Graver; car seat check being held at Lehighton Ambulance Association on Tuesday, November 26; last check at Walmart assisted 7 people who had car seats installed incorrectly
 - iv. Early childcare education: status of existing services and how we can further connect families in Carbon: Lorianne Roke shared PathStone Head Start is at full enrollment, Jill/ C&Y 87 children dependent through the courts which is decreased from prior years; Nov 21 is a provider mtg to share available resources
 - v. Literacy: Suzanne Smith shared Dolly Parton Imagination: July 1 to current - 192 new registrations. FY24: 1,281 active children, 649 graduates. Reach out and Read- 1,711 completed Visits. [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):* <https://www.unitedwayglv.org/carbon-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: January 8, 9 am

Community partner notes from the meeting chat:

Pastor Everett Upton, Common Ground Ministries, Pastoreu1st@hotmail.com,

<https://fooddignitymovement.org/podcast/episode-184-food-banks-using-food-as-power/>, Common Ground Ministries is currently collecting holiday items for Vets and their families for the holidays

Nicole Folino, Second Harvest: seeing recommendations on how we can keep food pantries sustained as food pantry directors are retiring; NFolino@caclv.org

Larissa Kimmel, Carbon County LOSS Team is sharing the invitation to learn about the Carbon County Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team. This team of VOLUNTEERS will be formed over the next few months. Please see attached LOSS Team Training Flyer

John Dowling, the chairperson of the Panther Valley Blueprint Community Team. Firstly, thank you for inviting me to the Carbon Collaborative meeting this morning. It was a valuable session. It would be greatly appreciated if you could complete this survey: [Community Insights Survey: Strengths and Areas for Improvement | SurveyPlanet](#)

Kim Miller, Carbon County Action Committee for Human Services (CCACHS) is seeking Local Service Provider input as part of their Needs Assessment process and would truly appreciate you participating in this process and sharing this survey with other providers. The Provider Survey is very similar to the one used in the past with only minor changes and can be accessed at: CCACHS Needs Assessment "Provider Survey" Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGGT7SF>

Amanda Wessner and Caitlyn Eifert- SELECT Program Coordinator, Amanda already gave our update but just a reminder that we work with pregnant and parenting students up to the age of 22 years old who are working towards getting their high school diploma or GED. We work with public schools, cyber schools, or GED programs, and can work with both mothers and fathers. We are currently open to take new referrals. 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.

Cathy Lamm: Family Promise of Carbon County ...we are at capacity serving 31 individuals including 17 children 14 and under.

Kerri Quick, Suzanne Smith, Rosemarie Lister, St. Luke's Community Health: please use <https://sluhn.findhelp.com/> enter your zip code to find food pantries or other free or reduced services near you. Effective January 1, 2025, St. Luke's University Health Network will no longer accept patients who are enrolled with Health Partners PA Medicaid and Medicare plans, soon to be known as Jefferson Health Plans. St. Luke's is committed to providing our community with high-quality, compassionate care to continue to be treated by trusted St. Luke's providers, you must select another Medicaid or Medicare plan before January 1, 2025. St. Luke's is here to help – please call St. Luke's customer service at 484-526-3150 for assistance.

Carol Etheridge, Susan Wild's office will be closing the Lehigh Office before the end of the calendar year

Trooper Jasmine Berrocal, State Police Outreach Trooper Office of Community Engagement, jberrocal@pa.gov 7176784387

KidZone: Car Seat check scheduled for 11.25.24 at Lehigh Ambulance, Mindy Graver is the contact for Kid Zone: mgraver@cmpda.cog.pa.us

Courtney Wagaman, VYH, echo many of the same sentiments regarding concerns for ongoing funding as well as how to best support folks nutritionally.

Andrea Neagle, Catholic Charities Diocese of Allentown Community Cafe Food Truck schedule is posted weekly on our FB page. Free meals to anyone. No eligibility requirements, only in Schuylkill County, but looking to expand into Carbon County by next spring

Lauren Stracey, WIC Office, 1200+ participants, <https://mfhs.org/mfhs-care-navigators/>,
<https://mfhs.org/services/wic-nutrition/wic-mobile-unit/>, <https://mfhs.org/services/reproductive-health/>

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/>, Wellness 101

links: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-MXwjP8Oto&list=PLthVdqaBG9ZATDyMrZRfnA1xzmjx3hFq3&index=11&pp=iAQB)

[MXwjP8Oto&list=PLthVdqaBG9ZATDyMrZRfnA1xzmjx3hFq3&index=11&pp=iAQB](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-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 \(slhn.org\)](#)

Carbon County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) through United Way:

<https://www.unitedwayglv.org/carbon-erap/>

Shawn Bariana, Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley - shawn@volunteerlv.org / 610-807-0336 x 103,

Volunteer Center of the LV is collecting Holiday Hope Chests for Panther Valley Elementary School. They are asking for 700 boxes. Can you do a donation drive? Deadline 12/2. Sign up

here: <https://www.volunteerlv.org/holiday-hope-chests>

Theresa Hall, Doyle Heffley's Office, shared the October 18, Drug and Alcohol Expo was a success,

Representative Heffley will be holding a Scam Seminar on Thursday, December 5 at 10 am at the Lighthouse Baptist Church, 1349 Green Street, Lehighon. David Shallcross from the PA Attorney General's office will be doing this very informative presentation. Open to the public

Liz AHEC is conducting LVHN CHNA forum, Full time Health Educator position posted, please contact Liz for more information Elizabeth Schaffer eschaffer@ecpennahec.org

Kelly Cummins, SHARE <https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/housing/Pages/SHARE.aspx>, Carbon County,

please call Kellie Cummings, SHARE Housing Counselor at (570) 249-1159 or email

kcummingssharecoordinator@ptd.net if you are looking for more information about the SHARE Housing Program. Available Hosts: Lansford Area - Home Host looking for sharer. One room available on second floor. There is a stair glide on stairs. Shared bathroom and common areas. Laundry on premises. Located in town, access to local amenities and public transportation. No pets. Home Host looking for contribution of living. Jim Thorpe Area - Home Host looking for sharer. One bedroom on third floor. Sharer can have access to small living area on basement level with private bathroom and entrance as well. Laundry on premises. Located in a quiet part of town, access to local amenities and public transportation. Home Host has a cat, no additional pets. Home Host looking for contribution of living and assistance with housework.

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Nicole Folino, Second Harvest: <https://fooddignitymovement.org/podcast/episode-184-food-banks-using-food-as-power/>

Jill Geissinger, Children & Youth, shared there will be a provider fair on November 21 from 10-12, questions can be sent to aalvarado@carboncounty.net

Attendance: 36 In person: Ashley Highland, Larissa Kimmel, Sue Ziegler, Jill Geisinger, Rosemarie Lister, Suzanne Smith, Kerri Quick, Rob Nicolella, Ben Winn, Amanda Wessner, Amber Zuber, Carolee Boyer

Virtual:

Lister, Rosemarie
Quick, Kerri L
Bill Getz (Unverified)
Joe Guardiani (Unverified)
John D
read.ai meeting notes (Unverified)
Andrea Neagle
Lauren Stracey (External)
Amy Miller - Times News (Unverified)
Lourdes Serrano (External)
Tammy Anthony (Unverified)
GRECO's AI Notetaker (Otter.ai) (Unverified)
Eifert, Caitlyn (External)
Mary Ellen Greco PVIS Counselor (Guest) (Unverified)
amy miller -times news (Unverified)
Courtney Wagaman (VYH) (Unverified)
Nicole Folino (External)
Kellie- Carbon County SHARE (Unverified)
Shawn Bariana (External)
Berrocal, Jasmine
Smith, Suzanne D
Salas Toledo, Fiorella
Bryan Cohen
Jillian Horton (External)
Lenny Ogozalek (External)
Lorianne Roke (External)
Everett Upton (Unverified)
Cathy Lamm FPCC (Unverified)
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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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