

**Lehigh-Northampton LINK to Aging and Disability Resources  
Collaborative Partner Meeting  
Minutes of September 11, 2013**

Present: Lisa Bachman (Griswold Home Care), Pam Bechtel (Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County), Tim Boyer (Lehigh County MH/ID/D&A/EI), Josh Bridges (Lehigh County Information & Referral), Kathye Ciralo (Good Shepherd), Vicki Crow (Home Helpers), Ed Curran (Sacred Heart Hospital), Rick Daugherty (Lehigh County Senior Center), Brian Day (Home Helpers), Edward Dougherty (Lehigh Valley Health Network), Mahpareh Fakhraie (Third Street Alliance), Sandra Figueroa (everyday LIFE), Julia Folk ( St. Luke's Health Network), Lynn Heiney (ShareCare Faith in Action), Valorie Hinkle (LINK), Jessica Kemp (SAMS, Inc.), Christina Kilduff (PA MH Behavioral Coalition), Susan Lawrence (Lehigh Valley Health Network), Mary Jane Long ( AARP Lehigh Valley), John Mehler (Northampton County Area Agency on Aging), Kim Melusky (Lehigh-Northampton LINK), Lori Molloy (North Penn Legal Services), Shelly Newell (Right at Home), Ann O'Keefe (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Cheyanne Pavan (LV Center for Independent Living), Lucille Prawl (The Arc), Ann Rivers (PSA Healthcare), Terry Rives (Northampton Community College), Maria Santacoloma (United Healthcare), Sharon Santiago (Northampton County I&R), Diane Schrameyer (Senior Corp RSVP), Lisa Schwartz (Haven Behavioral Hospital), Patti Stumpp (Student Intern), Mary Tirrell (Lehigh Valley Health Network), Jamie Trinkle (Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services), Tom Walker (Lehigh County Conference of Churches), Donna Zimmerman (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services)

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Ann O'Keefe welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the cross training session for Lehigh-Northampton LINK. Thank you to Northampton Community College for hosting the cross training.

Kim mentioned that an updated version of the Lehigh-Northampton LINK Network Directory will be sent to the group. Any folks who would still like to submit information should do so as soon as possible.

**II. Cross Training Presentation**

Lehigh Valley Health Network did a presentation on Health Care Delivery Reform as part of the Affordable Care Act. LVHN provided websites to obtain additional information on the Marketplace and to sign up for updates:

[HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov): The consumer website for general information about the Marketplace and basic information about health insurance. **Consumers** can [sign up](#) for email and/or text message updates.

[Marketplace.cms.gov](http://Marketplace.cms.gov): This is our page for stakeholders and contains tools and resources to help you help people prepare to apply, enroll and get coverage in 2014. At this site, you will find:

- Marketing research and detailed Census data on the uninsured;
- Widgets and badges you can use on your own websites;

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- Multimedia presentations and educational materials explaining the Marketplace, in English and Spanish;
- Brochures about the Health Insurance Marketplace, Understanding the Value of Health Insurance and the Small Business program available in 10 languages;
- Drop-in articles and resources;
- Regularly updated Frequently Asked Questions and You can also sign up for email updates.

**III. Cross Training Presenter for November meeting**

Jamie Trinkle from the Bureau of Blind and Visual Services

**IV. Open Discussion/Questions**

Lehigh-Northampton LINK is a sponsor at the Affordable Care Act presentation held by AARP on September 19, 2013. Flyers were distributed.

The minutes to these meetings and the cross training handouts are available on the LINK website.

Please take a few moments to view the site and provide a link from your organization's web page as well.

<http://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/HumanServices/AgingandAdultServices/LehighCountyLINKADRC/tabid/1265/Default.aspx>

You may also view at [www.lehighcounty.org](http://www.lehighcounty.org) and [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org).

Please continue to email Kim suggestions for future cross training presentations. Please email the name of the organization, contact person, and phone number and/or email address.

Please ask any organizations who wish to become **collaborative partners** to Kim Melusky at (610) 782-3096. Emails can be sent to [kimberlymelusky@lehighcounty.org](mailto:kimberlymelusky@lehighcounty.org) or [lehighcountylink@lehighcounty.org](mailto:lehighcountylink@lehighcounty.org).

**Please mark your calendar:**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bechtel Building, 520 East Broad Street in Bethlehem.**

**The January meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fowler Center, 511 E. Third Street in Bethlehem.**