

**Lehigh-Northampton LINK to Aging and Disability Resources
Collaborative Partner Meeting
Minutes of November 20, 2013**

Present: Amy Angelo (everyday LIFE), Ellen Baca (Epilepsy Foundation), Lisa Bachman (Griswold Home Care), Josh Bridges (Lehigh County Information & Referral), Frank D'Amico (Home Instead Senior Care), Rick Daugherty (Lehigh County Senior Center), Gretchen Evans (Center for Vision Loss), Mahpareh Fakhraie (Third Street Alliance), Jace Frost (Young's Medical Equipment), Lynn Heiney (ShareCare Faith in Action), Marilyn Heitlinger (Good Shepherd), Valorie Hinkle (LINK), Lori Horvath (Lutheran Home Care & Hospice), Jessica Kemp (SAMS, Inc.), Mary Jane Long (AARP Lehigh Valley), Colleen Kelly (Interim Healthcare), John Mehler (Northampton County Area Agency on Aging), Kim Melusky (Lehigh-Northampton LINK), Malissa Mengel (Maxim Healthcare), Ann O'Keefe (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Jamie Pressmann (Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services), Stephanie Quigley (Abilities in Motion), Cori Rolon (LV Alliance on Aging), Jill Rothrock (RSVP), Nadia Santiago (Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living), Diane Schrameyer (Senior Corp RSVP), Dale Sichler (Keen Healthcare), Patti Stumpp (Student Intern), Mary Ann Villanti (Home Instead Senior Care), Mary Vilter (SDHP), Brian Watson (Northampton County MH), Miki Weaver (Episcopal House), 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 John Mehler and Northampton County for hosting the cross training.

II. Cross Training Presentation

Collaborative partner cross training presenters were:

- Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services (Jamie Pressmann, 1-866-227-4163)
- Center for Vision Loss (Gretchen Evans, 610-433-6018)

Each shared their mission, contact information, how to make a referral for services, and highlighted programs and services provided by the agency. Handouts were provided and can be found on the Lehigh-Northampton LINK website.

III. Cross Training Presenter for January meeting

Valorie Hinkle and Dave Drezner from LINK to Aging & Disability Resources.

IV. Open Discussion/Questions

Kim talked briefly about LINK and upcoming projects and initiatives. With many new collaborative partners it would be a good idea to have folks from LINK speak to the group about the path the program is taking and new initiatives taking place. This will be the focus of our cross training in January 2014.

Please send information on additional resources and flyers for upcoming events to Kim for inclusion on the LINK website.

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>

Please mark your calendar:

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