

**Lehigh & Northampton County Aging & Disability Resource Network  
Collaborative Partner Meeting  
Minutes of January 9, 2013**

Present: Laura Adamo (Project of Easton), Amy Angelo (everyday Life), Lisa Bachman (Griswold Home Care), Regina Beck (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Carol Taylor Boyle (Northampton Community College), Todd Campbell (Maxim Healthcare), Rick Daugherty (Lehigh County Senior Center), Corrine Dietrich (Abilities in Motion), Kristy Gehman (Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living), Colleen Kelly (Interim Healthcare), Christina Kilduff (Behavioral Health Coalition), Mary Jane Long (AARP), Kim Melusky (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Velda Mescher (St. Luke's University Health Network), Lori Molloy (North Penn Legal Services), Sheila Nemeth (Assisted Transition), Ann O'Keefe (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Jovanny Paredes (everyday Life), Stephanie Quigley (Abilities in Motion), Terry Rives (Northampton Community College), Cori Rolon (United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley), Priscilla Rosado (United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley), Nadia Santiago (Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living), Sharon Santiago (Northampton County I&R), Lisa Schwartz (Haven Behavioral Hospital), Julie Skovera (Abilities in Motion), Susan Storm (OVR), Mary Vilter (Self-Determination Housing Project), Donna Zimmerman (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Debbie Zoller (Jewish Family Services)

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Ann O'Keefe welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the cross training session for Lehigh and Northampton County LINK. Introductions were made. Thank you to Northampton Community College for hosting the collaborative partner meeting and cross training.

**II. Special Project**

Nadia Santiago from the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living spoke to the group about the "Personal Experience Survey" to gather consumer feedback about disability related issues. In addition, to the survey there will be a town hall meeting scheduled for January 25, 2013 from 1-3 p.m. at the Lehigh Carbon Community College. Lehigh-Northampton LINK is asked to help by completing the survey and distributing the information about the survey and town hall meeting to those in their community. The information, survey, and town hall meeting notice will be emailed to Lehigh-Northampton LINK following the meeting and is also available on the LINK website. Surveys should be completed and returned by February 15<sup>th</sup> to Nadia Santiago.

**III. Cross Training**

Collaborative partner cross training presenters were:

- Abilities in Motion (Stephanie Quigley 610-376-0010 ext 116 and Julie Skovera 610-376-0010 ext 140)
- Ticket to Work (Corinne Dietrich 610-376-0010 ext 103)

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Each agency shared their mission, agency contact information, how to make a referral for services, and highlighted programs and services provided by the agency. Handouts were provided highlighting each agency or partnership and are also available on the LINK website.

**IV. Selection of Cross Training Presenters for March**

Project of Easton and the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley will be the cross training presenters at the March meeting.

**V. Open Discussion/Questions**

The minutes to these meetings and the cross training handouts have been added to the LINK website. There is also a section on "Upcoming Events" on the site. **If your organization has an event that would be appropriate for the LINK website that you would like posted, please contact Kim.**

Here is the 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 select on "Departments", then "Human Services", the "Aging and Adult Services." LINK is located on the left toolbar.

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).

Nomination forms are available to recognize an older adult in May during Older Americans Month. The Northampton County Outstanding Senior Award will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2013. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 12, 2013. The Lehigh County Unsung Hero event will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 8, 2013.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lehigh County Government Center. 17 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Allentown in the Public Hearing Room.**