

**Lehigh-Northampton LINK to Aging and Disability Resources
Collaborative Partner Meeting
Minutes of July 10, 2013**

Present: Amy Angelo (everyday LIFE), Lisa Bachman (Griswold Home Care), Amy Beck (Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living), Ron Brodsky (Right at Home), Eva Buck (Benefits CheckUp), Kathye Ciralo (Good Shepherd), Rick Daugherty (Lehigh County Senior Center), Tom Dye (Lehigh County Veterans Affairs), Sandra Figueroa (everyday LIFE), Colleen Kelly (Interim Healthcare), Mary Jane Long (AARP Lehigh Valley), John Mehler (Northampton County Area Agency on Aging), Kim Melusky (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Delores Miller (Northampton County Apprise), Vanessa Miller (CARIE), Judith Lieberman (TRIAD), Martha Lieberman (Project Lifesaver), Lori Molloy (North Penn Legal Services), Terry Rives (Northampton Community College), Patricia Rosado (United Way), Robin Roseneau (Benefits CheckUp), Nadia Santiago (LV Center for Independent Living), Sharon Santiago (Northampton County I&R), Diane Schrameyer (Senior Corp RSVP), Judy Stanczak (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services/Apprise), Doris Stearns (Senator Browne), Jamie Trinkle (Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services), Mary Vilter (Self-Determination Housing Project), Miki Weaver (Episcopal House), Donna Zimmerman (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Debbie Zoller (Jewish Family Services)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the cross training session for Lehigh-Northampton LINK. Introductions were made.

II. Request for LINK contact list for agency networking

Taken from a suggestion in the feedback survey, an email was sent to collaborative partners to gather basic information to include in a resource directory for this group to use when networking and/or assisting consumers. The information will include an agency contact person, phone number, address, email address and a short blurb and will be emailed shortly. The email is not for marketing purposes. If you have events you would like shared, please email them to Kim to include on the LINK website on the Upcoming Events page.

III. Cross Training Presentations

Cross training presentations were:

- Benefits CheckUp (Robin Roseneau (610) 821-8722)
- CARIE (Vanessa Miller (800) 356-3606 ext. 3036)

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.

IV. Cross Training Presenters for November meeting

Kim will look into possible speaker on the Affordable Care Act.

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V. Open Discussion/Questions

Thank you to all the organizations that included an article on Lehigh-Northampton LINK in their newsletter.

LINK will have an information table at the Sandwich Generation Presentation in July sponsored by the LV Chapter of the PA Behavioral Health and Aging Coalition.

Mary Vilter from the Self-Determination Housing Project was a presenter in a webinar on Housing for People with Disabilities.

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 and 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 or lehighcountylink@lehighcounty.org.

Please mark your calendar:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fowler Center, 511 E. Third Street in Bethlehem.

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