

**Lehigh & Northampton County Aging & Disability Resource Network
Collaborative Partner Meeting
Minutes of November 14, 2012**

Present: Lisa Bachman (Griswold Home Care), Pam Bechtel (Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County), Josh Bridges (Lehigh County Information & Referral), Todd Campbell (Maxim Healthcare), Vicki Crow (Home Helpers), Kristy Gehman (Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living), Kathy Hammes (Good Shepherd), Christina Kilduff (Behavioral Health Coalition), Gus Liadis (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Vicki Luchini (Lutheran Homecare and Hospice), John Mehler (Northampton County Area Agency on Aging), Delores Miller (Northampton County Apprise), Kim Melusky (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Velda Mescher (St. Luke's University Health Network), Denise Musselman (Lehigh County Apprise), Kathy Perlow (Community Exchange), Lucy Prawl (The ARC of Lehigh & Northampton), Stephanie Quigley (Abilities in Motion), Ann Rivers (PSA Healthcare), Terry Rives (Northampton Community College), Gary Ruschman (Northampton County Information & Referral), Maureen Sawyer (Lehigh Valley Health Network), Brian Watson (Northampton County MH), Diane Weitknecht (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kim Melusky welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the cross training session for Lehigh and Northampton County LINK. Introductions were made. Thank you to John Mehler, Northampton County Area Agency on Aging for hosting the collaborative partner meeting and cross training.

II. Cross Training

Collaborative partner cross training presenters were:

- Lehigh County Elder Abuse Task Force (Diane Weitknecht, 610-782-3459)
- Lehigh & Northampton Apprise (Lehigh: Denise Musselman 610-782-3193, Northampton: Delores Miller 610-559-3245)
- Community Exchange (Kathy Perlow, 610-969-2486)

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.

III. Selection of Cross Training Presenters for January

Abilities in Motion and Ticket to Work will be the cross training presenters at the January meeting.

IV. 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 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 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.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fowler Center located at 511 E. Third Street in Bethlehem.

The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lehigh County Government Center located at 17 South 7th Street in Allentown.