

**Lehigh-Northampton LINK to Aging and Disability Resources
Collaborative Partner Meeting
Minutes of January 15, 2014**

Present: Amy Angelo (Senior LIFE Lehigh Valley), Genine Bashore (AIM), Pam Bechtel (MOW Lehigh County), Amy Beck (LV CIL), Lisa Bachman (Griswold Home Care), Todd Campbell (Maxim Healthcare), Kathye Ciralo (Good Shepherd), Helene Cohen (Ahepa Apts.), Rick Daugherty (Lehigh County Senior Center), Mona DeIsole (Interim Healthcare), David Drezner (PDA), Mahpareh Fakhraie (Third Street Alliance), Bob Falasco (Interim Healthcare), Jace Frost (Young's Medical Equipment), Valorie Hinkle (LINK), Seth Hoderewski (LVCIL), Kristina Jennings (Comfort Keepers), David Leiendecker (Maxim Healthcare), Mary Jane Long (AARP Lehigh Valley), Rachael Martinez (Lehigh County Homemakers), John Mehler (Northampton County Area Agency on Aging), Kim Melusky (Lehigh-Northampton LINK), Delores Miller (Northampton County Apprise), Vanessa Miller (CARIE), Jamie Pressmann (Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services), Stephanie Quigley (Abilities in Motion), Judith Rex (Northampton Community College), Jill Rothrock (RSVP), Gary Ruschman (Northampton County I&R), Sharon Santiago (Northampton County Emergency Services), Samantha Sheridan (Lehigh County Homemakers), Daryl Sichler (Keen Healthcare), Laura Sheehan (Everyday Home Care), Judith Stanczak (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), April Sterner (Woodland Terrace), Mary Vilter (SDHP)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kim Melusky welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the cross training session for Lehigh-Northampton LINK. Thank you to Judith Rex and Northampton Community College for hosting the cross training.

II. Cross Training Presentation

Collaborative partner cross training presenters were:

- Pennsylvania LINK to Aging and Disability Resources (David Drezner, State LINK Program Director and Valorie Hinkle, Northeast Regional LINK Coordinator)

David provided an overview of the LINK initiative and how it was formed in Pennsylvania. He explained how PA received a grant to create a system to coordinate the information and network of agencies to create a "no wrong door" approach to programs and services for individuals over 60 years of age and persons under 60 with disabilities. David stated the goal for this upcoming 4th funding year is to move towards regionalization. Currently there are 52 LINKS throughout the Commonwealth and in the next fiscal year that number will be reduced to 15. Lehigh-Northampton LINK has been working together since the beginning and will remain working as a region. Changes will be made in allocations and the focus of LINK will be on options counseling, person centered support activities, partnership development, and cross training.

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III. Cross Training Presenter for March meeting

Kathye Ciraolo from Good Shepherd will be providing a brief update on some new initiatives at Good Shepherd and Drew Lockett, Regional Director of Operations, from Keen Healthcare will do a short presentation along with showing a brief video of Vail Horton, CEO of Keen Healthcare.

IV. Open Discussion/Questions

Kim talked briefly about LINK and upcoming projects and initiatives. Kim will also be updating the Lehigh-Northampton LINK Collaborative Partner Network Directory. She will send out an email with the information needed and deadline to submit for this update.

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, March, 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lehigh County Government Center, 17 South 7th Street in Allentown.