



Lehigh-Northampton LINK to Aging and Disability Resources Partner Meeting and Training Minutes of March 11, 2015

Present: Sarah Andrew (Schoffstall Elder Law), Lisa Bachman (Griswold Home Care), Pam Bechtel (Meals on Wheels Lehigh County), Peggy Castronova (The Easton Home), Linda Chiesi (Senior LIFE Lehigh Valley), Ana DeJesus (St. Luke's), Gretchen Evans (Center for Vision Loss), Eileen Ginther (JCS Healthcare), Wendy Gonzalez (Woodland Terrace at the Oaks), Valorie Hinkle (LINK), Ryan Jandrisavits (JCS Healthcare), Cathy Kromer (Northampton County Mental Health), David Leiendecker (Maxim Healthcare), Kristen Lenhart (Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living), Nicole Markulics (Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services), Steve Mays, Kim Melusky (Lehigh-Northampton LINK), Ray Murphy (Northampton County Mental Health), Jessica Pahountis (Lehigh County ID), Jovanny Paredes (Senior LIFE Lehigh Valley), Mirka Picone (Northampton County ID), Jamie Pressmann (Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services), Robert Pretopapa (Power Stair Lifts), Cori Rolon (United Way Greater Lehigh Valley), Jill Rothrock (SeniorCorp RSVP), Marybeth Saporita (North Penn Legal Services), Eileen Segal (Northampton County AAA Advisory Council), Judith Stanczak (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Gail Weiner Shearer (Lehigh Valley Aging in Place), Kristen Wenrich (Bethlehem Health Bureau), Keri Wilkins (Free Library of Philadelphia)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kim Melusky, LINK Coordinator welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the training for Lehigh-Northampton LINK.

II. What LINK has been up to lately

- The State will be having all partners complete a partner agreement some time in the future. We ask partners to attend the LINK meetings. There are only about five a year.
- If you are a new LINK partner, please complete the partner contact form that is attached and return to Kim.
- Kim lists all LINK partners on the LINK website.
[https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/HumanServices/AgingandAdultServices/Lehigh-NorthamptonLINK\(ADRC\)/Lehigh-NorthamptonLINKPartners/tabid/1283/Default.aspx](https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/HumanServices/AgingandAdultServices/Lehigh-NorthamptonLINK(ADRC)/Lehigh-NorthamptonLINKPartners/tabid/1283/Default.aspx)
- LINK partners should consider placing the LINK logo on their website to show their commitment to being a LINK partner. Logo is attached to the email.
- PA LINK is looking to promote events from our partners in the future. Please send flyers about your workshops, trainings and events to Kim. Kim also places all of these on the LINK website under "Upcoming Events".
[https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/HumanServices/AgingandAdultServices/Lehigh-NorthamptonLINK\(ADRC\)/UpcomingEvents/tabid/1348/Default.aspx](https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/HumanServices/AgingandAdultServices/Lehigh-NorthamptonLINK(ADRC)/UpcomingEvents/tabid/1348/Default.aspx)
- LINK is supporting Lehigh County's Unsung Hero event and Northampton County's Outstanding Senior Award during Older Americans Month in May.

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III. Upcoming trainings and workshops

- Intimacy and Aging Workshop – May 15, 2015
- Dual Diagnosis: Working with Individuals with Challenging Behaviors – June 5, 2015

IV. Lehigh and Northampton County Intellectual Disabilities

Mirka Picone and Jessica Pahountis shared information on Lehigh and Northampton County Intellectual Disabilities programs and services. The presentation will be available on the LINK website.

The minutes to these meetings and the cross training handouts are available on the LINK website.

V. Anything to share?

- United Way will be holding a Legislative Breakfast on May 29, 2015. Registration is required. Flyer is available on LINK website on Upcoming Events page.
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group will be held on March 31, 2015. Flyer with information is on LINK website on Upcoming Events page.

Please mark your calendar:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 13, 2015** at 10:00 a.m. at the Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third Street, Room 605 in Bethlehem. Tom Applebach from Lehigh County Veterans Affairs will speak about Aid and Attendance for VA pensions.