

**Lehigh-Northampton LINK to Aging and Disability Resources
Collaborative Partner Meeting
Minutes of March 12, 2014**

Present: Pam Bechtel (MOW Lehigh County), Lisa Bachman (Griswold Home Care), Regina Beck (Partnership for a Disability Friendly Community), Josh Bridges (Lehigh County Information & Referral), Donna Buhosky (Bayada Nurses), Kathye Ciralo (Good Shepherd), Helene Cohen (Ahepa Apts.), Ed Curran (Sacred Heart Hospital), Rick Daugherty (Lehigh County Senior Center), Brian Day (Home Helpers), Mona DelSole (Interim Healthcare), Frank DeRosa (Maintain Your Independence), Bob Falasco (Interim Healthcare), Valorie Hinkle (LINK), Seth Hoderewski (LVCIL), Tanya Hook (Lehigh County EMA), Drew Lockett (Keen Healthcare), Joe Mancini (ARC of Lehigh & Northampton), Rachael Martinez (Lehigh County Homemakers), Kim Melusky (Lehigh-Northampton LINK), Delores Miller (Northampton County Apprise), Ann O'Keefe (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Lucy Prawl (ARC of Lehigh & Northampton), Jamie Pressmann (Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services), Ann Rivers (PSA Healthcare), Priscilla Rosado (United Way of Greater Lehigh Valley), Jill Rothrock (RSVP), Nadia Santiago (LVCIL), Daryl Sichler (Keen Healthcare), Laura Sheehan (Everyday Home Care), Judith Stanczak (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), April Sterner (Woodland Terrace), Donna Zimmerman (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ann O'Keefe welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the cross training session for Lehigh-Northampton LINK.

II. Cross Training Presentation

Collaborative partner cross training presenters were:

- Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network – Kathye Ciralo
- Keen Healthcare – Drew Lockett

Kathye provided an update on Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network Therapy Programs and Interactive Metronome and EKSO with Variable Assist.

Drew spoke about how he became involved in Keen Healthcare, demonstrated some of their products and then showed an inspirational video about Vail Horton, CEO and Founder of Keen.

III. Cross Training Presenter for May meeting

Suggestions are welcome for the May cross training. Contact Kim Melusky at (610) 782-3096 with ideas or email kimberlymelusky@lehighcounty.org.

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IV. Open Discussion/Questions

Kim talked briefly about LINK and upcoming projects and initiatives. Some include AARP Caregiving Forum, Community Emergency Response Team Training, Parkland Community Resource Fair and Lehigh-Northampton LINK Emergency Survival Skills for Older Adults & Persons with Disabilities in June. Information and flyers are available on the LINK website under upcoming events.

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, May 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging, 2801 Emrick Blvd in Bethlehem. Please note...this is their new office location.