

**Lehigh & Northampton County Aging & Disability Resource Network  
Collaborative Partner Meeting  
Minutes of May 9, 2012**

Present: Carol Boyle (Northampton Community College), Amy Breininger (Lehigh County Integrated Services), Donna Buhosky (Bayada Nurses), Todd Campbell (Maxim Healthcare), Rick Daugherty (Lehigh County Senior Center), Annette Dennison (Angels at Your Service), Carol Frye (CareGivers America), Kristy Gehman (Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living), Anne Grogan (Warren Hospital), Kathye Hammes ( Good Shepherd), Christina Kilduff (Behavioral Health Coalition), Kim Kushi (Aaron Healthcare), John Mehler (Northampton County Area Agency on Aging), Kim Melusky (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Velda Mescher ( St. Luke's University Health Network), Ann O'Keefe (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Lucy Prawl (The ARC of Lehigh & Northampton), Cori Rolon (United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley), Gary Ruschman (Northampton County I&R), Maureen Sawyer (Lehigh Valley Health Network), Kim Schaffer (Bayada Nurses), Laura Sheehan (Lifeline American Red Cross), Judy Stanczak (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Doris Stearns (Senator Pat Browne), Susan Stump (Sacred Heart), Mary Vilter (Regional Housing Coordinator), Brian Watson (Northampton County MH), 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 and Northampton County LINK.

**II. Cross Training**

Collaborative partner cross training presenters were:

- Warren Hospital (Anne Grogan, 908-859-6722)
- Bayada Home Health Care (Donna Buhosky and Kim Schaffer, 610-390-5655)
- Regional Housing Coordinator for Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery and Delaware Counties (Mary Vilter, 610-384-6990)

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.

**III. Selection of Cross Training Presenters for September**

American Red Cross Lifeline, Everyday LIFE, and Northampton Community College will be the cross training presenters at the September meeting.

**IV. Update on collaborative partners for LINK**

Lehigh and Northampton County LINK is looking for collaborative partners that fit the decentralized LINK network diagram. A copy of this diagram has been shared with the group and will also be emailed with the minutes. We look forward to adding new collaborative partners as we continue to build the Lehigh and Northampton LINKS. The guidelines set forth by the Department of Aging and Office of Long Term Living

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will be utilized and we will therefore reach out to agencies that fall under the following categories:

- Transportation services, County Assistance Office, HCBS, United Way, Centers for Independent Living, local housing authorities, Area Agency on Aging, MH/MR, employment training and vocational rehabilitation, hospital discharge planning services, and legal services.

At some point in the future we will reach out to other types of agencies.

**V. Open Discussion/Questions**

Suggestions of possible agencies and organizations to invite in the future to share information, but not necessarily become LINK partners, was shared.

**Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lehigh County Government Center, 17 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Allentown in the Public Hearing Room.**