

**Lehigh & Northampton County Aging & Disability Resource Network  
Collaborative Partner Meeting  
Minutes of September 5, 2012**

Present: Amy Angelo (everyday LIFE), Pam Bechtel (Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County), Tim Boyer (Lehigh County MH/ID/D&A/EI), Carol Boyle (Northampton Community College), Josh Bridges (Lehigh County Information & Referral), Donna Buhosky (Bayada Nurses), Jen Castellano (American Red Cross), Jan Creedon (Lehigh County DHS), Ed Curran (Sacred Heart), Rick Daugherty (Lehigh County Senior Center), Tom Dye (Lehigh County Veterans Affairs), Kristy Gehman (Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living), Kathye Hammes (Good Shepherd), Christina Kilduff (Behavioral Health Coalition), Judith Lieberman (TRIAD), Delores Miller (Northampton County Apprise), Lori Molloy (North Penn Legal Services), Kim Melusky (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Holly Mullen (Lehigh Valley Health Network Intern), Ann O'Keefe (Lehigh County Aging & Adult Services), Lucy Prawl (The ARC of Lehigh & Northampton), Stephanie Quigley (Abilities in Motion), Judy Rex (Northampton Community College), Ann Rivers (PSA Healthcare), Terry Rives (Northampton Community College), Sharon Santiago (Northampton County Emergency Services), Maureen Sawyer (Lehigh Valley Health Network), Laura Sheehan (Lifeline American Red Cross), 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. Introductions were made.

**II. Cross Training**

Collaborative partner cross training presenters were:

- Northampton Community College (Judith Rex, RN, BC, MSN, 610-332-6585)
- Lifeline – American Red Cross (Laura Sheehan & Jen Castellano, 610-865-4400)
- everyday LIFE (Amy Angelo, 610-954-5433)

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 November**

Elder Abuse Task Force, Lehigh and Northampton County Apprise, and Community Exchange will be the cross training presenters at the November 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](http://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.

**Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging in the basement conference room located at the M.J. Bechtel Building, 520 East Broad Street in Bethlehem.**

**The January 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.**