



United Way of
Lancaster County



Minutes:

**CROSS PROBLEMS AND
HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK**

Monday, March 19, 2018

2:30 pm, LGH conference room, Burle Business Center

ATTENDANCE

Toni Gainer presided in Chair Doug Hopwood's absence.
See attached sign-in sheets for attendants.

WELCOME

Toni opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. Agendas, minutes, and all materials are posted online on the 211 website: www.pa211east.org

FOCUS TOPICS

Lancaster Works, Presented by Tyrone Miller

Lancaster Works was started in spring 2017 with grant money. They are a full service employment agency and offer long term support to clients. They assist clients with more than just employment and help them to create a complete plan to move them from where they are today to where they want to go. They work with low and unskilled clients to assist them in gaining employment. Lancaster Works partners with Career Link to support clients with criminal records (sex offenses are a challenge, but they are working on this). Clients can call directly - they do not require a referral, also working with CAP Navigation. They also help clients who are currently employed but are looking to advance or improve their employment. They can also assist in getting work permits for clients, but this is difficult. The staff will assist in obtaining SS and photo ID in addition to other supplies needed for employment. Lancaster Works does provide transportation (client pays portion and Lancaster Works subsidizes the other portion). Paperwork is completed at their office; clients need to provide 2 forms of identification. There is no service fee to clients for Lancaster Works services.

Lancaster Works is located at 100 South Queen Street in Lancaster. Their office is open from Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 5 PM daily. The phone number is 717.393.6089.

Jewish Family Services/Senior Care Program, Presented by Jill Weisberg

Jewish Family Services' mission is to help the most vulnerable. They assist clients with evictions and utility shut-offs and have a maximum amount of financial support per year for each household. They also refer these clients to TABOR for money management. They partner with local organizations to assist clients. They can be contacted at 717.537.1863.

- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Loan Closet: Provides supplies to patients needing these and unable to afford them privately or are not covered by insurance. Pick-up at their office (located at the Shaarai Shomayim Congregational Church across from

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Lancaster General Hospital) is preferred for quickest delivery; delivery options are also available. They work closely with LGH discharge patients who are able to keep the items as long as they are needed. They are always looking for DME donations.

- Education Program: goal is to educate the community on discrimination in schools; gender, race issues; sessions involve multidisciplinary panels.
- Senior Care Services Program: Started in July 2017 with grant money from the Lancaster County Community Foundation (and private donations). This program provides services to low-income seniors. They work with the Lancaster County Office of Aging and are available to clients regardless of income level (private payment based on sliding scale), with a focus on low-income seniors. This program takes direct referrals and is open to seniors 50 years of age and older who reside in Lancaster County. They can typically serve clients by the next day.

LANCASTER COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS (LCCEH) UPDATES

Winter Shelter

Elizabethtown Community Housing and Outreach Services (ECHOS) will close their winter shelter on March 29th. Several families are currently residing there and are working to obtain housing. They have seen a dramatic increase in the number of clients this year (15-20 people each night).

The YWCA closes their winter shelter on April 2nd.

Columbia's winter shelter will be extended until April 15th, then close for a short time, before planning to re-open in the summer.

CaseWorthy: No updates.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER UPDATES:

No updates.

AGENCY GOOD NEWS, SHARING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Group (CSG): Josie Dively has been hired to fill the vacant case worker position.

TLC: TLC will be holding its Empty Bowls event on April 22nd. Registration can be done through Eventbrite.

Expungement Clinic: Mid Penn Legal Services and Career Link will be holding an expungement session on May 30th. Information will be distributed electronically once available.

Agenda topics for the July meeting can be sent to Toni Gainer.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, May 21st, 2018 at 2:30 pm at Burle Industries, New Holland Avenue, Lancaster.

Minutes and Agendas are posted to: www.PA211East.org.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Toni at gainer@uwlanc.org

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