



United Way
of Lancaster County

Minutes:

**CROSS PROBLEMS AND
HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK**

Monday, July 18, 2016

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

ATTENDANCE

Doug Hopwood, Chair, presided. **Attendants:** Guy Boyer, Steven Pagden, Wendi Horst, Sheila Brownell, TLC/TABOR; Dana Robertson, Laura Wilmer, Desiree Lener, Sonya Cirilo, Andrea Grill, Sara Hayes, Tabor; Rhonda Slinghoff, LCBHDS; Jason Harnish, Mike Foley, LCCEH; Brian Long, PA LINK to Aging/Disabilities; Marcy Mercer, Hannah Linde, Francesca Zola, Chelsea Christmas, Lakeesha Bair-Myers, LGH Health; Lisa McDonald, CAP Head Start; Jessica Williams, Amanda Meisenbach, Bridge of Hope; Yirmares Cuevas, SACA; Jennifer DiCola, Tracy Broderick, DVS; Fay Swartz, Amedisys; Deb Jones, Etown Community Housing & Outreach Services; Ellie Reist, Milagro House; Rebecca Hahn, the Gate House/REI; Melanie Snyder, RMO. **Staff:** Toni Gainer, United Way 2-1-1.

WELCOME

Doug opened the meeting with welcome and introductions.

FOCUS TOPICS

Head Start, Presented by Lisa McDonald

Head Start is a federally funded, free program for low income children and their families. Foster and homeless children are categorically eligible, 10 % of the children must have a diagnosed disability. The children are eligible 2 years prior to their kindergarten start date. Most of the children are in a Center-based program. Currently serving 644 children, over half are city residents. Currently, home-based services are provided in the New Holland area, but will be probably converted to center-based in about 1 year.

CAP has entered into a child care partnership with IU 13 for early Headstart (birth – 3 years), families must be working and apply to CCIS. Child assessments are required to determine any potential learning delays. Positive intervention support is provided by teachers and aides, however, higher level support and referrals are provided if needed.

Each child enrolled receives:

- Medical , dental home and insurance
- Lead screenings
- Immunizations
- Hearing and vision screenings

In addition, a family advocate is assigned to the family. Parent meetings and workshops are offered. Lisa noted that attendance to these events has been increasing. Contact Bobbie Frick with any questions at bfrick@caplanc.org.

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Reentry Management Organization, Presented by Melanie Synder

On any given day, approximately 1000 people are housed in LCP and of those about 75-80% are waiting for their day in court. 15-25 people are released each day. Many times this happens at 6 am or 6 pm. Many leave with no job, no income, no doctor appointment and no ID. In 2005, over 30 agencies became involved in the RMO collaborative.

The RMO provides mentoring and resources for people leaving prison. The Roadmap publication is given to everyone upon entering so they can start the planning process for release. Re-entry services can start anytime after the release and may include:

- Help with Basic needs
- Re-entry Planning
- GED
- Employment services
- Mentoring support Groups
- Intensive case management

RMO contracts with existing agencies to provide the specific services, for example, the Intensive program is provided by Steven at Tabor. Goal is to help the returning citizen with stability, sobriety, and self-sufficiency. About 1/3 get there, process can take about 5 months.

Peer led support Group. Meets 2x/week. It is a place of hope, encouragement, takes away reasons to end of back in prison. Help is there to be successful. Only 4% recidivism rate once someone has been attending the group.

RMO now has an office at Probation & Parole, 40 E King Street, which has been extremely successful. Melanie noted "changes, good things happening due to this move!"

For more information, contact Melanie at 717-723-1075.

Website: www.lancastercountyreentry.org

SACA, presented by Yirmares Cuevas

The Spanish American Civic Association has reached its 40 year anniversary.

Services provided include:

- D& A rehab for men, located on New Street
- Half-way house, located on Hazel Street (they have plans for purchasing another)
- Radio/TV station
- Education and Prevention/ HIV Clinic, located on S Lime Street
- SACA Development – 30 unit apartment building plus some single homes (income based)
- Tec Centro, provides integrated employment and support services
- Mental Health Clinic
- Human Services and Senior Center, serves 90-120 seniors everyday
- Community Meals, open to anyone, free, no ID required, Monday – Friday, lunch and dinner, located at 545 Pershing Avenue.

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LCCEH UPDATES

Outreach: Guy reported there are 52 single folks that he knows of outdoors. Lots of work being done with these individuals.

Leadership: Mike clarified the definition of what it means to have received the HUD designation of ending Veteran and Chronic Homelessness. We are at "Functional zero" which means we can ramp up the system to serve anyone in these 2 categories within 30 days. There are still folks out there who need services, some are refusing them.

Mike also noted that reaching this benchmark makes us eligible for other things in the future, i.e. Sub-populations:Families

Reminder: The "homeless" signs people are holding up around the community are not necessarily true. There is no law against pan-handling.

CHART: Referrals were steady for July, Dana has returned.

CaseWorthy: None

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER UPDATES

None

GOOD NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PIT count will be last Thursday in August.
- Thank you all for attending the Celebration Event!
- LGH has received a grant to administer Narcan in the ED to anyone who comes in with an overdose.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2016 at 2:30 pm at Burle Industries, New Holland Avenue, Lancaster. **Presentations by:** Gate House, Clare House and Milagro House.

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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