



United Way
of Lancaster County

Minutes:

**CROSS PROBLEMS AND
HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK**

Monday, September 19, 2016

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

ATTENDANCE

Doug Hopwood, Chair, presided.
See attached sign-in sheets for attendants.

WELCOME

Doug opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. Minutes were posted online.

FOCUS TOPICS

Milagro House, Presented by Gail Rittenhouse

The Milagro House was started in 1998 and provides support for homeless mothers and children. They are not an emergency shelter, but instead are an education program that provides housing. There are two tracts mothers can choose when applying to the Milagro House:

1. GED School: This is an on-site GED program and comprises about 55% of clients.
2. Post-secondary Program

There are two different locations for the two different programs. The Milagro House can currently accommodate 17 families. They are very selective with candidates and provide intensive case management, counseling services, and parenting classes. They have a partnership with Lancaster General Health to get clients employed. The requirements for the program are: (1) referral (self or through an agency), (2) application, (3) interview, (4) educational testing, (5) drug testing, and (6) second interview. There is no childcare on-site; children must be in the care of their mothers or in childcare arranged by the mother. Transportation is not provided, but clients are assisted with obtaining transportation (bus passes, permits/licenses). The GED program was recently opened to the public, though acceptance is limited. Once education goal is completed, the Milagro House works to transition the mother/family to a job and housing.

Gatehouse, Presented by Rebecca Hahn

The Gatehouse has been operating since 1972, with halfway houses in Lititz (men's location) and Mountville (women's location) serving the recovery community (after intensive drug and/or alcohol rehab).

Behavioral Health Services (downtown Lancaster, Cherry Street) provides outpatient services. This is a point of entry into their system. They provide intensive outpatient treatment, as well as general outpatient treatment.

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Recovery Environments, LLC, provides transitional living residences, and currently operates 5 recovery houses.

Question and Answer:

For the outpatient center, clients can be active users coming for evaluation. For the recovery houses and halfway houses, clients must be in active treatment. Clients that relapse while in recovery housing are relocated.

Tabor TLC Program, Presented by Doug Hopwood

Tabor is housed in an old hotel (52 rooms). They currently house 52 household, over 100 people, approximately 40 or more of which are children. They are a family emergency housing program, and can usually house clients within 24 hours. They also provide a veterans housing program in conjunction with the Lebanon VA. They accept families, which may be defined as different or same sex parents or single father families, as well as single males. They have an extremely varied demographic of residents. They are very strict on safety. Recidency usually lasts about 4.5 months. Clients must go through CHART for acceptance to the program (exception: veterans).

LCCEH UPDATES

CaseWorthy: Friday, September 30th (all day), CaseWorthy will be down for updating. The new version will launch the following Monday morning. This update is to add the upcoming HUD changes.

GOOD NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lebanon County will go-live with 2-1-1 (in conjunction with Lancaster's system) January 1st 2017.

The Council of Churches is hiring 2 part-time positions for the winter shelter staff (to start December 7th). The positions consist of 21 hours every 2 weeks with a pay of \$10/hour. A Director of Service Ministries position will also be coming available.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, November 21, 2016 at 2:30 pm at Burle Industries, New Holland Avenue, Lancaster. **Presentations by:** Winter Homelessness

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

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