



United Way  
of Lancaster County



Minutes:

**CROSS PROBLEMS AND  
HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK**

Monday, May 15, 2017

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. Agendas, minutes, and all materials are posted online on the 211 website.

FOCUS TOPICS

**Lancaster County IU 13: High School Equivalency Program**, Presented by Deb Lovett

Handouts distributed and attached. Deb gave an overview of the website, [www.iu13.org](http://www.iu13.org), and how to register for classes and testing. It was also noted that the program is no longer called "GED". The new term is High School Equivalency (HSE).

Classes are offered both days (CareerLink) and evenings (McCasky East HS). Must register online for an orientation prior to starting the classes: [www.iu13.org/communityregistration](http://www.iu13.org/communityregistration). The Literacy Council provides tutoring for those who assess at a low score. Independent Learning Lab available for those who assess high.

Testing is offered at Brightside, but you must register and pay online. No scholarships are offered by IU 13. However, Arbor does pay for their students and re-entering citizens can go to CareerLink to receive help with tutoring and the test fee.

Other programs offered through the Community Education service:

- Family Literacy, which includes a parenting component
- ESL classes: held at Brightside, daytime hours and evenings at McCasky East HS
- Distance Education: online format for ABE, HSE, ESL and other courses. Connected with teacher who will help

**Berks County IU: Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness**,  
Presented by Melissa DeMotta

Handouts distributed and attached. This is a regional program and offers technical assistance for those providing direct services under the umbrella of the McKinney-Vento Act. Covers 6 counties, 96 school districts. Their goal is to make sure that homeless children are enrolled

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quickly and not “hopping” schools which would create a disruption in their education. Each School District has a local liaison who provides the hands-on assistance.

Definition of homeless in the education system: A student who lacks a stable place to sleep at night- this includes those whose families who are doubled up.

Services provided by the IU:

- Trainings/education on homeless issues
- Connect with local resources
- Keep school districts updated on the law
- Hosts an annual conference

**LG Center of Excellence**, presented by Kaitlyn Henry

See attached PowerPoint.

Centers of Excellence help ensure that people with opioid-related substance use disorder stay in treatment to receive follow-up care and are supported within their communities. The centers coordinate care for people with Medicaid, and treatment is team-based and “whole person” focused, with the explicit goal of integrating behavioral health and primary care.

Governor Wolf and his administration are working to provide real solutions to save lives and help individuals and their families get the treatment they need to live long, productive lives.

DHS had implemented 45 centers across the state. In Lancaster county, T.W. Ponessa provides the counseling and the LG system provides the physical sites. They work closely with the prison and Department of Corrections. The Centers provide a wholistic treatment of all behavioral and medical needs for the patient. Methadone treatment is referred to ARS.

All sites are accepting referrals. Must have active insurance to cover the program - Staff will help with MA application.

All admitted patients are screened and must meet these requirements for the COE program:

- Opiate use disorder
- Willing to participate
- Have a LG primary care provider

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### LANCASTER COUNTY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS (LCCEH) UPDATES

#### **Winter Shelter**

No winter shelter updates.

#### **CHART, Wendy Stivers**

Housing for persons with disabilities needed. Please contact Wendy if you have any ideas.

#### **LCCEH, Jason Harnish**

Will be merging the CAP system with HMIS in July.

#### **School Social Worker Update: Becky Ortega-Lyda**

Becky encouraged everyone to have their families with preschoolers enroll now for the Pre-K programs. Waiting until later in the summer may be too late for a slot.

Note: Becky will be retiring at the end of this school year. The group thanked her for her years' of service in the School District and wished her well in her retirement.

### AGENCY GOOD NEWS, SHARING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recovery Picnic at Long Park on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Baskets for raffle prizes needed. Volunteers are also needed, contact MHA for more info.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, July 17, 2017 at 2:30 pm at Burle Industries, New Holland Avenue, Lancaster. Topics will be: PA 211 East and Red Cross Disaster Services.

Minutes, Presentation Materials and Agendas are posted to: [www.PA211East.org](http://www.PA211East.org).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Toni at [gainer@uwlanc.org](mailto:gainer@uwlanc.org)

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