



United Way
of Lancaster County

Minutes:

**CROSS PROBLEMS AND
HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK**

Monday, January 27, 2020

2:30 pm, Conference Room 1, Burle Business Center

ATTENDANCE

See attached sign-in sheets for attendants.

WELCOME

Ann Linkey opened the meeting with welcome and introductions, as well as the sharing of a positive for the week. Agendas, minutes, and all materials are posted online on the 211 website:

www.pa211east.org

FOCUS TOPICS

Mental Health Copay Program, Presented by Shanece Bowman, Lancaster Osteopathic Health Foundation

The Copay Program provides a reduced copay for mental health appointments for privately insured individuals. The copay is reduced to \$10 per visit; this is not an insurance program. The program is a 1-year program, in which clients re-enroll each year. Individuals who are 26 years old or younger, or are a parent of a dependent child are eligible. The income requirement is 250% of the poverty level. Lancaster County residents or students who attend school in Lancaster County are eligible for the program. Clients do not need a referral and can self-refer to the program. Individuals can apply online, email the program director, or call the office.

Providers must agree to accept the Medicaid reimbursement rate in order to participate. The program currently collaborates with a variety of mental health providers in the area.

Census 2020, Presented by Juan Valencia

Census representatives are sharing information regarding the upcoming Census to assist providers and staff to complete this. The Census is mandated by the Constitution and is conducted every 10 years. Census results impact funding, political seats, and community planning. The goal of the Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place. The Census will be offered via mail, online, and by phone. Census takers will visit non-respondents (6 attempts). The Census supervisors are working with community partners to increase responses. Complete Count Committees are working to motivate the community to respond. An uncounted or undercounted population is children younger than age 5. The Census phases were reviewed. They are actively hiring individuals from the community (ages 18 and older). Confidentiality is of utmost importance. The Census has Group Quarters for populations

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that reside together (universities, prisons, and retirement homes). Marketing materials were provided at the meeting.

WINTER SHELTER UPDATES

Elizabethtown Community Housing and Outreach Services (ECHOS) shelter has seen a double in their numbers from last year. The shelter serves the Elizabethtown and Donegal School Districts. Families should pre-notify the shelter if they are seeking services.

Women's Winter Shelter has seen 25-30 women per night; their capacity is 40 women. Clients can call 211 or walk-in.

Water Street Mission (WSM) has space available for single males.

LANC CO MYHOME UPDATES

The Drop-in Center committee is making partnerships with providers. The group submitted an application for the SAMSA grant for a potential drop-in center location.

The Schools First initiative has seen a rollout of different initiatives in each district based of the district's specific population and needs.

Family Shelter data was investigated and the data does not support the need for additional family shelter space. Instead, flexible shelter space could be developed to serve populations as they develop. The system will need to serve 5-6 households impacted by the Tabor/TLC family shelter renovations.

CHART UPDATES

CHART Lancaster is hiring a CHART worker. The new CHART worker Ann Dasia was introduced. Chart has received an average of 1600-1800 referrals per year over the last 4 years.

EMPOWER LANCASTER UPDATES

The new version of Empower Lancaster is now live. Not many issues have been experienced.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER UPDATES

No update.

AGENCY GOOD NEWS, SHARING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tabor is hiring a STIL Case Worker.

Lancaster County Prison (LCP) is holding its seventh reentry class. They have received positive feedback from inmates. This is a 2-week preparation class held prior to the inmates' release date. Housing is a common barrier these individuals face. There is also a post-release component of the reentry class. LCP recently expanded their vivitrol program.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2020 at 2:30 pm at Burle Industries, New Holland Avenue, Lancaster. This meeting will involve discussion of the focus and direction for the HSPN group and meeting.

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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