



**Pennsylvania Link to Aging and Disability Resources
Berks-Lancaster-Lebanon Service Area**

Lebanon County Link Collaborative Partners / cross-training Meeting

October 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Brian Long, Berks-Lancaster-Lebanon Link coordinator, convened the October meeting of the **Lebanon County Link partners' / cross-training meeting** to order at 8:32 a.m. on Friday, October 3, 2014 in the Meier Room at StoneRidge Retirement Living, 440 E. Lincoln Ave., Myerstown, PA 17067.

Stacia Dial, Director of Sales and Marketing at StoneRidge Living welcomed the meeting participants and provided the “safety briefing¹.” Brian made a few comments about emergency preparedness and asked everyone to self-introduce themselves and to sign the sign-in roster.

The attendees introduced themselves; in attendance were:

- Kim Badman, ManorCare
- Yessenia Blanco, Disability Empowerment Center
- Janell Brandt, Linden Village
- Lori Brandt, AlbrightLIFE – Lebanon County
- Scott Brubaker, RSVP of the Capital Region, Inc.
- Ailee Caraballo-Fontanez, Abilities In Motion
- Loyna DeJesus, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- Stacia Dial, StoneRidge Living

¹ The Link partners cross-training meeting safety briefing consists of insuring that everyone in attendance knows where the restrooms are and where the emergency exits (“in case something that will never happen happens”) are located.



- Leanne Feather, Right At Home In Home Care & Assistance
- Samantha Fitzpatrick, Good Samaritan Health System
- Christine Heibel, Juniper Village – Lebanon County
- Ray Kalbach, citizen
- Diane Miller, Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging
- Paula Moyer, Disability Empowerment Center
- Tina Orfanelli, Good Samaritan Health System
- Mike Ritter, Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) of Lebanon County
- Charlene Roark, Lebanon County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention Program
- Lisa Shaffer, Good Samaritan Health System
- Kathy Shields, Patient Care
- Angela Smoyer, Self-Determination Housing Partnership of PA

I. Old Business

The meeting participants accepted the September meeting minutes as presented; the minutes will be posted at the Website.

Brian projected the Berks-Lancaster-Lebanon Link Website (www.berkslancasterlebanonlink.org) on a screen and demonstrated the some of the drop-down items. He reminded those in attendance to refer to the Website for cross-training meeting information, agendas and minutes.

He also encouraged everyone send events and happenings at their separate agencies for posting at the Website. Additionally, he asked the partners to



share their comments, suggestions and comments to make the Website more useful for them and for the populations the Link serves:

- Persons age 60 and over;
- Persons with a disability;
- Veterans;
- Family members and
- Care givers.

The previously used Website (Lebanon County Link will continue to be viewed, though it will no longer be maintained. There is a redirection notice at the Website.

The Lebanon County facebook page will continue; Brian asked the partners to “like” the Berks-Lancaster-Lebanon Link facebook page to bump the number of likes so that the facebook metrics will be activated.

Brian reported that Joe Kozak’s WRAP®: Wellness Recovery Action Plan sessions began yesterday at the Lebanon Community Library.

II. Cross-training program

This month’s cross-training presenters, **Stacia Dial** and **Mike Ritter**, captured the attention of the meeting participants.

Stacia enlightened everyone about the services and offerings at StoneRidge Living, but she also shared very interesting tips and caveats that families and people considering a retirement living home ought to aware of. Her presentation was compelling and scintillating.

Mike’s passionate presentation on recognizing Domestic Violence and working to be part of the resolution solution was equally stimulating. Mike asked the meeting attendees to be part of the 20:1 ratio and become a



blocking agent against domestic violence. October is National Domestic Awareness Month.

III. New Business

Brian asked those in attendance to if they knew of possible [venues for meetings in 2015](#).

Brian informed the meeting participants about plans to have Link partners CEU producing workshops for Link partners on the topics of (1) social capital; (2) ethics in social work; (3) LGBT awareness as people age and other topics. He encouraged them to suggest other topics that may be helpful for service the target populations served by the Link partners.

Ray Kalbach provided printed directions note cards² for next month's meeting which will be hosted at his church: **Cleona United Methodist Church, 29 East Maple Street, Cleona, Pa 17042**. Thank you, Ray and the congregation at Cleona United Methodist Church.

Brian asked the partners continue to “reach out” to other county resources and encourage them to attend Link partners’ / cross-training meetings.

Several of those in attendance announced partner events and activities planned.

A few partners remained to discuss a “community conversation” project on dementia and Alzheimer’s care.

NEXT MEETING. November’s community partners’ / cross-training meeting will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 beginning at 8:30 am.

² **DIRECTIONS TO CLEONA UNITED METHODIST** – 29 East Maple St., Cleona, PA (Church phone # 272.8663).

Directions coming from Lebanon on Route 422 heading west. Turn right 1 block before the first red light (Lincoln St.) in Cleona. One block back on the right is the church – Parking lot is straight back on the left. The doors to the church which will be open are in the back of church across from the parking lot.

Directions coming from Palmyra / Annville heading east on Route 422. Go to the second light in Cleona (THE FIRST LIGHT YOU WILL SEE McDonald’s and the Giant Store). Go past the second light one block and turn left onto Lincoln Street. Parking lot is straight back on the left. The doors to the church which will be open are in the back of church across from the parking lot.



Charlie Rush, Chief Operating Officer, Community Homes of Lebanon County, Inc., will be the “cross-training” facilitator. The meeting will be at Cleona United Methodist Church, 29 East Maple Street, Cleona, Pa 17042.



Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 am.

Respectfully submitted by Brian L. Long, October 4, 2014

CORE PARTNERS:

- ◆ [Abilities in Motion](#) ◆ [Disability Empowerment Center](#) ◆ [APPRISE](#)
◆ [Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging](#) ◆ [United Disabilities Services](#)

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:

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| 1. Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc. | Partnership |
| 2. Age Wave Initiative of Lebanon County | 23. Lebanon County Housing Authority |
| 3. Albright LIFE – Lebanon County | 24. Lebanon County Libraries |
| 4. alzheimer's association® - Greater Pennsylvania Chapter | 25. Lebanon County Mental Health / Intellectual Disabilities / Early Intervention Program |
| 5. PA Bureau of Blindness & Vision Services | 26. Lebanon County Veterans Affairs |
| 6. Pennsylvania CareerLink® - Lebanon County | 27. Lebanon Transit |
| 7. Community Homes of Lebanon County, Inc. | 28. Lebanon YMCA |
| 8. Developmental & Disability Services of Lebanon Valley | 29. Linden Village |
| 9. Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County, Inc. - DVI | 30. Mental Health Association of Lebanon County |
| 10. Epilepsy Foundation - Western/Central Pennsylvania | 31. National Multiple Sclerosis Society Central PA Chapter, Eastern Regional Office |
| 11. Griswold Home Care of Lebanon County | 32. On-Line Publishers, Inc. |
| 12. Haven Behavioral Hospital of Eastern Pennsylvania | 33. Quest, Inc. - Quality Employment Services and Training, Inc. |
| 13. HGSK Law Firm | 34. Right At Home In-Home Care and Assistance |
| 14. Hospice & Community Care | 35. RSVP of the Capital Region, Inc. |
| 15. Intrepid USA® Health Services | 36. SafetyCare Technologies - EMT Watch |
| 16. JEVS - Supports for Independence | 37. The Salvation Army - Lebanon County |
| 17. Juniper Village - Senior Living at Lebanon | 38. Self-Determination Housing Project of Pennsylvania, Inc. (SDHP) |
| 18. Just Like Family Home Health Care Services | 39. Senior Caregiving Solutions |
| 19. Joe Kozak, peer mentor W.R.A.P facilitator | 40. Senior Life Advocate - Geriatric Care Management |
| 20. L & L Healthcare Connections LLC | 41. Seniors Blue Book PA Dutch Country |
| 21. Lebanon County Assistance Office - DPW | 42. Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center (SARCC) – Lebanon ³ |
| 22. Lebanon County Community Action | |

³ A new collaborative partner



- 43. United Way of Lebanon County
 - 44. VisionCorps
 - 45. Webb Medical Systems
 - 46. Youth Advocate Programs Inc.
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