

Cambria County Health and Welfare Council

April 6, 2022

The meeting was held virtually via zoom

Attendance: Susan Pratt, Tom Chernisky, Abby Gerlach, Allie Byers, Bethany Blososky, Bridget Hall, Catherine Monk, Christy Berzonski, Heidi Niebauer, Jeff Vaughn, Jodi Russo, Katherine Mullins, Katrina McAfoos, Mary McCoy, Michael Alberts, Nicole Danchanko, Shemariel Gray, Tony Penna, Barb Penna, Amy Bunn, Paula Miller, Sophie Sprankle, Kristen Villarrial, Sarah Kern, Antoinette Orlosky, Mikala Hamara, Laura Dietz, Angelique Vidra, Marlene Singer

The meeting started at 8:31

Meeting Introduction: Bridget welcomed the group to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Mary McCoy made a motion to approve the March 2022 minutes. Catherine Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Report: Katie Mullins presented the treasurer's report for Michael Alberts. April's budget balance remains at \$4,923.96.

Katherine Mullins and Michael Alberts will be the Health and Welfare Council bank holders. They are replacing Joycelyn Hartman and Heidi Novak, whose terms on the executive council ended in December 2021.

Presentation: Laura Dietz, Associate Professor in Counseling at University of Pittsburgh was the guest speaker. Laura presented her work entitled, "PA Ties that Heal," (PATH). Laura is looking for kinship caregivers aged 45 and older who are fosters familiar children between 6-13 years old. She is asking participates to complete a survey and interview. Participants are given a \$100 gift card for their contribution to the study.

Scholarship Update: A group of members reviewed the scholarship entries for the 2021/22 cycle. Scholarships for \$500 each will be awarded to two students who are majoring in the human services field and staying in Cambria County. Jeff Vaughn made a motion to approve the scholarships and Tony Penna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Event Update: Bridget shared that Kid's Affair will not take place this year, instead we are looking at options for an event this fall and expanding the event to include more agencies. Please reach out if anyone is interested in helping with the event.

Organization Updates: Each member gave an update on community events at each organization.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:38AM.

Next meeting: May 4, 2022