

Cambria County Health and Welfare Council

June 1, 2022

The meeting was held virtually via zoom

Attendance: Katie Mullins (Peerstar LLC), Bridget Hall (Penn Highlands Community College), Mary McCoy (Cambria County Prison), Kristen Villarrial (Cambria County Backpack Project), Abby Gerlach (Cambria County Backpack Project), Allie Byers (1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health), Nicole Danchanko (Beginnings, Inc. Parents as Teachers), Katrina McAfoos (Merakey TIP BCM), Jeff Vaughn (CAPCC), Lisa Stofko (The Learning Lamp), Genna Walker (CareerLink Youth Services), Mike Alberts (Johnstown Housing Authority), Amy Bunn (1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health), Jill Lohr (CareerLink Youth Services), Antoinette Orlosky (Crossroads), Shemariel Gray (CASA), Chelsey Novak (Pittsburgh Food Bank), Jessica Nickel (Cambria County Child Development Corp), Catherine Monk (Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center), Jodi Russo (Goodwill of Southern Alleghenies - YouthBuild program), Nicole Deneen (Laurel View Village), Jennifer Jones (Community Engagement for Highmark Wholecare), Helen Cannonie (Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers), Jayme Lamer (Veterans leadership program), Heidi Niebauer (Magellan Behavioral Health), Jim Redmond (Center for Community Resources (CCR) Cambria Reach - Mental Health Crisis Intervention in Cambria County), Tom Chernisky (Cambria County)

The meeting started at 8:32am

Meeting Introduction: Bridget Hall welcomed the group to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Mary McCoy made a motion to approve the May 2022 minutes. Jeff Vaughn seconded the motion.

Wellness Event Update: Katie Mullins provided update on planning for Wellness Doesn't Have to Be Scary event tentatively planned for October 2022.

- More planning meetings to follow. Next meeting on June 7 at 9am via zoom.
- Reach out if you wish to be involved in planning.

Executive Committee Vacancy: Executive Committee is recommending Jennifer Jones to fill vacant Secretary position.

- Heidi Niebauer made the motion to approve recommendation, and Chelsea Novak seconded the motion. All present in favor.

Fiscal Report: Michael Alberts provided the fiscal report. June's account balance is \$5,270.76.

Jeff Vaughn made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jennifer Jones. All present in favor.

Meeting reminder: No July meeting. August meeting (8/3/22) will be held in-person at One People Health (108 College Park Plaza, <https://peopleonehealth.com/locations/>). One People Health will be providing a breakfast. We will be asking for a headcount in July.

Presentation:

Kristen Villarrial introduced presenter, Lisa Stofko.

Lisa Stofko from The Learning Lamp presented on childcare needs in the region. In Cambria County, the need for childcare is greater than the available slots for child care. The Southern Alleghenies ECE Shared Services Alliance (<https://thelearninglamp.org/shared-services-child-care-providers/>) is a group of 37 early learning providers in the region who benefit from

- Free staff recruitment
- Co-op students
- Substitute staffing pool
- Human resource guidance
- Early childhood apprenticeship

The Learning Lamp is working to improve childcare service availability in the region by expanding a childcare center in Somerset as well as working with Laurel Valley School District for onsite child care micro center.

For more information or with questions, reach out to Lisa Stofko at lstofko@thelearninglamp.org

Organization Updates: Each member gave an update on community events at each organization. The following updates were shared:

- Cambria County: Hiring for open positions (<https://www.cambriacountypa.gov/human-resources/>)
- Cambria County Backpack Project:
 - June 27 – Summer Packing – reach out to Abby or Kristen to volunteer
 - Food donations are down from years past – consider hosting a food drive at your agency, reach out to Abby or Kristen for ideas on how you can help
- 1889 Foundation: Community Health Needs Assessment
 - Community Based Organization CHNA: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SomersetandCambria_CBO_Survey
 - Resident CHNA survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SomersetandCambriaCommunitySurvey>
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank – Summer Youth Café sites begin next week
- CareerLink: Summer Work Program for youth – working with sites – Youth in school get paid \$9/Youth out of school get paid \$10
- Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers – open positions (<https://www.alucp.org/apply/>)
- Veterans Leadership Program – Military Food Share – June 30 at 1pm (<https://www.veteransleadershipprogram.org/events/johnstown-military-share/>)
- Highmark Whole Care: If your organization would like to host a mobile tour or a pop-up health activity, please email Jennifer. (jejones@highmarkwholecare.com)
- Center for Community Resource: expanding mental health crisis services, including walk-in crisis center with expected construction completed on July 1 (downtown in former Rent a Center location, across from the post office)
- Goodwill: Youth Build (GED Program) for 17-24 year old's – work on trade while earning GED

- PeerStar: Community base service – looking for employees in the rural area 1-888-733-7781
<https://www.peerstarllc.com>
- Merakey of Pennsylvania – TIP program – accepting referrals and looking to hire peer support specialist
- Beginnings – Roll and Read – Downtown June 15 1-3pm
(<https://www.beginningsinc.org/event/2nd-annual-roll-read/>)
- Learning Lamp: Bounce Back & Trauma community-based group ages 5 -12 start in June
- Laurel View Village – Letter shared via email/chat
- Hyndman Area Health Center/Richland Family Health Center – purchased a mobile unit for use in Cambria and Somerset counties for dental and medical services – planning to take to areas of need.

Adjournment: Bill Kurtz motioned to adjourn meeting and it was seconded by Jeff Vaughn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.

Next meeting: August 3, 2022 at 8:30am at One People Health (108 College Park Plaza)

Minutes Submitted by: Bridget Hall