

Cambria County Health and Welfare Council

May 4, 2022

The meeting was held virtually via zoom

Attendance: Bridget Hall (Penn Highlands Community College), Mary McCoy (Cambria County Prison), Kristen Villarrial (Cambria County Backpack Project), Jeff Vaughn (CAPCC), Allie Byers (1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health), Roselyn Brandon (Teen Parent Program), Marlene Singer (Roxbury Place, Chan Soon Shiong Medical Center And Johnstown Walk of Hope), Ann Werner (Laurel View Village), Katie Horner (The Learning Lamp's CBITS Program Facilitator), Kendra Dwire (Hydman Area Health Center), William Kurtycz (HAHC, Inc), Jennifer Jones (Highmark Wholecare (formerly Gateway Health)), Bethany Blososky (Crossroads), Shemariel Gray (CASA Advocate Supervisor), Jayme Lamer (Housing Service Coordinator Veterans Leadership Program), Catherine Monk (Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center), Katrina McAfoos Merakey (TIP BCM) , Antoinette Orlosky (Crossroads Treatment Centers), Anne Heinzeroth (Upward Bound Program), Tom Chernisky (Cambria County), Keelan McDonald (Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank), Sara Pfeil (Conemaugh), Susan Pratt, Ally Bender- Murgas, Amy Bunn (1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health), Angelique Virda, Katie Horner, Mike Alberts (Johnstown Housing Authority), Tony Penna

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 April 2022 minutes. Jeff Vaughn seconded the motion.

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. Planning meeting scheduled for 5/10/22 at 9am via zoom.

Council is seeking replacement for Secretary position. Please reach out with interest.

Fiscal Report: Bridget Hall presented the treasurer's report for Michael Alberts, who was in attendance but traveling. May's budget balance remains at \$4,923.96.

Bill Kurtycz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jennifer Jones.

Presentation: Marlene Singer (Johnstown Walk of Hope) was the guest speaker. Marlene presented about the Johnstown Walk of Hope started in 2016, replacing ACS Relay for Life. Funds raised from the Johnstown Walk of Hope stay in the area to support individuals who are going through treatment. The walk has grown to 32 teams over the years and raised over \$69,000 in 2021. Funds are paid directly to providers of services and not to individuals. For more information about the Johnstown Walk of Hope, visit the webpage at <http://www.johnstownwalkofhope.com/home.html> If you would like to donate, please visit: <https://give.cfalleghenies.org/campaign/2022-johnstown-walk-of-hope/c369140> Volunteers are also needed. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Marlene (mawsinger@gmail.com)

Organization Updates: Each member gave an update on community events at each organization. The following updates were included in the meeting's chat box:

- Upward Bound Program Referrals can be emailed to upwardbound@francis.edu
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank: kmcdonald@pittsburghfoodbank.org
 - SNAP helpline (and other food assistance) 833-822-7627
 - <https://pittsburghfoodbank.org/what-we-do/individuals-families/snap-and-life-stabilization-resources/snap/>
- Highmark Wholecare is looking for partners for health pop-up events this summer. If you have any opportunities, or would like to talk about us hosting an event at your organization, please reach out! jejones@highmarkwholecare.com
- The Center for Independent Living is hosting a Covid 19 Vaccine Clinic today: Wednesday May 4, 2022 from 11AM to 1PM at The Arc of Indiana County
120 North 5th Street, Suite #2
Indiana, PA 15701
- Upcoming Vaccine Clinic Tuesday May 24th - Somerset 12p-2p at Somerset Cty Federated Library System 6022 Glades Pike, Ste. 120, Somerset, PA 15501 |
- Walk of Hope: Volunteers need for the concession stand and to man a couple of tables. I like to break it up into an hour increments so that folks can walk and interact and not be stuck there the whole time! Thanks so much. mawsinger@gmail.com

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.

Next meeting: June 1, 2022