

Minutes from the Health and Welfare Council Meeting
January 23, 2015

➤ Present:

Mike Hofer (Central Blair Recreation Commission), Adana Burke-Hooten (James E Van Zandt VAMC), Joe Beeler (DPW CAO), Don Belsey (St Vincent DePaul Assumption Chapel Food Pantry), Terri Grove (Contact Altoona), Donna Gority (Wise Women of Blair Co.), Cindy Cessna (Blair Co Chamber Foundation), Missy Bennett (Blair County Drug and Alcohol Partnerships), Denise Adams (Family Resource Center/United Way of Blair County), Tracy Kelley (HNA WIC Program), Robin Walters (HNA Nurse Family Partnership), Amber DeLay (CCIS of Blair/Huntingdon Counties), Melanie Shildt (United Way), Maria Brandt (ARC), Sharon McDonald (Penn State), Scott Moyer (Discovery House), Jodi Cessna (Central PA Community Foundation), Jean Johnstone (Catholic Charities), Kristen Luciano (Skills), Dee Martin-Spallone (Individual), Julie Patosky (Penn Highlands), Carol Steffen (The ELM), Jolene Michael (PSU), Erin Shubik, Carol Leonard (CABC), Jennifer Stubbs (CCBH), Wendy Pardee (Skills)

➤ Call to Order

Mike called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.

- Presentation from Wendy Pardee, President/CEO Skills of Central PA. She discussed strategic initiatives the company will engage in to provide care and services for those with intellectual disabilities as well as those with dual diagnosis.

Business Meeting

➤ Review /Approval of Minutes:

- There were no corrections to the minutes.
- Tracy K. made a motion to accept the minutes and Kristen L. seconded it.

Correspondence

- Adana reported that no new correspondences was received.

➤ Review of Treasurer's Report/Update:

- Adana reported on our beginning balance of 4596.86 and the ending balance of 5,516.86.
- Jodi C. made a motion to accept the report as it was presented and Donna G. seconded it.

Committees

➤ Executive:

- Mike discussed grant applications and what had been received.

➤ Marketing:

- Tracey K reported a press release regarding our meetings has been sent out adding a statement regarding accommodations could be requested if needed.

➤ Membership:

- Adana announced that we have a total of 69 Members.

➤ Website:

-Dee reminded everyone about their logos and asked they be sent to rflower@msn.com.

Grant Submissions

-The grant application was reopened and we received 4 applicant.

- Recipients each received \$500.00

-United Way Family Resource Center Independent Living for a Symposium

-Contact Altoona to be used towards the 211 database

-United Way family group

-Juniata United Methodist Church Mustard Seed project

Mike added that all 4 were deserving candidates and that is why the Executive Committee awarded to those agencies. A check will be awarded during our March meeting and photographs will be taken at that time.

Updates

➤ Department of Human Services:

-Joe B. stated they are working through the changes of Healthy PA. 18 million dollars was given by the State for LIHEAP. This program is now winding down. No more DPW. They are now called The Department of Human Services.

➤ United Way of Blair County:

-20th Anniversary of Family Resource Center

-Through Toasty Toddler, 400 coats were distributed

-There is now a full waiting list for the Parents as Teachers program

➤ Agency Happenings:

-Since there was time, Mike asked everyone to share any happenings at their agency. Agencies will forward the information to Adana for distribution to the group.

➤ Next Meeting:

-Mike adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 8:00 AM at The Arc of Blair County.