

Minutes from the Health and Welfare Council Meeting
On November 21, 2014

➤ Present:

Mike Hofer (Central Blair Recreation Commission), Adana Burke-Hooten (James E VanZandt 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), Suzanne Snyder (PA Department of Health), 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), Deanna Brown (HNA), Michelle Adams (UPMC Partnering For Health), Janet Pennington (Easter Seals), Cathy Crum (Dept. Social Services), Melanie Shildt (United Way), Maria Brandt (ARC), Cynthia Brant (PA Link to Aging/Disability Res.), Sharon McDonald (Penn State), Scott Moyer (Discovery House), Dee Martin Spallone (AASDCEC/FL), Mahlon Fiscel (Community Member)

➤ Call to Order

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

➤ Presentation from Denise Stewart and Lisa German from Altoona OVR. They explained the eligibility program, services available through their office, and referral information

Business Meeting

➤ Review /Approval of Minutes:

-There were no corrections to the minutes. Don B. made a motion to accept the minutes and Joe B. seconded it.

Correspondence

-Adana and Cathy reported that there were no correspondences.

➤ Review of Treasurer's Report/Update:

-Adana reported on our beginning balance of 4526.86, Membership payments of \$70, and the ending balance of 4,596.86.

-Mahlon F. made a motion to accept the report as it was presented and Dee M.S. seconded it.

Committees

➤ Executive:

-Mike discussed having an Interpreter attending Council meetings in the future, thus enabling members who are hearing impaired, an opportunity to participate.

➤ Audit:

-Donna G reported that everything was in good order.

➤ Marketing:

-Tracey K reported a press release regarding our meetings has been sent out

- Membership:
 - Adana announced that we have a total of 69 Members.
- Website:
 - Dee updated that Agency logos scroll on the Website. Please send your Agency's logo to Dee thru email in the jpeg version.

Grant Submissions

- No submissions have been received to date
- Adana will send out application information to new members

Updates

- Department of Social Services:
 - Cathy reported that LuAnn R has retired from the county.
- United Way of Blair County:
 - Melanie reported that the campaign is doing well
 - 365 children received coats, hats and gloves during the 1st round of the Toasty Toddler program
- County Assistance Office:
 - Joe reported that the LIHEAP program opens November 3rd
 - Healthy PA will begin on January 1st
- 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, January 23, 2015 at 8:00 AM at The Arc of Blair County.