

Minutes from the Health and Welfare Council Meeting  
On September 26, 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 (community member), 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), Kristen Luciano (Skills of Central PA), Tracy Kelley (HNA WIC Program), Robin Walters (HNA Nurse Family Partnership), Amber DeLay (CCIS of Blair/Huntingdon Counties), Paula Craw (St Francis University), Jodi Cessna (Central PA Community Foundation), Deanna Brown (HNA), Teresa Salone (HNA/NFP), Linda Gilroy (Aetna Better Health), Michelle Adams (UPMC Partnering For Health), Janet Pennington (Easter Seals), Carol Steffan (Every Life Matters), Chuck McClellan (PA CareerLink), Krista Eppers (PA CareerLink), Jean Johnstone (Catholic Charities), Paulette Cornet (City of Altoona), Tracy Kelley (HNA WIC), Cathy Crum (Dept. Social Services), Cheryl Nolan (Blair Senior Services), Melanie Shildt (United Way), Maria Brandt (ARC)

➤ Call to Order

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

- Presentation by Krista Eppers and Chuck McClellan from PA CareerLink regarding new training being available and discussing Unemployment Compensation and the overpayment program.

Business Meeting

➤ Review /Approval of Minutes:

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

Correspondence

-Adana and Cathy reported that there were no correspondences. Membership was asked to contact Adana at the new email address of adanascwrkr@gmail.com

➤ Review of Treasurer's Report/Update:

-Kristen reported on our beginning balance, gifts, and the ending balance. Secretary to request those balances again for clarification  
-Tracey K made a motion to accept the report as it was presented and Maria B seconded it.

Committees

➤ Executive:

-Mike reported that the Executive Committee had a good meeting in early September. A back up email system is in place and he asked Members to please email both Adana and Cathy Crum with Agency updates.

- Audit:  
-Donna G reported there was no meeting update and in the next couple of weeks an audit would be performed.
- Marketing:  
-Tracey K reported a press release regarding our meetings has been sent out
- Membership:  
-Adana will be sending out meeting reminders regarding payment of dues and upcoming meetings.
- Website:  
-No update today

#### Grant Submissions

- No submissions have been received to date
- Going paperless
- Utilizing website which will be adjusted
- Applications must be submitted by 4pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Updates

- Department of Social Services:  
-There will be a Health Fair on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Announcements going out thru email to Membership .
- United Way of Blair County:  
-Melanie reported that the campaign is in "full force"  
-Stuff the Bus was very positive  
-Donations are now being accepted for Toasty Toddlers and the first distribution will be November 1st
- County Assistance Office:  
-Joe reported that the LIHEAP program opens November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
-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, November 21, 2014 at 8:00 AM at The Arc of Blair County.