



Northeast Regional Lifesharing Coalition

Minutes—3/10/15—held at CSG in Pottsville

- PATH—reviewed PATH discussion from state meeting---this year the focus will be the conference in October, Training and Increasing Membership
 - Conference Committee—conference will be held October 19th and 20th at the Ramada in State College again; room rates will stay the same;
 - Training Committee—focusing on adding training resources to the website and developing training that also can be added to the website so that providers can access it easily; also the training on-line will take agencies away from having to provide the training;
- Data Tracking—since ODP has offered initiative money the lifesharing numbers have gone down; agencies are being asked to keep track of individuals moving in and out of lifesharing and the reasons why. Are people moving to higher levels of care? Or passing away? A template to capture this data will be developed.
- Lifesharing Initiative—this year's money is all gone
- DOL Ruling—on hold; it is looking favorable for lifesharing providers to continue to be viewed as independent contractors
- Lifesharing 2015 Conference Update—A Save-The-Date Flyer will be going out very soon. Theme this year is From Our Roots, Together We Grow; Price for conference will be similar to last year; lunch and the awards ceremony will be done in the ballroom this year; David Hingsburger has been booked as the keynote speaker; social gathering will be held again and will feature karaoke; sponsorships will be needed again for the social hour and t-shirts; help will be needed for conference; an RFP will go out shortly looking for speakers' gifts;
- Training —Most agencies are using packets to train their families. Training committee is now being headed by Kathy Trumbore. The committee is asking for people to send them any on-line sites that they use so that this information can be added to the website. Ashley Landis volunteered to represent the northeast region on this committee.
- Promise Billing Issues—There are still problems. It is taking a very long time for the whole process. Agencies are waiting a long time (months) for licenses and then a very long time (months) for things to get through the rest of the process. It was suggested that agencies call Bob Robinson when they are waiting longer than 6 weeks for a license.
- ANCOR Conference
- Chapter 51 Regs---being rewritten as Chapter 6100 Regs—there is a work group of about 40 people working on this ; it is expected that this will happen quickly; it will be important to offer comments; Shirley Walker from PAR said that comments could be

sent to PAR; at the state meeting Shirley talked about a PAR mail coming out with some of what the group worked has worked on to date—no one has seen anything yet; Kelly Fulton will e-mail her and ask her if this was sent out yet or not

- Licensing Report—agencies have reported that licensing is being very thorough; mentioned that they are going into the provider’s bedrooms and bathrooms and citations have been issued for not having emergency numbers at phones in bedrooms; expired meds belonging to the provider in medicine cabinets; dust on ceiling fans
- Picnic—July 17th at Promised Land State Park; there is a total of \$371.23 in money for the picnic; the group agreed to have the face painter come back at the cost of \$157.00; camping information and save the date flyers have gone out; begging letters will go out; the group agreed to make baskets that contain items that reflect tickets—for example baseball tickets will be paired with something like a baseball hat and/or glove; the individuals that attend the picnic seem to like the baskets better than the tickets; group also discussed how to encourage more lifesharing families to attend
- Legislators Involved—group discussed how to get more legislators involved; Kelly will also mention in her e-mail to Shirley Walker that she had said that they would be developing a form letter that could be used to send to legislators; local legislators will be invited to the picnic
- Increase participation at the regional meetings---time and distance are barriers; most agencies have the capability of conferencing in by phone; would like to see AE’s and SC’s attend again as well as the regional ODP person; will ask AE’s to report on quality management plan as it pertains to lifesharing; the names of the AE Lifesharing/Quality Management Leads will be collected; send names to Alison
- Ron Melusky has taken over for Jen Fraker at ODP
- Mel Knowlton from PAR has retired
- State Coalition Mtg
 - April 16, 2015-Celebration Hall -2280 Commercial Blvd., State College, PA 16801-10 am
 - June 18, 2015—Giant Food Store—Community Room--3301 Trindle Rd., Camp Hill—17011
 - August 20—Celebration Hall in Sate College
 - October 19th and 20th—Ramada Inn, State College
 - December 10, Giant Food Store—Camp Hill
- Northeast Regional Schedule
 - May 12, 2015-Lifepath, 3500 Highpoint Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18071—12 pm
 - July 17, 2015—Picnic at Promised Land State Park- 10 am
 - September 8, 2015—HRC –Effort-12 pm
 - November 10, 2015-Step by Step, 744 Kidder St., Wilkes-Barre -12 pm