



NE Pennsylvania State Lifesharing Coalition
Minutes
3/29/17

The mission of the Pennsylvania Lifesharing Coalition is to promote, support, and embrace the concept of Lifesharing and the philosophies of self-determination and everyday lives.

1. **Introductions: Redco now Pathways by Molina Healthcare.**
2. **15th Annual Picnic—Scheduled for July 21st**
 - A. **Agreed to have picnic in more Central Region (Carbon/Monroe Counties)**
 - B. **First Choice: Mauch Chunk Lake Park, a county park, Jim Thorpe, Carbon County, was suggested. Those familiar with location indicated there are facilities that would meet the needs of those attending. Carol agreed to call re: availability of pavilion. Carol also felt they may waive fee for non-profit.**
 - C. **Second Choice if Mauch Chunk not available: Beltzville State Park near Allentown.**
 - D. **Discussed t-shirts, cups, possible sponsors on t-shirts to offset cost. Kelly will look into cost of t-shirts.**
 - E. **When minutes go out we will announce a picnic committee conference call on April 13th @ 10am. Anyone interested in being on the committee should phone in. Anyone not available but interested in being on the committee should notify Jen who will share with committee on call. Allison will send conf. call number out.**
 - F. **Once location confirmed committee will reach out to Happy Faces re: availability due to change in location.**
 - G. **Agreement to continue basket giveaway.**
 - H. **Joe suggested article/media to promote Lifesharing/picnic.**
 - I. **Jen briefly reviewed funds/supply list following 2016 Picnic.**
3. **Focus Group Report on meeting with Nancy Thaler regarding revisions to 6500 and 6100's**

Joe/Allison:

 - A. **Nancy and Ron listening to licensing stories. Licensing back under ODP. Discussion with regional group re: change and uncertainty of what will occur with change.**
 - B. **Asked questions re: barriers with 6100/6500 changes.**
 - a. **Nancy provided clarification re: Farmstead (not eliminate farms from LS)**
 - b. **R & B contracts will remain, not lease agreement. R & B same with families of indiv. providing Lifesharing.**
 - c. **Legal guardians/families will be unlic. Lifeshairng providers. They will need to follow same regulations as licensed providers, no exceptions and agencies should develop a “pre-nup” with families who choose to do Lifesharing. Agencies need to choose if they wish to provide this service. (Discussion re: Coalition agreeing with same and workgroup established to develop Best Practices for members to follow.)**
 - d. **Respite 30 days or 15 min respite services. No sub care. In Lic. or Unlic. Site.**
 - i. **Question re: how pay unlic. respite provider if , “Uncle Joe” doesn’t want to become an employee to get paid? Joe indicated does not have to be employee but can have a contract. Joe indicated it’s an Agency choice as to how they reimburse for this service.**
 - e. **EIM -Incidents and process with abuse/neglect process for individuals whose families of individuals providing Lifesharing. They are looking at this.**
 - f. **Initial 6400 medication training proposed will be a more basic med. Training for Lifesharing providers.**
 - g. **SCO’s restricting providers to one outcome. Burks County named.**

4. **Rate Structure:** Discussion re: rates and importance of accuracy of SIS to support individual's needs. (beh/nursing in the rate)
5. **SIS scores:** Re-evaluation SIS requests (denial of requests), rates, beh/nursing supports included), importance of persons sitting at the table for SIS assessments. Agencies should be sure those reporting understand the purpose of the SIS.
6. **ODP Newsletter :** [http://www.paautism.org/desktopmodules/asert-api/api/item/ItemDetailFileDownload/3982/First%20External%20Newsletter%20Final\[1\].pdf](http://www.paautism.org/desktopmodules/asert-api/api/item/ItemDetailFileDownload/3982/First%20External%20Newsletter%20Final[1].pdf)
7. **Merger of Drug and Alcohol, Aging and Health and Human Services:** not discussed.
8. **Licensing will be coming back under ODP 4/1/17;** will no longer be under BHLS. As discussed above; Nancy and Ron listening to licensing stories. Licensing back under ODP. Discussion with regional group re: change and uncertainty of what will occur with change.
9. **Community Participation Revision**
10. **Governor Wolfe's Budget**
11. **Conference Committee – Will be held on 10/16 and 10/17 at Kalahari Resort in Poconos.**
Kelly update: Venue long range change locations every year east, west, central. 5th year of conference. Theme not decided. Speaker recommendations being taken.
12. **2017 PATH**
 - A. **Training Committee**
 - B. **Best Practices**
 - C. **CLA Outreach**
 - D. **Media Committee disband**
13. **Recent Licensing Experiences, Fitzmaurice:** Citations for dust on baseboard and soiled laundry in wash room on floor that had not yet been placed in washer. New inspector for NE Region. 2 other citations dropped after discussion. Across NE licensing late.
14. **Lifecourse framework training piece on MYODP website.** Nancy Richie – presenting at Statewide meeting. 4/20/17 at Celebration Hall in State College. Registration forms have gone out. Coalition meeting in AM and training in PM.
15. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - **May 9, 2017-at Access, 3975 Township Line Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017 –610-866-6667**
 - **July 21st Picnic**
 - **September 12, 2017-at Keystone, 3722 Lehigh St., Ste. 403., Whitehall, PA 18052**
 - **November 14, 2017-at Step by Step, 744 Kidder St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
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