



Northeast Lifesharing Coalition Meeting –March 12, 2019

Mission: The Mission of the Pennsylvania Lifesharing Coalition is to promote, support and embrace the concept of *Lifesharing* and the philosophy of self-determination and everyday lives.

Attended by Alison Karnish, Shannon Keen, Tim Little, Deborah Maskiell, Samantha Ochse, Jim Belcher, Barbara Corbe, Phillip Fritchey, Samantha Gatto, Rich Kane, Kelly Snyder, Debbi Dougherty, Kaitlyn Fletcher, Jennifer Tomaino.

Question or topic	Owner	Decision/ Information	Outcome
Opening Round--Introductions	Alison		Introductions – See attendance above.
Question from Day Springs---Do we all require LSP's to provide proof of home, auto and liability insurance? Is there a set amount of coverage that is required and if so, what is it?	Joe	Information sharing	.Majority of group require proof of home and auto insurance. Coverage amounts varied. .If provider is transporting individual to and from competitive employment and receiving reimbursement, they are required to have copies of auto insurance, registration, inspection, license. (see Consol. Waiver service def. Pg. 219/transportation.)
2019 Lifesharing Picnic	Jen/Alison	July 19 th at 30 Lone Lane, Allentown, PA 18104---pavilion holds 300 people and has adequate seating., plus a bathroom right attached to pavilion; adequate parking and is very flat and easy to walk around—rental \$175	2019 Picnic Planning information provided. Review updated attachment for donation commitments and needs and additional info. .Send agency responses with donations post meeting to Jen Tomaino. .Debbie Dougherty indicated she and her staff would coordinate crafting table for additional activity option. .Face painter, Kelly, not able to attend due to location. .Begging letter attached for providers to utilize to build baskets for event.

Lifesharing Conference	Alison	Please join the conference calls for the conference on Thursdays from 3 pm-4 pm. The call-in number is 866-440-5118 and the code is 636879025#.	<p>October 21st and 22nd at Kalahari—Date Saver has gone out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Competing with PAR conference this year, same time. . Searching for dynamic Keynote; looking at Dave Hingsburger, Frank Palazaro, ... Jim Huber. Contact Alison with any further suggestions or join conference call. . Format for Conf. is different tracks; providers, SC's, etc.... . Discussed contributions for NE basket. Bring to meetings or get to Alison.
ODP Newsletter—February/March	Alison	Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Have highlighted Excellence Award Winners. . Back of newsletter lists current communications from ODP. Helpful.
ODP Updates	Tim Little	Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . LifeCourse activity at Statewide meeting Positive. Also helpful for ODP representatives to increase insight into the Lifesharing Service. . Ron Melusky, ODP, asking for barriers for LS growth? Providers shared lengthy process for getting new home approved is primary barrier is with PROMISE. . Requesting verification via email during the process so providers are aware of any issues. (Ron looking into this) . Timeline reflecting dates throughout process needed so Sarah Shaw can forward to Ron. Forward to Alison or Sarah. . 2 person homes/rates. Some agencies no longer opening two person homes. . Individuals growing old in their LS homes – absence of AIS and funds to hire staff with available rates based on SIS scores. . Issue re: emergency need and difficulty for agencies to get a home licensed with slow process. Need specialized providers. Often these individuals wind up in CLA's. . Tim discussed reality of SC's responsibilities at this point in time as there is an influx of complex cases. Tim indicated ODP is meeting with managed care, C & Y and

			having discussions re: transition. Briefly discussed Room and Board with Bio-fam.- Tim to revisit with Ron.
Rate Changes	Joe	information	How are agencies faring? As noted above; .2 person homes/rates. Some agencies no longer opening two person homes. .Some providers not comfortable with transparency re: services and rates. Discussed development of a SURVEY to capture information such as rates, what support/purchases agencies provide like smoke det, fire ext., start up needs... Send SURVEY development questions to Alison/Joe (NE leadership). .Request funding Slots for Lifesharing .Issues with aggressive agencies not following best practice. Providers being lured by rates.
Respite/substitute care	Joe	Information	Anyone using respite? At the Statewide meeting a majority of agencies indicated they continue to utilize Sub. Care. This topic was not discussed at today's meeting.
Claims and Service Documentation Requirements	Joe		PA ahead of the game compared to most states.
6100/6500	Joe	Approved by IRRC—coming out mid to late March????	Tim suggested they we would not see them in March.
State Coalition PATH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifesharing Expansion • Chapter 6100's Regs/RCG • How to Training 	Joe	Completed at the last Statewide meeting. ODP facilitated the PATH using the LifeCourse tools.	Expansion – discussed above. See ODP updates. Sarah Shaw was sending PATH info. out via email.
Biological Families doing Lifesharing	Joe	Information	5 agencies present are providing or in the process of developing bio-families. Use of Pre-Service Agreement encouraged by coalition as best practice. This resource can be found on the PA Lifesharing Coalition website. It was developed by a workgroup from last year's PATH.
Recent licensing experiences	Joe	Information/discussion	.No concerns reported with current licensing experiences.

			.BOLD, a newer agency, indicated they were going to have a MOCK licensing – Central Region.
2018-2019 Dates—State Dates	Joe	Information	April 18—State College—location- Good Shepherd Church, 867 Grays Woods Blvd. State College June 20—State College August 15—Camp Hill---Giant Dec. 12-Camp Hill--Giant
2019 Dates—NE Regional Dates	Joe	Information	NEXT Mtg. May 14 th - PDS, 1541 Alta Dr., Suite 202, Whitehall 18052 July 19 th –Picnic September 10 th –HRC—location to be announced November 12 th —Step by Step, 744 Kidder St., Wilkes- Barre
Closing Round:	Joe		For those of you who may have known Cathy Hare, She recently passed away. She worked with Community Services Group and was active with the Coalition up to her retirement. Her presence will be missed.

- ❖ Next NE Coalition meeting will be May 14th @ PDS
- ❖ 1541 Alta Dr., Suite 202, Whitehall 18052



Facilitator	Alison Karnish and Joe Karpinski, Leadership.
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