

Northeast Regional Lifesharing Coalition Meeting: 9/12/17



MISSION: *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.*

FACILITATOR: ALISON KARNISH **AGENDA BUILDER:** ALISON K. **NOTE TAKER:** JEN TOMAINO

Attended By: NE Regional leads; Alison Karnish, Joe Karpinski, Jen Tomaino; ODP Representative Tim Little; NE Regional Coalition Members; Dayna Allinson, Melonie Drumm, Leisa Gehiman, Ashley Landis, Maureen Schoener, Eileen Hoffman, Tiffoni Fiorkos, Samantha Ochse, Melissa Ariexa, Dontisha Cornish, Kelly Elders.

Question or topic	Owner	Decision/ Information	Outcome	Come Prepared to	Allotted Time
Opening Round	Facilitator	N/A	Introductions -		5 minutes
Picnic Feedback-	Picnic Committee Members	15 th Annual held 7/21 Mauch Chunk St. Park near Jim Thorpe. 102 persons in attendance. \$ 550.03 balance for 2018 picnic planning.	Date for next year: July 20, 2018 Location: Pending- Alternative pavilion @ Mauch Chunk to be visited. Entertainment: Happy Faces continues to be supported. Bingo to continue (Microphone may assist with calling numbers) Basket giveaway to continue. Time frame 10-3 worked. Site: Bathrooms: need to be more accessible. Look at space in kitchen area in alternative pavilion. T-shirts left over available for purchase (\$ 5.00)	Discuss next year's picnic and thoughts on location.	10-15 minutes
Lifesharing Conference Update on plans and deadline reminders	Conference Committee Members	Link thru PA Lifesharing website.	Basket items provided by some attendees at meeting. <i>Ashley Landis reported she would be available to collect items in her area and take to conference.</i> 111 Registered Hotel accommodating Kalahari	Bring regional basket donation Conference update	10 minutes

			Excellence Awards encouraged nominations for this event next year.		
Relatives as Lifesharers—can do effective 7/1/17	Facilitator	Family LS 7/1/17	Family Lifesharing PDS is trans. individual from CLA to sister’s home in Central Region. Discussed process of developing pre-services agreement, consensus was same LS Process, training as per regulation...	Anybody doing this? Anybody developed pre-service agreement yet?	10 minutes
Children in Lifesharing?? Imagine Different Coalition	Facilitator	Panel	Nancy Rosenau, Imagine Different Coalition invited Coalition member to sit on a panel to discuss children with ID in care facilities being served in Lifesharing setting. (also preset PAR, ODP, RCPA, and OMAP). Ron M. indicated at State Coalition meeting that original numbers much less than originally proposed. Survey to be sent to determine what agencies are currently working with or interested in working with children. Purpose to develop a committee from the coalition to work collaboratively through this process. Discussion re: funding and change required to a service/language currently geared to serve adults.		5 minutes
Threshold Test for inspecting private areas of the home; Denial of access to all areas of the home.*	Facilitator		Licensing will describe how to inspect. Appreciation for the “threshold test” . Agency needs to communicate to host home they need to do this. Threshold test: Licensing staff tell the host they need to inspect all areas of home and will request homeowner open door. From the door, the inspector will make a visual		10-15 minutes

			<p>observation to identify any potential regulation violations. It may be necessary to enter the space. Permission will be asked before doing so. An example to consider when performing threshold test: Inspectors should think of... clean conditions. No evidence of grossly unsanitary conditions that would be risk to others in the home. Additional examples can be found in the Statewide Meeting minutes.</p>		
Regional Agenda Item: SIS Assessments/Scores	Facilitator		<p>Ron M. @ Statewide meeting reported questions re: SIS can be directed to Jamie McCarthy 1-877-431-1388 - #3252. No questions provided at time of meeting from those in attendance for Ron.</p>	<p>Questions—group to compile a list of questions that will be submitted to Ron Melusky. Post meeting clarification: Contacted Jamie9/19. She is the regional coordinator and oversees the assessors and contents of the assessment. She fields calls for issues with assessor or questions re: contents of SIS itself. For issues re: Needs Group assignment/score you should e-mail RA-ratesetting@pa.gov.</p>	10-15 minutes
Licensing Time Frames Discussion*	Facilitator		<p>Providers have experienced more than one program being licensed at the same time. Notice of inspection NE – 3 wks. to a month average. Inspections have been maintained months later than original inspection dates. ODP now overseeing, hopeful to continue improvements in processes. Provider indicated more notice to what families are being</p>	<p>What have people experienced? LS Unlicensed: Is there any oversight expectations from licensing? Tim to consult with Chris NE Regional Lead. Provider in room answered question posed re: anyone doing reverse LS? Person</p>	10 minutes

			chosen would be helpful to coordinate their work schedules so they can give access to the home.	owns own home and someone resides with them-unlicensed.	
Community Participation Webinars on myodp	Facilitator		Look to MY ODP for upcoming webinars.		5 minutes
Regional Agenda Item-- -Training Committee— would like feedback on training on lifesharing website	Training Committee Member		Asked to take time to navigate website and provide feedback to committee. Will be working document, changing with changes in requirements. Reported that current experience some links were not connected to training topic.		10 minutes
Recent Licensing Experiences	Facilitator		Generally positive interactions. Experienced issues with electronic health records when lifetime medical not physically attached. Cited. Would not allow provider to printout to attach. Also specific line item for individual's ability to manage their own personal property required. Not enough to have language throughout document. See additional above notations re: Licensing. *		
Burning Issues			Respite/sub-care. Ongoing clarification needed re: both... Ron M. to present @ December Statewide meeting. Will forward as needed topic of discussion for Focus Group agenda.		
Closing Round:	Tim Little, ODP		Tim discussed Positive Practices meeting scheduled October 25 th @ Scranton Advocacy Alliance. (Also available to access meeting from the Allentown HCQU site). Looking for LS	Next Northeast Coalition meeting will be at Step by Step on November 14th.	

			presenter for January meeting. Contact Tim or George Bell if interested.	Next State Meeting will be December 7th in Camp Hill— Location TBD	
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