

PA LIFESHARING COALITION



Northeast Lifesharing Coalition Meeting – November 14, 2017

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.

Facilitator: Joe

Agenda Builder: Alison

Note taker: Alison

Question or topic	Owner	Decision/ Information	Outcome	Come Prepared to	Allotted Time
Opening Round--Introductions	Joe		Introductions		5 minutes
October was Lifesharing Month—did anyone do anything to celebrate?	Joe		Official proclamation was not forwarded to coalition until after the conference; no agency did anything; Step by Step is planning to deliver flowers to all of their providers this week;		5 minutes
New Logo	Joe		Consensus was that people liked the new logo	Feedback	5 minutes
Conference Feedback	Joe		People loved the venue and loved the price of the rooms; it was noted that there were more families than in previous years and that they came a day early and stayed a day late; people liked Peter Leidy, the keynote	Discuss conference experiences—trainings offered, location, food, overall experience;	10 minutes

			<p>speaker—someone reported using some of his youtube videos in trainings; there was good feedback on the food and the that it was kept up with and replenished nicely; people enjoyed the art therapy session; the first break-out session with Peter Leidy was very tight—seats were on top of each other; one concern that people brought up was that there was an lot of walking and that some of the individuals who attended really struggled with the amount of walking from the rooms to the conference and then to the water park/game room area; another concern was that when the presenters chose not to use the microphones that it was very difficult to hear and make out what was being said; new conference chairs will be needed for next year; Tim said there was good feedback from ODP about the conference and that it sort of had claimed its own niche.</p>		
<p>ODP Updates ---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIS Assessments are behind by about 30 days; no discussions regarding retroactive payment • Community Living Waiver-not replacing PFDS for Consolidated Waiver 	Tim Little	<p>October 25 Positive Practices—cancelled—date saver for December 8th</p>	<p>Tim said that he appreciated our questions, but would like to be able to get anything that we would like him to try and respond to earlier than the end of the week prior to the meeting;</p> <p>Tim said the SIS Assessments are still running behind and Hamburg had been the big push and now they were starting to catch up; the group talked about some of the discrepancies in</p>		10 minutes

			<p>services now being provided and the SIS level; Tim urged people to present situations on paper and send them to him and he would try and assist</p> <p>Community Living Waiver—Tim could not offer a lot of information on this—still in process</p> <p>Communication specialists—when will they become available in our region; there is no answer yet</p> <p>Clarifications as to respite and substitute care—there still a lot of confusion and question as to how all of this will work;</p> <p>Everyday Lives Conference information should be coming out shortly; sessions and speakers have all been finalized; lots of changes with Nancy back at the helm</p>		
Relatives as lifesharers	Facilitator	<p>Anyone done it yet?</p> <p>Anyone made preservice agreement?</p>	<p>Futures was the only agency who actually had a home up and running; several other providers said that they had been approached by families, but they were not really sure what the expectations were so they were a little hesitant;</p> <p>Futures shared that they ran into some snafus when trying to get the site set up in Promise; in order to complete the Promise application, you need to have a license, but relatives are not being licensed; need</p>		10 minutes

			<p>to set the site up with a non-contiguous statement and service location code, etc. just like any other site</p> <p>They shared that it has been working well and they have the same expectations as they do for their other sites. They did not do any type of pre-service agreement. They looked at health and safety issues in the home and supplied them with additional fire extinguishers.</p> <p>There was some discussion as to whether or not the lifesharing provider who is a relative is also able to be the rep payee and then how would the room and board be handled and who would monitor all of this—Tim will take this back to policy for further clarification</p>		
Rate Changes	Joe	Rates change January 1 st — how are agencies restructuring stipends?	No one had any concrete plans about how or if their stipends were going to be restructured; some said that their agencies may wait and see how things go with the new rates before passing any increases on to LSPs in the next fiscal year	Discuss what your agency is doing or planning to do	20 minutes
Respite	Joe	Review service definition; general discussion; there seems	Still looking for further clarification regarding this; on a list of questions for Ron in December there are quite a few questions related to this issue—		20 minutes

		to be a lot of confusion	Will substitute care still be available and will it have to be done in licensed site; How will with 15 minute respite increments be filled etc.		
Picnic	Joe	Picnic will be at Mauch Chunk Lake again;	July 20, 2018; balance of \$550 towards next year; Melissa from Pathways provided information on the pavilion closer to the bathrooms. She confirmed that it was accessible and had a kitchen. Carol from Pathways will call to try and secure the pavilion for July 20, 2018. Ryan had taken a lot of pictures at the picnic; he is no longer working at Lifepath; Ashley from Step by Step will reach out to Ryan and try and get some of the pictures he took.	Extra shirts available for purchase-- \$5.00 per shirt	5-10 minutes
Lifesharing Website Training— training committee looking for feedback;	Joe	Is anyone using it? It does not seem to be widely uses; there still seem to be some issues with some of the links— Relationship Building was mentioned	MyODP has lots of training resources; Community Participation Services can now be completed; test and certificate are now available; Dual Diagnosis Curriculum has 4 modules up and running; other 16 modules are slated to be up and running during the 1 st quarter of 2018		5-10 minutes
Recent licensing experiences	Joe		SCS was recently licensed; more respectful than previous couple years; citations for blanks on physicals; annual dates exceeding grace period for rights, etc.,		10 minutes
2018 Dates—State Dates (tentatively scheduled)	Joe	This is the proposed	February 15, 2018 –Camp Hill April 19, 2018--State College		5 minutes

		<p>schedule for the state coalition for next year; new sites for meetings are being identified</p>	<p>June 21, 2018—State College August 16, 2018—Camp Hill October 15-16, 2018--Conference December 6, 2018—Camp Hill</p>		
2018 Dates—NE Regional Dates	Joe	<p>Need calendar for next year's meetings; meetings typically run from 12 pm-2 pm; any changes in meeting format? Other than not meeting in January, no other changes were made to the meeting format</p>	<p>January 9, 2018—group decided not to meet due to weather issues and Everyday Lives Conference running 1/9-1/11/18</p> <p>March 13, 2018-- HRC at 231 Service Road, Effort</p> <p>May 8, 2018-CSG. 54 South Commerce Way, Bethlehem 18017</p> <p>July 20, 2018—Picnic—Mauch Chunk Lake Park—11 am-3 pm</p> <p>Sept. 11, 2018—Keystone, 3722 Lehigh St., Suite 403, Whitehall</p> <p>Nov 13, 2018-Step by Step, 744 Kidder St., Wilkes-Barre</p>	Need agencies to host meetings	10 minutes
Next State Meeting	Facilitator	<p>December 7, 2017 in Camp Hill—location to be announced soon; Ron Melusky will</p>			

		speaking in the am			
Next Northeast Meeting	Joe	March 13, 2018		HRC at 231 Service Road, Effort	
Burning Issues	Joe				
Closing Round:	Joe				

❖ Next NE Coalition meeting will be 3/13/18 at 12 pm (HRC, 231 Service Rd., Effort).

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Agenda Item	Agreed Actions	By Whom	By When
Picnic	Reserve pavilion for July 20, 2018	Carol Matula	March 2018