

## **LCCHSA 2-12-21 Membership Meeting:**

**Officers Present:** Holly Dolan, President; Ashlee Martin, VP; Flame Vo, Secretary

**Officers Missing:** Josh Mountz, Treasurer

**Members Present:** See below.

### **Council News:**

#### I. **Welcome and Introduce Exec Committee**

- a. [Website](#) is updated – keep checking it out for updated info
  - i. 2021 Awards are posted – applications are now available. Please share!
  - ii. Submit your membership application to ensure that we have accurate info. Membership fees are optional, but greatly appreciated to help continue our awards, etc.
  - iii. Zoom link is the same every month, posted on the website.

#### II. **AgrAbility PA**

***Presented by Abbie Spackman***

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**<https://agrabilitypa.org/>**

- a. AgrAbility supports anyone involved in agriculture who has a disability or long-term health condition
- b. Services are all free: farm assessments; identification of safe and appropriate modifications or assisted tech; peer and caregiver support; educational opportunities; referrals and info about state and local resources
- c. Assisted tech is any item, piece of equipment, or product that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities for someone with a disability or long-term health condition.
- d. Financial Assistance: assisted tech can be expensive. AgrAbility works with their clients to connect them to potential financial assistance with several organizations and/or individual fundraisers. [Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation](#) (PATF)
- e. Question: Do you support farmers with mental health challenges as well as physical? Yes, but these services may be different. Would start with the farm assessment. If not the owner of the farm, may limit financial assistance eligibility, but not Agra
- f. Question: How often are you addressing housing needs? Most individuals live on the farm and own their own homes. We have tried without great success to work with the migrant farming population. When we do find a housing need, we make a referral.

## **Introductions and Agency Overviews:**

**Office of Aging:** we do not have the ability to schedule vaccines as of today. Taxes are not going to be done in person. Phone # 717-274-2596

**Disability Empowerment Center:** Continuing to do consumer zoom on a weekly basis. Open to anyone who want to have face to face communications. Working on speakers for depression, exercising at home, etc. to help. Contact Paula Moyer. Greetings everyone. My e-mail contact is pmoyer@decpa.org if anyone you may know who is interested in coming into our consumer zoom they may contact me via e-mail or phone 717-769-2922. Also if anyone of our council would be interested into coming into our zoom and speak to our consumers I welcome all.

**DVI:** Jennifer Snyder retired as of 2/5. LeAnne Burchik is the new Executive Director, Mike Ritter promoted to Deputy Director. Teen pregnancy/parental rights workshop on 3/24. [Register here](#).

**Connected Together:** asking to continue to promote the mobile trauma thereapy. EMDR scholarship application is open.

**Homeless Coalition:** continuing to pursue onboarding County with R.I.S.E. PA, statewide coordinated entry system. Getting closer to opening a low entry barrier shelter. Starting to explore additional program options in the community.

**Recovery Insight:** Peer run, peer support agency. Accepting referrals. Self referrals are accepted; need form filled out from their provider. Recovery InSight Peer Support- (717)517-8552

**LINK:** Oversight committee has resumes for five people to become the LINK Coordinator. Brian leaving March. More info [here](#) to sign up for monthly meetings.

**Patriot Home Care:** Continuing to take referrals and transfers for waiver services. mstehman@patriot-hc.com, 717-406-2537

**United Way:** PA DoH is sending weekly vaccine updates to United Way of PA. They will be posted [here](#) as received.

**LFHS:** sports physicals starting 2/24 – free. See handouts.

**Self-Determination of Housing in PA:** cover the entire state. Barbara is our Lebanon coordinator. Sharing info to help those with disabilities in. 811 Project Assistance; Faith-based Community Building; Landlord Engagement. Wants to connect with property managers as well as landlords. Difficult in our community. Barbara Huggins - Self-Determination Housing of PA. [Barbara.huggins@inglis.org](mailto:Barbara.huggins@inglis.org), <https://www.sdhp.org/training-calendar/>

**Gateway Health Plan:** Diana Escalante; Gateway Health Plan @ [descalante@gatewayhealthplan.com](mailto:descalante@gatewayhealthplan.com); 717-512-8139

**Casey Ball Supports:** work without the state to provide guardianship for folks who cannot make decisions for themselves. npagano@caseyball.com

**Lebanon County Disabled Veterans Outreach Representative:** Rafael Torres, rtorres@pa.gov 717-376-4355

**Attendees**

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Abbie	Spackman	AgrAbility PA
Ruby	Robinson	Amerihealth Caritas Pennsylvania
Nicoloas	Paganno	Casey Ball Supports
Paula	Moyer	Disability Empowerment Center
Mike	Ritter	DVI
Bryan	Smith	LCCM
Anna	Devine	Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging
Rafael	Torres	Lebanon County Disabled Veterans Outreach Representative
Monica	Boyer	Lebanon County MH/ID/EI
Brian	Long	LINK
Michelle	Stehman	Patriot
Sarah	Agnew	Recovery Insight
Barbara	Huggins	Self-Determination of Housing in PA
Melanie	Wells	WellSpan

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