

Lebanon County Council of Human Service Agencies

LCCHSA 5-14-21 Membership Meeting:

Officers Present: Holly Dolan, President; Ashlee Martin, VP; Josh Mountz, Treasurer; Flame Vo, Secretary

Officers Missing:

Members Present: See below.

Council News:

I. **Welcome and Introduce Exec Committee**

- a. Upcoming meetings: June on Zoom; July no meeting; August outside at Camp Shand; September looking forward to meeting in person again at Hebron
- b. Honoring Tammy:
Tammy Cassel was a young mom who struggled to put herself through school, and graduated LVC. She worked at PROBE for over 30 years starting out as a client. She became a volunteer and then Executive Director. Her daughter describes her as selfless – always helping others, even people she did not know.
 - i. Tree with plaque still in process
 - ii. Renaming Community Excellence Award – Tammy Cassel-Carni Memorial Community Excellence Award
 - iii. **Please share your memories on Padlet.** Click on the little pencil on the bottom right corner to pull up a comment box.

II. **Awards**

Pics are posted to our [Facebook page](#). Don't forget to hit follow while checking them out 😊

a. **Volunteer(s) of the Year: Donna and Paul Pozorski**

- i. Nominated by Margie Groy: Paul and his wife, Donna, volunteer together at so many agencies in Lebanon County. They spend everyday looking at where they can serve. Paul and Donna served at the VA Hospital, USO, MOW, VITA. In addition, not only giving their time, they are also always donating other items as well. Recently they donated a TV to a veterans housing unit. They never want recognition in any way and are wonderful humble volunteers in our community.

Paul and Donna Pozorski were high school sweethearts and have been married for over 56 years. They have 2 children Paul and Shannon. Donna and Paul have volunteered for over 56 years in different positions throughout Paul's military career (36 years on active duty and 15 years in support of the Army National Guard) and since 1996 in support of local volunteer services. Military volunteerism included Religion, Sports, caring for families during deployments, and fund raising (Especially where Donna volunteered Paul, when he was a commander, to have his subordinates hit him in the face with a pie, for a donation). Since 1996 Donna has had tours as the Fort Indiantown Officers Wives Club President and involved in troop support and fund raising and as the president of the Lebanon Quilters Guild where she coordinated with the Lebanon VA in having quilts made for all the in-house hospital patients (some today have been framed and displayed at the VA). She has also made over 800 masks in support of agencies throughout Lebanon County. Paul has volunteered in the Meals on Wheels Program with Donna, Lebanon VA Surgical Clinic and outpatient hematology clinic, VITA Taxes Assist Program, and when needed at the VA for other volunteer programs. (Over 3500 hours).

b. Student Scholar of the Year: Grace Ginder, ELCO High School

- i. Nominated by Amanda Templeton, ELCO Librarian/English Teacher: Responsible, committed, caring... the list of superlatives used to describe Ms. Grace Ginder is endless. The quality of her character distinguishes her as an outstanding student at ELCO High School, and even more importantly as an outstanding member of her community.

Over the course of the past two years, I have had the absolute privilege to work with Grace as a member of my AP Capstone courses and observe her in various school settings. On a daily basis, Grace displays a personal drive and focus only matched by the most dedicated students. Challenging herself to excel, she intentionally elected to fill her senior year course load with Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes. Doing so has resulted in a much more challenging yet flexible schedule than compared to that of the average student. While some students view the flexible schedule as an opportunity to socialize or mismanage time, Grace consistently uses her time to focus on completing her coursework, setting a positive example for her peers.

Grace is no less driven or focused in the classroom. She accepts the rigors of the most academically challenging courses, never failing to meet and exceed the demands and expectations placed upon her. As a result, Grace has earned recognition as a National Honor Society Member, Spanish National Honor Society Vice President, Tri M Music Honor Society President, AP Capstone eligible, and Student of the Month. These recognitions testify to Grace's versatility and diligence to superior achievement in all that she does.

On a personal level, Grace is one of the most thoughtful, responsible, and mature students I have had the pleasure to teach. Her dependable nature, attention to detail, and genuine curiosity, are qualities that make working with Grace an absolute joy. Her level of maturity has earned her the respect of school administration, teachers, and peers.

c. Tammy Cassel-Carni Memorial Community Excellence Award: Rachel Vucic, Mobile Therapist w/ WellSpan Philhaven

- i. Nominated by Jessica Grier: I would like to nominate Rachel Vucic, Mobile Therapist, with WellSpan Philhaven. Rachel is a committed clinician who has a heart for clients and our community. She provides weekly Mobile Therapy, but goes above and beyond her role to reach the community. This past year she has thought outside the box to work to reach and connect the community and build resilience.

Rachel has been a tremendous partner helping to bridge wellness and education throughout the pandemic in new ways to the community. She was instrumental in launching a monthly Caregiver Virtual Support Group last May and helps facilitate to community members monthly. Caregivers join from Lebanon, Lancaster, York, and Adams county. In June, she recorded and was featured in a series sharing tips to caregivers on our website and Facebook on supporting children's emotional wellbeing during the pandemic(below). In partnership with the York County Libraries and Lebanon Better Together, she has led dialogue to community groups in York and Lebanon on learning ways to build your own resiliency and talked about the summer read 'Option B'. Currently, she is working on ways to raise connectiveness and awareness activities during Mental Health Awareness Month. Most recently, she was featured on Fox 43 (below) to talk about ways to encourage confident kids in a segment called "why letting your kids help out around the house will pay off in the long run".

We all need connection and resilience. I appreciate Rachel's continued thoughtfulness about ways we can engage the community throughout the pandemic. I am grateful for Rachel's passion about our community and reaching our neighbors in new creative ways.

Agency Updates:

Disability Empowerment Center

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) across Pennsylvania invite you to submit a proposal for the 2021 PA Independent Living Conference, September 14th through the 16th being held virtually over the Zoom platform. Proposals are due by May 28, 2021 at 11:59 PM.

The conference aims to unite the disability community through the skills, services and advocacy of the Independent Living Movement and educate and strength Pennsylvanians with disabilities, their families and service professionals through this unique 3-day conference experience.

The Call for Presentations is now open at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/thefightgoeson>

ELRC

May be seeing clients soon in person by appointment only. No waitlist, funding is available.

Agency on Aging

Care managers are going back out into the community to meet with consumers comfortable with doing that

Patriot HC

Reach out with questions about the waiver process:

Michelle Stehman, Patriot Home Care 717-406-2537, mstehman@patriot-hc.com

RSVP

Spring Fling at Lebanon Valley Mall on 5/15

Compass Mark

Finishing up school year program. Reinstating program working with families with incarcerated parents. Compassmark.org for referral forms

Lebanon Family Health

Freedom from Smoking Class June 16 online only. Diabetes Prevention at end of June, English and Spanish, both in person and online. See resource table.

PROBE

CDC June 7-11 mornings and evenings, Resume Writing Workshop June 2 SP, June 3 EN, Financial Literacy Workshope, June 22 SP, June 23 Eng. New Executive Director, Jakob Pommerening

Veterans Employment

CareerLink not yet open to the public, waiting to hear when that will happen. By appointment only at first.

Attendees

Lorita	Weise	Albright LIFE
Paula	Moyer	Disabilty Empowerment Center
Sonia	Bingeman	ELRC
Shelley	Candy	ELRC
Susan	Fisher	Head Start
Kathleen	Dugan	Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging
Lorita	Valente	Luthercare
Michelle	Stehman	Patriot Home Care
Jake	Pommerening	PROBE
Admary	Vargas	PROBE
Becky	Gibbons	RSVP
Rafael	Torres	Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist

Plus our honored award winners and their guests.