



Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title:	INFO SHARE	
Day:	January 29 th , 2015	
<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	
<p>1. John Champitto, CEO Housing Services Manager</p> <p>Topics: Current/Future Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LiHEAP closed for no heat emergencies • Received a 2015-2016 Home Grant for \$300,000, which will include targeted areas in Berlin, Hoosick, Hoosick Falls, & Scagticoke for electric updates, roofs, etc. • Currently applying for 2 targeted Access Grants & 1 restore grants • Solarize Troy project – Troy City committed \$50,000 for low to moderate income families. CEO will provide the Weatherization portion of this endeavor for free to qualifying households. 	<p>Refer any “no heat” emergencies (from Saratoga County, Schenectady County, Albany County, and Rensselaer County) to CEO Weatherization 272-6012 ext. 321</p> <p>Refer county-wide eligible customers to CEO Access to Home (and Access to Home with Medicaid). Check out our website for eligibility http://www.ceoempowers.org/services/healthy-homes/home/</p>	
<p>2. Colleen Pidgeon, Concerns-U Program Director</p> <p>Topic: Program Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoNSERNS-U, a basic needs outreach program of Catholic Charities Tri-County Services, works to help with challenges met by day to day living. Two staff and 55 volunteers provide assistance to low-income households • Service area: Southern and Rural Rensselaer County (outside of Troy and Lansingburgh) • Wojeski Children’s fund provides funds to assist children where there are no other resources available, working closely with schools and human service agencies. 	<p>Refer any in-need qualifying customers to Concerns-U for Emergency assistance, Holiday assistance, school supplies, coats, food pantry needs, etc. Funding for fuel + utility assistance, but customers must prove that their income will exceed expenses and must have a denial letter from DSS. Colleen Pidgeon – Program Coordinator 518-463-8571 colleen@ccalbany.org</p>	

3.	<p>Kathi Lasch, LMSW Community Maternity Service</p> <p>Topic: Kind-ship Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone raising someone else's (family members) child(ren) • Serves Albany, Schenectady, and Rensselaer Counties • 10% of children are raised by someone other than their parent 	<p>Refer any in-need qualifying customers to Kind-ship Care for a support group, case management, help accessing benefits, mental health, family court assistance, parenting education, etc.</p> <p>Contact: Kathi Lasch 518-482-5836 ext. 264</p>
4.	<p>Pamela Cole, HomeFirst Marketing Representative</p> <p>Topic: Managed Long-term Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone 18+ that qualifies for Medicaid Disability or chronic illness http://homefirst.org/getting-started/ • Medicaid program • The care management team works with providers • Provide durable medical equipment, meals on wheels, nurse assessment, transportation, etc. 	<p>Refer any in-need qualifying customers to HomeFirst through Pamela Cole at pcole@mjhs.org or (518)420-3932</p> <p>Contact Pamela Cole if your organization would be interested in an in-service session.</p>
5.	<p>Kassey Granger, Outreach Expert CAPTel</p> <p>Topic: Program Over-view</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal/State funded service for the hard of hearing • A veteran program allows for veteran's to get the non-internet phone for free • A doctor can sign a 3rd party form to help a patient get the service for free • See www.captel.com/ for more detailed information 	<p>Refer any in-need eligible customers.</p> <p>Kassey Granger is the Outreach Expert covering all of NYS and parts of Connecticut and Vermont: kassey.granger@outreachexpert.sinc.com</p>
6.	<p>Erin Loffredo & Xrystya Szyjka, Questar III</p> <p>Topic: Regional Bi-Lingual Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBERN works with ELL students in the following counties: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, 	<p>If interested, sign up for their regular E-news bulletin contact erin.loffredo@questar.org</p> <p>If interested in starting a collaboration to host classes, please email/contact Chris Foster cfoster@questar.org</p> <p>If interested in the Puerto</p>

Schenectady, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington.

- Schools are required to provide family contact in their native language
- Check out www.rbern.org/

Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute contact Yesenia Valle yesenia.valle@questar.org

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One Minute Updates

1 Rich Neuman from the Empowerment Exchange

- ⇒ Run weekly support groups
- ⇒ Help with resume building
- ⇒ Host programming out of the Lansingburgh library
- ⇒ Monthly events such as Open Mic, Labyrinth Meditation, etc.
- ⇒ See <http://www.mhepinc.org/projects/empowerment-exchange> for more detailed information
- ⇒ Contact: (518) 235-2173

2 Shannon from ACAP (Albany Community Action Partnership)

- ⇒ Career Training program for Albany and Rensselaer
 - Peer-training services
 - All free
 - CNA, Custodial, HHA, etc.
 - Workforce development credential
 - Informational orientation Monday (Albany) and Tuesday (Cohoes), interested parties should plan to arrive at 9:45am for the 10:00am session.

3 Barb with National Grid

- ⇒ Available hours at Albany DSS
- ⇒ More HEAP funds have been made available

4 Cohoes Family Care at 55 Mohawk Ave in Cohoes

- ⇒ Primary care facility
- ⇒ CDPHP case management
- ⇒ Looking to partner with other agencies who want to run classes
- ⇒ MOMS program

5 Marie from Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County

- ⇒ Work with ELL and English language speakers who are looking to improve literacy skills
- ⇒ Will serve anyone 16+ not enrolled in school
- ⇒ Next intake is February 4th
- ⇒ Always looking for Tutors, please refer anyone interested
- ⇒ Spring tutor training starts March 11th at St. Mary's Church on Columbia Turnpike in Rensselaer
- ⇒ Upcoming fundraiser: "Famous Ladies Tea"
 - March 22nd 1-4pm at Hilton Garden Inn, Troy
 - Tea pot donations needed
- ⇒ Future Events

- Literacy Run/Walk is May 3rd at the Rensselaer Tech Park
- A Scrabble Tournament is being planned for May 31st – site TBA
- Jazz event will happen June 25th at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy

⇒ Looking to do in-services with regard to Financial Training

⇒ Check-out www.lvorc.org for more information

6 Workforce Development Institute

⇒ Child Care Help Program

- Those eligible are not DSS qualified but are below 275% of poverty
- Now have funding available for Saratoga area
- Check out their newsletter

7 Nikki Thompson from CEO Early Childhood Services

⇒ Early Childhood Education: Home-base Services

- Start learning early with home visits from a teacher twice a month and more
- Download the flyer <http://www.ceoempowers.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Head-Start-Home-Base-Tabs.pdf>

⇒ Babies in Waiting

- This program offers services and support to eligible pregnant women
- Download the flyer <http://www.ceoempowers.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Babies-in-Waiting-Flyer-with-Tabs.pdf>

8 Marisa from GSNENY

⇒ Services about 10,000 members in the Capital District from Schoharie to Plattsburgh

⇒ The Girl Scouts are looking to expand after-school programming

- Seeking partnerships with organizations to host

⇒ Girl Scout troops

- Minimum of 5 girls to make a troop
- Seeking volunteer troop leaders
- “Girl Scout in a Bag” option; all the supplies and curriculum are packaged together for ease

⇒ Another option is to be an independently enrolled Girl Scout

⇒ If any organizations are interested in promoting services, contact Marisa at 518-489-8110 x104 and it will be presented at the monthly troop leader meetings

⇒ Check out www.gsny.org/

9 Amy from Troy City School District

⇒ Looking to formalize relationships with local human service organizations and maximize partnership potential. Contact Amy at 328-5051 if interested in collaboration.

10 Bonny Curry from CEO Foster Grandparent Program

⇒ Recruiting seniors 55 and over throughout 7 counties

⇒ Download the flyer <http://www.ceoempowers.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Foster-Grandparent-Flyer-with-Tabs.pdf>

11 Blaze Bryant from the Independent Living Center

⇒ Youth Transition Coordinator

- Prepare young adults with disabilities for the world
- 25 participants
- Mentoring component to connect adults with disabilities to young adults with disabilities

12 Natalie from the Legal Project

⇒ Large DV program; serves 300% above poverty

⇒ Bankruptcy program; serves 300% above poverty

⇒ Foreclosure (facing or in-process) consultation; serves 300% above poverty

⇒ Immigration program; free consultation & some representation

⇒ Free legal clinics (they book quickly!)

- Make an appointment with attorneys for ½ hour consultation

⇒ Contact nbirch@legalproject.org if you would like an attorney come into your organization to discuss a legal issue with a group of people

⇒ Check out www.legalproject.org

13 Tammy Roberts from the YMCA

⇒ Please contact troberts@cdymca.org if your organization is interested in participating in one of the regular Community Service block parties or tabling your organization at the branch

⇒ Health Initiatives

- YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program
- LIVESTRONG at the YMCA program for cancer survivors
- Pedaling for Parkinson's
- Circle of Champs for families with children with chronic disease

⇒ Financial assistance programs (Membership for All)

⇒ Swimming programs

⇒ Black and Latino Achiever's Program

⇒ Youth Sports

⇒ Will do corporate contracting; bringing wellness to your site

⇒ Check out <http://cdymca.org/locations/troy-ymca/>