**Local Management Committee**

**January 13, 2021**

**9:00 am**

**Virtual Meeting**

Welcome/Introductions of attendees

*Attendees: Anna Ramos, Jenn Putt, Sara Wendler, Melissa Arslan, Delsie Dyer, Jamie Graybill, Rhiannon Giberson*

Status updates from all

***CareerLink*** (Anna Ramos) – CareerLink continues to have their physical doors closed, but very much still open virtually. All services can be accessed via our Hotline or website. For folks that walk up to the building, there is now free Wifi access outside and a phone number that someone can talk to the staff inside the door. Staff are still at off-site locations, Brightside Opportunities Center and Franklin Terrace available to collect documents from customers or answer questions.

Challenge: Getting information out to the community that we are here to help. Decreased number of folks calling and inquiring about services.

***HACC Keys Program*** (Melissa Arslan) – TANF Coordinator hired and working with students virtually.

Challenge: Engagement as well, attending classes, but not attending additional sessions to engage with staff. Lots of time constraints on the home-front.

***EARN Program*** (Jenn Putt) – Enrollments are steady for EARN and Work Ready. Small increase in virtual workshops attendance. Released CANVAS course curriculum. Cares Act funds received from Commissioners were used for laptops and supportive services (40-45 referred and received services). Blended courses starting back up, online training with weekly one on one support virtually.

Challenge: Engagement and program participation.

***CAO*** (Sara Wendler) – *Not on call*

Challenge:

***CAP*** (Rhiannon Giberson) – Workforce Recovery Project just ended, partnership with CL and WDB. Just hired community health coordinator working with PA Health Center to identify areas of common barriers and what is the root cause so we can address; and solutions; identify barriers that are a result of the pandemic. Resource Liasion hired to do eviction prevention assistance. Team Elect is continuing on and being innovative to continue engagement (Yoga Class). TOGETHER WE CAN program starting, taking the WE CAN DO IT program and LIFT and support single moms with educational goals over a 2 year period to get a higher wage job. Stipend to help with expenses over those 2 years. Taking a 2 generational approach, so working with kids on STEM activities and support the children’s education as well.(10 moms engaged)

Challenge: Hiring for a Resource Coordinator

***ELRC*** (Jamie Graybill) – No wait list, all virtual except one day a week. Ephrata office is closed.

***WDB*** (Anna Ramos) – Workforce Recovery Project with CAP was a huge success. Looking for ways to formalize this partnership going forward for continued navigation support. Was able to spend almost all of the Cares Act dollars for supportive services.

***Food Hub*** (Delsie Dyer) – completely open, still accepting folks. Food bank is open for anyone to access, no referrals needed. Just come between 9:30-11:45 (mon. tues. thur and fri.)

Challenge: In terms of PA WorkWear, folks not showing up for the appointment. Referral must come from CAO or EARN/Work Ready program.

Future meetings and are we missing anyone?

Meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday 9am-10am, of the following months: (January, April, July, October)