# Healthcare Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday 4/11/19 3:30-5:00pm

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| **Next meeting:** | **Thursday 5/9/19** **3:30 pm-5:00 pm****Berks Community Health Center****1110 Rockland St. Reading, PA**  |

* Communication Template:
	+ - Attached is a Master Contact List of all current committee members. Please review for accuracy (name spelling, Organization and email address)
		- For next meeting, please bring your Organization’s Mission Statement so we can add and re-distribute
* Agency Updates:
	+ LGBT Center:
		- Have been presenting at several trainings throughout Berks
	+ Penn State Health St. Joseph
		- Human Trafficking Training by Dr. Long occurred for the Doctors
		- Similar training will be offered to the Nursing staff and Tower Health’s Nurses will be invited as well
		- Gloria Rosado is there “content expert”
	+ Berks Community Health Center
		- Open House along with WIC scheduled for Mother’s Day-will include kids’ activities, informational tables, activities for the kids, free haircuts!
		- Autism Awareness event 4/24
	+ Safe Berks
		- A “menu” of trainings offered by Safe Berks is attached
		- Our MAP Advocates have been hired and will begin Monday 4/22!
			* Macy Lengle-Tower Health
			* Letty Vazquez Pena-Penn State Health St. Joseph
			* Mayra Morales-Berks Community Health
	+ Maternal and Family Health Services WIC
		- New office on Rockland St.-next to BCHC’s new facility
		- WIC is transitioning from paper checks to plastic “debit-type” cards
		- Volume has decreased since moving services to the one location (the satellite location in Kutztown is still open)
		- Experiencing some challenges with the new site-longer wait times, can get crowded
	+ Berks Teens Matter
		- Berks Community Foundation and Barta will offer free transportation to 8th-11th graders in Reading SD as part of a pilot program
		- Co-County Wellness offers FREE Walk-in STI testing on Mondays and HIV testing on Fridays
	+ Community Prevention Partnership
		- New funding for Families with substance abuse issues (up to 30 families)
		- Referrals are mostly generated by CYS and OB
	+ Tower Health
		- Social Work Department now has a FT Social Worker 3pm-11pm
		- SANE Conference held Wed 4/10
		- SANE Certification training coming in August
* Transportation
	+ Many of us are experiencing difficulty in regards to transportation for those we serve
	+ The Oakbrook Collective Impact Council and Community Connections Project are working on addressing many of the same transportation issues raised today
	+ Jen Bauman shared information regarding “Community Forum: Access to Transportation. Is it a barrier to Employment?” which will be held at Schmidt Center at RACC on 4/18 at 11:30am (Invitation was forwarded to all members)
* Screening Tools
	+ - HITS- Hurt, Insulted, Threatened with Harm and Screamed
		- Other:
			* *Have you been hit, slapped, kicked or otherwise physically hurt by someone?*
			* *Have you been forced to have sexual activities?*
			* *Is there someone in your life that make you feel bad or afraid when you are with them?*
			* *Have you been afraid that someone would hurt you?*
			* *Have the police ever been called to your home?*
		- Other popular screening tools:
			* OVAT- Ongoing Violence Assessment Tool
			* HARK

**Please identify a screening tool you like and bring to next meeting to discuss.**

* Next Steps:
	+ Identify an agreed upon Screening tool for Berks County.
	+ Invite Dr. Yamil Sanchez (United Way) to an upcoming meeting to share some the work United Way is doing with the Community Connections Project and Oakbrook Collective Impact Council to addressing the Transportation barrier many/all of us experience in our daily work with our consumers (**UPDATE**: Yamil accepted our invitation and will attend the June meeting)
	+ Safe Berks will send out a Survey Monkey or Doodle Poll to address the question of when/where to have meetings so we can accommodate as many committee members as possible

**Future Meetings:**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Location** |
| **5/9/19** | **3:30pm** | **BCHC Rockland St.** |
| 6/13/19 | 3:30pm | TBD |