# Healthcare Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday 1/10/19 3:30-5:00pm**

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| **Next meeting:** | **Thursday 2/14/19 Location TBD** |

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Vision and Mission

Discussed Vision Statement: “Mutual support for education and training for medical professionals and advocates plus increased access to care for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault”.

1. Update from Members

* **Tower Health:** discussed the revitalization of this committee, encouraged support of Safe Berks Mission, discussed Community Connections Initiative and possible invite to future meeting
* **Safe Berks:** introduced Macy Lengle as SART Coordinator and discussed SART team; discussed hiring 3 FT Medical Advocates to be located on site at Tower Health, Penn St Joe’s downtown campus and Berks Community Health Center
* **Dr Kimball:** announced that All About Children will be :Penn State Health Group All About Children effective 2/1/19
* **Penn State St. Joes:** providedupdate on the status of SANE Nurses; will provide date of next Community Health Worker training
* **Community Prevention Partnership:** reported that during Child Fatality Review, a large number of households have documented history of Domestic Violence
* **Berks Community Health Center:** provided update on the opening of the new Rockland Center location
* **Haven Hospital:** provided overview of services;would like to increase connections with other agencies
* **EMS:** would like to increase connections and obtain more information on what to look for regarding signs of domestic violence/sexual assault
* **Caron:** looking to learn more about community resources
* **HealthChoices:** reported approx. 90,000 Berks County residents have Medical Assistance; Behavioral health services are provided by CCBH (Community Care Behavioral Health) for recipients of Medical Assistance
* **LGBT Center:** wants to continue as partner and able to do trainings for all partners
* Committee to discuss how shelter residents can have better access to medications/medical care

1. Frequency and Location for meetings: St. Joe’s downtown campus, BCHC and Tower Health are available to host future meetings. Team discussed having monthly meeting for the next 4-5 months and then we will re-evaluate. Calendar of future meeting dates listed below. *If you are able to host an upcoming meeting, please contact Beth Garrigan bethg@safeberks.org.*
2. Priorities for Future Meetings: if additional members should be invited, please send contact info to Beth via email. Safe Berks will send out a contact list of all current members and email addresses. (Update: Berks Counseling Center has been added to the email distribution list and will join future meetings)

**Future Meetings:**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Location** |
| 2/14/19 | 3:30pm |  |
| 3/14/19 | 3:30pm |  |
| 4/11/19 | 3:30pm |  |
| 5/9/19 | 3:30pm |  |
| 6/13/19 | 3:30pm |  |