

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 30, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Josh Jaeger, George Fickenworth, Phil Fromyer, Mary Viglione, Pat Tracy, Steve Walters, Colleen Hammon, Danielle Brooks, Sherrai Holland, Laura Luther, Niken Carpenter, Rita Scrimenti, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Dave Deter

Not Present: Betsy Wiest, Jenn Woodard, Pat Stucke, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Jennie Hagerty, Alyssa Jaeger, Cris Taylor, Gaby Reyes, Zareen Khan, Barb Lewis, Darrell Smith, Garry Horton

The meeting started at 10:03 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

ECDH (Laura L.)

- COVID-19 cases decreasing
- Bivalent booster being widely circulated
- Still has PPE available
- Funding available to create temporary air purifiers
 - ECDH to purchase materials and create purifiers to distribute to shelters
 - Follow up with Laura
 - Email is best
- 2 clinics being coordinated at courthouse
 - See flyer from Laura
- Working to coordinate a public walk-in vaccine clinic

CHN (Sherrai)

- COVID-19 team reports that testing has significantly decreased
 - Rapid test kits are available
- Masks are available
- Bivalent vaccinations increased
- Flu vaccines now available

EUMA

- Liberty House clear of COVID
- Question: Asking if anyone is willing to look at COVID-19/Mpox screening form to provide feedback
 - Josh to send to Laura, Lisa and Sherrai to coordinate with ECDH, CHN and DHS

CCBH (Danielle)

- Question about feeding people isolated at Hotel who are not established as a shelter resident?
 - Meals available in the community, but need volunteers to operate as point person to deliver meals
 - Hotel not providing microwaves or refrigerators any longer

Niken – See attachment for more details.

- SSJNN

GENESIS Home Buying Program by Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network (SSJNN)

This program prepares the participants for buying and maintaining a home. SSJNN does this by discounting their rental amount in one of our own buildings. SSJNN provides 1-on-1 personal support, educational workshops and requires a monthly savings commitment towards their home purchase. This program can last from 12 to 36 months, minimum household income is \$36,000, and a credit score above 600 to qualify. Currently, there are numerous openings.

To learn more about this program, please reach out to Colleen Burbules at cburbules@ssjnn.org or (814) 454-7814 x 303.

- Erie City

The City is currently accepting applications for the following authorities, boards, or commissions:

Blighted Property Review Committee

Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority

Port Authority

Parking Authority

Zoning Hearing Board

Erie County Convention Center Authority

Higher Education Board

The City of Erie's open application process aims to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion. If you are dedicated to and passionate about our community and have the required skill set and expertise to help lead our Authorities, Boards, and Commissions into the future, we invite you to apply at City's ABC link that works: https://go.citygrows.com/city-of-erie/authorities-boards-and-commissions?fbclid=IwAR08-Ofv49p7si66AEuklkckj8IpPBNVGFhC_OaYzpqKIS7KAJF_K3c0iY

- Economic Resources:

We are just about to begin reviewing applications for our Thrive in Erie 2022-2023 Cohorts that will start in October, and I wanted to make sure the entrepreneurs you are working with have a chance to apply.

General Business Cohort Information:

This Program is perfect for any entrepreneur who offers a product or service as we cover all general business topics from accounting to legal to marketing. Great for both new and existing businesses.

Link to Program and application:

<https://bit.ly/thriveinerieinfo>

- Construction Industry Cohort Information:

This Program is perfect for anyone in a construction-related field, such as painters, electricians, plumbers, landscapers and even cleaning businesses. We will dig into contracts, bidding and hiring. Great for both new and existing businesses.

Link to Program information and application:

<https://bit.ly/tieconstruction>

- Strengthening Police and Community Partnership (SPCP) Council and the EPD: Coffee With A Cop 2023 will simultaneously take place in two locations on Wednesday, October 5th, from 10 AM – 2 PM.

Tim Hortons – 209 E. 12th St.

Premium Coffee Company of Erie – 1220 W. 38th St.

For more information about the national event, click on the Coffee With A Cop link.

- This email is to notify you that PCCD has opened the solicitation for the FY22-23 Fall 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program, which is a grant program (awards range from \$5,000 to \$150,000; match is required for awards over \$25,001) for nonprofit organizations who principally serve individuals, groups or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents as identified by the FBI's Hate Crime Statistics publication. Applicants are eligible for security enhancements designed to protect the safety and security of the users of a facility located in the Commonwealth that is owned or operated by the nonprofit organization.

The 32-day period to submit your request for funding is from Friday, September 30 to Monday, October 31, 2022 at 11:45 PM.

Erie City (Dave D.)

- Reached out to HUD Pittsburgh about SPH fire and temporary shelter
 - Willing to assist and work through technical issues

Emmaus Ministries (Rita)

- Busy with requests from clients that are cold and unsheltered
- Still trying to do one-on-one education with people, especially about "seeing Pat on Sunday"

Erie County DHS (Leatrice)

- HUD NOFO submitted
- Peter off over the next week
 - Call Lisa or Leatrice

Sunday Supper (Pat T.)

- Higher numbers
- Increase in people bringing vaccinations cards
- Staff at FPCC open to running another vaccine clinic one all vaccines are available
 - Moderna bivalent booster in short supply
 - Other types of vaccines should be in supply
 - Details to come, especially to health care providers
 - Sherrai and Laura to check on supply and demand numbers in order to consider a clinic at the end of October

Colleen

- Latest news on SPH
 - Pat S. and Betsy meeting with managers today to be ready to accept individuals who were receiving shelter services on the night of the fire
 - Doors will open at 7pm
 - Not a typical shelter
 - Just a collaboration between SPH and MHA
 - Preference to gentlemen staying at SPH on night of fire
 - After those beds are full, preference to SPH residents from month of July
 - No line at 5:30pm
 - Pat, Colleen, Rita and Betsy have the names and have been actively conducting outreach to these individuals
 - Concerns about confusion between this project and ONP
 - Clients do NOT go through CE
 - MANY THANKS to Pat and Betsy for the monumental work being done to make this project work
 - Watching Pat S. and Betsy working together was a sight to behold (Leatrice)
 - Relationships and conversations happening in this meeting have significantly contributed to our ability to rapidly respond (Rita)
 - Betsy will be present to take care of logistics like HMIS

Philip Fromyer

- Thanks to Sherrai for collaborating to serve mutual member that it was difficult to find

Lisa Karle

- Experience with COVID-19 recently
 - Happy to report symptoms that were not as bad as they could have been because they were fully vaccinated, except for the bivalent booster, which wasn't available
- Mpox literature sent out yesterday
 - Reminder to look resources over
- Lisa recruiting for new ad-hoc Racial Equity and Inclusion committee
 - Looking for a chairperson
 - Please reach out to Lisa to join

Joke for the day:

- Q: How many telemarketers does it take to change a lightbulb?
- A: Just one, but it has to be during dinner.

Resource to stop telemarketing calls

<https://nomorobo.com/>

Submitted by Josh Jaeger