

## Coalition Meeting Minutes November 16, 2023

### Presentation from LGBT Center of Greater Reading:

LGBT Center of Greater Reading offer multiple services such as:

- **Education:** Professional Development, Consultations, Inclusivity Audit, and Toolkits
- **Mental Health:** Free Counseling, Free Counselor led support groups, Free Care Coordination, Referrals and Advocacy
- **Health and Wellness:** Wellness on Wheels and other health partnerships, Health Talks, Shower Facilities and Toiletries Closet, Warm Meal Wednesday, Food Pantry and Community Garden
- **Social:** Drop-in Center (access of Wi-Fi, laptops, games and snacks), Support Groups, Various Events, 4 Satellite Locations

For further information on the LGBT Center of Greater Reading:

- Visit [www.lgbtcenterofreading.com](http://www.lgbtcenterofreading.com) or
- Email at Tasha at [education@lgbtcenterofreading.com](mailto:education@lgbtcenterofreading.com)
- Download the following flyers:
  - [LGBT Center Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
  - [LGBT Center Flyer \(English\)](#)
  - [Counseling Services \(English\)](#)
  - [Counseling Services \(Spanish\)](#)

### Agency Announcements:

#### Berks Latino Workforce

- Tec Centro welcomes all to utilize their services, not just the Latino population.
- Located at 450 S 6 Street
- Offer multiple services such as: employment training programs, adult basic education, financial literacy, career development, and computer classes.
- Contact the Community Navigator at [vquinonesblwdc@outlook.com](mailto:vquinonesblwdc@outlook.com) or call 484-513-3348 x104. to learn more about their programming.

#### SAM Inc

- SAM will be hosting a lunch and learn second Monday of every month from 12:30-1:30 via Teams. Please reach out to [dcarabello@sam-inc.org](mailto:dcarabello@sam-inc.org) or [lkeely@sam-inc.org](mailto:lkeely@sam-inc.org) for more information and the meeting link.
- SAM is no longer accepting applications for their PHARE Program as the funding is exhausted
- Applications are still open for Health Choice and Shelter Plus. SAM is hoping to expand Housing Program Staff.

#### Reading Public Library

- Has a program teaching senior how to use technology.
- To qualify you must be 55 or older and be a resident of the City of Reading.

- The Digital Navigator can meet the client at the place of their choice.
- Classes are offered in Spanish and English and classes can be taught one on one or in a group setting.
- Please reach out to Cid Espinal, Digital Literacy Instructor  
cid.espinal@readingpubliclibrary.org or 484-258-3493 for more information or if you have any clients that are interested.
- [Click here for to download a flyer in English and Spanish](#)

### **Code Blue**

- Hope Rescue Mission began their Code Blue on Nov 15 and is accepting men only this winter.
- Opportunity House is under construction and has limited bed availability.
- BCEH will not be operating a hotel program as we did the past 3 winters as there is no funding.

### **Next meeting:**

There will not be a meeting in December. Enjoy the holiday season, and we will see you in Jan 2024!