



## ***Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents***

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### **MINUTES - PARCR Quarterly Meeting - Wednesday, April 11, 2018 Brethren Village, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *“To aid and assist residents of retirement communities in Pennsylvania. To organize and maintain residents’ organizations; to promote the exchange of ideas, education and civic responsibilities of residents; and to encourage members to seek to be a part of informed decision-making in their community.”*

**WELCOME:** President, Ida Jeanne Smith opened our meeting at 10:02am, along with the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome to our two new communities: Londonderry Village and Juniper Village, and a special welcome to “first time” attendees to our Quarterly meeting.

**PRAYER:** John Snader, President, Brethren Village

**HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME:** John Snader, President, Brethren Village

**ROLL CALL:** There were **104** people in attendance representing **22** of our **28** member communities.

**LEADINGAGE PA:** Anne Henry

1.) New congressional districts: Have not been able to obtain new maps of districts. When available, we will get it to you. Changes are along county lines.

2.) Budget: No new rate increases for medical assistance for nursing homes. This does affect you as a resident because nursing facilities have Medicaid assistance and are significantly paid less because of care (actual cost vs what assistance pays). We are reaching out to legislators for help. LeadingAge PA will help communities put together a letter to your legislators requesting help. You as residents end up paying for this lack of funding. Rest of budget is status quo; will wait to see what happens by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

3.) House Co-Sponsorship Memoranda: Letter distributed to attendees stating situation with Department of Human Services interference with CCRC’s and need for additional IL care needs. DHS gained access to a CCRC in Westmoreland County, and found residents who stated need for daily assistance: financial, hygiene, shopping, etc.

LeadingAge PA sent out an “Alert” for communities to contact their legislators to co-sponsor the bill (which presently does not have a number) for DHS to have **no** jurisdiction over CCRC’s. DHS stated that those residents who required the additional help should be moved to personal care immediately. There will be more news forthcoming, and the primary goal of the bill is to allow seniors the opportunity to live in conditions that are both more comfortable and inclusive of daily activities, while at the same time preserving their health and welfare. The name of the House Co-Sponsor Memoranda bill is: Independent Senior Living Facility Privacy Act.

**NaCCRA:** Dan Seeger – Due to illness, there is no report.

**PROGRAM:** Bill Stelger, Chair, introduced speaker, Brendan Harris, Regional Vice President of Government Programs for UPMC Health Plan in Central and Northeastern PA. NOTE: UPMC is: University of Pittsburgh Medical Care NOT University of Pennsylvania Medical Care, and is an insurance company owned by a health care center.

Mr. Harris’s program included: An overview of UPMC (Mission, Commitment and Commitment to the Community), Global Academic Integrated Delivery and Finance System, Insurance Services, Member Service Areas, Medicare Policy Issues, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, and Health Related Supplemental Benefits, such as Medicare Advantage.

For those individuals who qualify as dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, there was a presentation on Community Health Choices through UPMC Health Plan.

The complete talk/presentation can be found (soon) at our PARCR website under pull-down tag on Home Page of “Announcements”: [PARCR.org](http://PARCR.org).

***A “thank you” to Brethren Village for hosting PARCR and for a wonderfully prepared breakfast, and an unbelievable selection of entrees for our buffet lunch from their Dining Services team.***

**“SHARING AN IDEA”:** “Brethren Village’s 120<sup>th</sup> Celebration” was presented by Renny Magill, Vice President of Development. Brethren Village (on 80 acres with some undeveloped land) is an Anabaptist community which began in 1897 located on another site in Manheim and called “Founder’s Hall”. In 1910, a farmer donated land in Lititz through a family gift annuity, and founded as a home for the homeless, until it’s move again as an orphanage.

In 1973 the name officially was changed to Brethren Village and was serviced by volunteers. The picture shown at the meeting was considered a generational connection (7 men on the Board of which 2 men were related) enriched the Village and continuity of care.

Celebrations for the “120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” included 12 months of planning and celebrating. There are not many who can boast of 120 years of care for “inmates”, homeless, orphans, and retirees.

**PARCR BUSINESS MEETING:** The Minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting at Bethany Village in Mechanicsburg were approved as written.

**Treasurer:** Henry Mathers – Treasurer’s financial handout shows our checkbook balance is \$6,150.52, on quarterly “Income & Expense by Category” report. Current Budget report shows actual picture of what we’ve taken in and what we projected vs difference. We’ve just finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of our budgeted year.

**Membership:** Susan Martin – Very glad to see our attendance of 104 at this meeting. Responses from communities is much more efficient due to email availability and snail mail process. If your officers are changing or due to change, please send me this information as soon as you can so that my records can remain accurate. Every president of each community should notify me, especially at the time of renewal of memberships. PARCR’s year is July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Applications for renewal of memberships for 2018-2019 can be printed out from our website (PARCR.org) by clicking on the “Announcement” tab on the Home Page. The Community application (\$60 a year for 3 members), and Individual application (\$20 a year for 1 member), are due by July 1, 2018.

**Legislation:** Gail Stelger – Following up on most recent “Member Alert” request regarding bill for “Independent Living Senior Facility Privacy Act”; if you have not called your legislator, please do so by today - we have until end of week to cast our request with legislator to co-sponsor the bill (which has no number as yet).

New Medicare cards are supposed to be coming out in April – so far there has been no activity.

Tidbits were sent out to notify you of LeadingAge PA priorities for this year: 1) State Budget for medical assistance for nursing facilities. 2) State fines to nursing facilities. 3) Allow assisted living facilities for medical assistance. 4) Emergency systems at CCRC’s.

Meetings for regional policy updates will be held starting April 25<sup>th</sup>: April 30<sup>th</sup> at Honey Brook and May 7<sup>th</sup> at Masonic Village. If interested, contact me for more information.

**Programs:** Bill Stelger – Our next program on July 11<sup>th</sup> will be at Messiah Lifeways at Messiah Village, Mechanicsburg, and the topic will be: “The Future of CCRC’s” with Jeff Evans, CEO of Cross Keys Village referencing changes that have taken place with Medicare, Medicaid and those anticipated. October 10<sup>th</sup> we meet at Pleasant View Retirement Community in Manheim for: “Hospital Status – Observation vs Admission” with Dr. Joseph Torchia, Chief Medical Officer, Geisinger/Holy Spirit.

If you have any suggestions for programs in 2019, please contact me ([pastorbills@hotmail.com](mailto:pastorbills@hotmail.com)). I will then develop list of possibilities and distribute list at July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for your votes.

**“PARCR POST”:** Linda Heck – The most recent PARCR Post newsletter is available on our website, and I encourage you to read it (also previous copies are available). For those who do not have computers or are computer challenged, there are a few copies here at this meeting.

I want to thank all the communities who submitted articles for this quarter’s issue. Please submit your items whenever they are ready either by email or snail mail. Do not wait until the deadline date. Also please let me know who has written the article with their name and whether they are a resident or if it’s coming from someone in your Administration. Be sure to send your article as “word document” and do not imbed pictures in the article – send them separately.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

*Next Quarterly Meeting will be held July 11, 2018 – Messiah Lifeways at Messiah Village, Mechanicsburg*

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Polak, Secretary