



Membership Meeting Notes  
November 11, 2014  
Notes

Coordinator Ella Roush welcomed approx. 35 members and guests. Following introductions, she gave the following updates/announcements:

- Commemoration of Veterans' Day was announced
- Introduced Peggy Schmidt of the Partnership TMA of Montgomery County as our new President following the resignation of Robin Burstein who took a position in Philadelphia
- New logo and tagline rolled out in October reflecting our new, larger partners and geography
- Renaming of subgroups within The Collaborative – Regional groups will now be called Cabinets. What were Cabinets will now be called Task Forces. Roundtables remain as before.
- Local regions – Regional Cabinets may continue to meet as before with roughly every-other-month meetings of the overarching entity.
- Reporter story for November – about Giving Tuesday Montco, provided by Katelyn Rodgers of North Penn YMCA
- Summit – Successful with 175 in attendance from various sectors, knowledgeable speakers, fabulous planning team; State Senator Bob Mensch and Commissioner Josh Shapiro kicked off Summit; Ebola briefing at lunch; distributed flash drives loaded with templates/lists/other helps for business continuity planning and emergency preparedness; great sponsors made it possible (poster was on-hand for members to see sponsors)
- Women's Advocacy Coalition – Advocacy Task Force is working on bringing WAC to Montco with help from the Bucks County WAC. New Task Force members welcome!
- ED/CEO Roundtable – will meet at Zoto's Diner on Nov. 25 from 8 to 9 am

Liz Vibber gave an update on Giving Tuesday Montco. Almost 100 organizations are signed up. Just one more day to register your organization.

Carol Szollose of VNA-Community Services gave an overview of open enrollment . She provided a sheet with the deadlines to sign up for various programs

Veterans' Services Panel – Sean Halbom, Director, Montgomery County Dept. of Veterans' Affairs  
Glen Miller, Co-Founder, Veterans' Community Network  
Scott Hutchinson, Pastor, St. Andrew's UCC, Perkasio  
Michael Stephens, Vets for Vets, Pennsburg

These governmental and grassroots leaders shared practical info on services available to veterans and how to access them. Poignant stories were shared by panelists and audience members.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Roush, Coordinator