



**NY Connects**  
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Services and Supports

**Meeting Minutes: Washington, Warren, and Hamilton Counties NY Connects Long Term Care Council  
June 11, 2020 10am-12 Webex**

**Attendees (43)(If you registered and did not attend, please let me know)**

Stephanie Ball, Renee Birnbaum, Carrie Brownell, Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Kimberly Comisky, Susan Dornan, Ben Driscoll, Abby Eichler, Elimarie Espino Sepulveda, Robin Fetterman, Sarah Ghent, Hanna Hall, Bruce Hersey, Deborah Hersey, Herman Johnson, Rachel Marcey, Cynthia Mitchell, Phyllis Panetta, Dee Park, Julie Pearl, Barbara Price, Jignasha Shah, Audrey Shaw, Jennifer Shippee, Maria Spagnola, Katie Stair, Lindsay Stanislawsky, Tyler Whitney, Roberta Bly, Mary Cannan, Kari Charette, Kelly Crotty, John Farrell, Michelle Foley, Kym Hance, Linda Law-Saunders, Loretta LeBar, Meghan Lovering, Colleen McCool, Jamie McAuliffe, Max McDonnell, Jodie Smith, Laura Stebbins

**Chairperson Cynthia Mitchell welcomed everyone to our first virtual meeting.  
The March 12, 2020 LTCC meeting minutes were reviewed/accepted.**

**Katie Stair, Executive Director, Hudson Mohawk AHEC presented an Introduction to Hudson Mohawk AHEC explaining their mission and their programs:** Career Exposure, Field Placement and AHEC Scholars, Continuing Education, Opioid Abuse Treatment and Prevention.  
Their **Continuing Education Programs include** Community Health Worker Training, Recruitment and Retention, LGBTQ Topics, Caregiver Training, and more.

**A Workforce Training Needs Survey will be administered in the near future to assess area training needs.**

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**Debbie and Bruce Hersey** Director and Deputy Director NENY presented on their work and how we as LTCC members can work together. Bruce is a NYSDOCCS Chaplain; Warren County Sheriff's Office Chaplain (focus on addressing religious question/concerns).  
Debbie works with Bruce on a majority of the projects. **Contact Debbie at 518-222-7888 or email at [Chaplain.DebH1@gmail.com](mailto:Chaplain.DebH1@gmail.com) regarding future Training/Classes for NYSCTF Chaplain.**

Examples of NYSCTF Interfaith Chaplaincy ([www.chaplains.care](http://www.chaplains.care)) which would pertain to LTCC/NY Connects staff and/or clientele include elderly shut-in who wants spiritual conversation and reassurance, a person near death desires visit from a chaplain, a family crisis where they could provide help to family members on how best to proceed, EAP confidential crisis and grief counseling and support for staff, providing referral information, if desired. Also, networking with the Interfaith Community for requested referrals and support, First Responders and crisis situations, Gang Mitigation, and other involvement as needed.

**Coming Compassion Line**

- An "800 Number" for New York State which will be manned 24/7 and have the ability to refer callers to chaplains who listen and help refer individuals to supportive agencies in their region. Once the 800# is activated, more information will be provided. (See attachment for more information on this)

**Herman Johnson helped us close out our meeting with a specially selected guided meditation with a focus on our wellness as members of our Long Term Care Council and the work we do together, in assisting each other and those who reach out to us in the work we do. "Collaboration-Working Together for Success"**

***He will be offering workshops in the near future so please reach out to Herman for more information.***

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**Cynthia Mitchell wrapped up our first virtual meeting thanking everyone for joining us and announcing our next meeting may also be a Webex: September 16, 2020.**

**LTCC meeting notes sd 7/8/20**