

Progressive Referral Group Virtual Meeting Thursday, May 27, 2021

President: Jeff Metzger
Vice President: Colleen Spangler
Treasurer: Dee Conrad
Secretary: Cheryl Barber

Our next meeting will be IN PERSON, Thursday June 3, 2021, at Connexion West (old Lancaster West Elementary School, corner of Pierce & Sixth).

Members Present: Jeff, Colleen, Cheryl, David W, Molly Colopy, Sara, Jesse, Denise, Teresa, Bill, Kent, Ron R, Christine, Kim

Treasurer's Report: \$9,790.71

Referrals Given: 11

Talked to someone as a result of a referral:3

Discussed PRGL with someone outside the group: 2

New Business:

No new business

Old Business:

Jeff is waiting to hear more details from Deb, as she is considering raising the price per person. Once more details are available, the group will discuss the options.

Acknowledgements:

Christine thanked Kent

Jeff thanked Ron R. & Kim

Announcements:

- David has a new website link for National Telemed Solutions: please refer anyone interested in the program to www.nationaltelemedsolutions.com Enter promo code: NTBS10
- May is Mental Health Awareness month and Fairfield Medical Center Foundation is offering the opportunity to send a care package to an FMC employee for \$35. You can choose to send it to someone you know at FMC or they will choose an employee for you. See flyers attached for more information or to send a care package.
- As an FYI: if you are speaking and plan to use a power point, please email it to Jeff by the Tuesday prior so it can be emailed to the members, as some are via phone and do not have the ability to see the power point during your presentation.

Speaker: Lynda Berge-Disser: Executive Director-City of Lancaster Community Development

Lynda moved from Michigan to Lancaster to marry her husband, Dennis, and is proud to call Lancaster her home. She became the Community Development Director for Lancaster a little over a year ago when the previous director retired. The top priorities for the Community Development Department are:

1. Job Creation: helping local businesses upgrade their business to create more jobs and hiring a person on unemployment to better themselves and their family through the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).
2. Housing help for those that needs repairs and meet the income guidelines
3. Support local services like the family shelter, The Lighthouse, New Horizons, and others to help those in need to receive permanent housing.

Community Development received additional funding through the Cares Act to provide assistance to Lancaster based small businesses to help them maintain their business and retain employees. For more information regarding the grants available, visit: <https://www.ci.lancaster.oh.us/161/Community-Development> or call Lynda at 740-687-6663.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Barber, Secretary of PRGL