



BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

Steering Committee Minutes

February 18, 2026

1. Andy welcomed everyone. Those in attendance were Denny Huff, Mary Kirby, Officer David Bishop, Heather Dooley, Stephanie Coughlan, Stephen Swain, Jennifer Smith Ramey, Justin Tucker, Mary Zirkle, Kim Dooley and Andy Crawford.
2. Grant Updates: Denny, Jennifer and Andy went to Centra grant meeting. They are looking to apply for a collaborative grant regarding opioid abatement settlement money the county received. Items included in the grant are:
 - a. Treatment services while housed at the regional jail.
 - b. Educational/prevention services
 - c. Two positions (1) Community Health Worker, (2) data collection.
3. Organizational Updates:
 - a. Action Groups – Goal and objectives are in each groups Annual Report
 - b. 2025 Annual Report draft will be sent out to each Action Group for comment and suggestions before finishing touches are made.
4. Changes to March meeting that includes announcement to members to send announcements to Kim to include in minutes. Time will be short this meeting due to two presentations and no announcements.
5. Action Group Report Outs.
 - a. TRIAD Ageing/Elder Care – Over 100 people attended Valentines Event
 - b. Child Care – No update.
 - c. Healthy Foods – No update.
 - d. Housing – No update.
 - e. Employment and Training – Andy discussed the idea of putting a link on the website for scholarship and resume information. Discussions ensued and it was mentioned that 211 provides these services.
 - f. Minds Together – No update.
 - g. Transportation – No update.
 - h. Bedford Area Reentry Council – working with Katie Clifton (Calm Clinic and Caravan) on a family event in May and then hopefully once a month visit from them. Transportation is still an issue. Denny stated the Otter Bus did look at the stop and decided it would not stop there as there were safety concerns. Possible June 13th Falling Creek Park Event.
6. Key Partner Report Outs – No report outs give for Key Partners.
7. Other/Next Meeting –The next Steering Committee meeting is March 18, 2026, at 11:00 am. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.