



BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

Steering Committee Minutes

March 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, Pat Young, Kim Dooley, and Andy Crawford.
2. Grant Updates: Denny, Jennifer, and Andy working on collaborative Centra Community grant. 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.Horizon is also applying for a grant to address First Episode Psychosis for persons 15 to 30 with psychotic episodes.
3. Organizational Updates:
 - a. Denny continues to work on the Annual Report. Please send any pictures of events to Andy or Denny for inclusion in the report.
4. March meeting speaker is set as are all other speakers for the rest of the year.
5. Action Group Report Outs:
 - a. TRIAD Ageing/Elder Care – Next Senior Social is April 8th at Blue Ridge Community Church
 - b. Child Care – No update.
 - c. Healthy Foods – met with the Farmers Market on Healthy Kids Buck Program they are doing this market season. An anonymous donation was received, and the Foundation matched a portion of the donation.
 - d. Housing – No update.
 - e. Employment and Training – No update.
 - f. Minds Together – No update.
 - g. Transportation – No update.
 - h. Bedford Area Reentry Council – No update
6. Key Partner Report Outs:
 - a. Bedford Get Together – Informed group of Sara Braaten's passing and stated a community celebration may be planned in the future. They had a good turn out for the Elks Lights project. 20-30 people. Planning to begin work on the lights sooner this year.
 - b. CHNA 2027 is set to begin this year. Pat would like to get stronger participation from the target population. She would like to convene a Steering

- Committee of sorts to help strategize in each community to help reach more people. She is looking into shortening the survey. Committee brainstormed ideas about survey length and getting it out to targeted population.
- c. Bedford PD – No update.
 - d. Domestic Violence – They have a new Board and many new faces on the Board.
7. Other/Next Meeting –The next Steering Committee meeting is April 15, 2026, at 11:00 am. The meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.