



## **BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL**

Steering Committee

October 12, 2022

1:00 PM – Virtual Meeting

### Minutes

1. Welcome/Introduction.

The attendees are: Andy Crawford, Claudia Fletcher, Jennifer Smith Ramey, Tecora Johnson, and Betty Easter. Mary Buchanan Kirby tried to enter, but had technical difficulty. Several others are not present due to other work issues or travel.

DSS has had a change with their email system, which now is Outlook. The link previously used for the Steering Committee meeting has been changed. Andy will send a new link at the next Steering Committee meeting, which will be November 9, 2022 at 1pm.

2. Update from Betty

- a) Calendar research – the calendar is active, on the website
- b) Contact Excel worksheet of BARC distribution, i.e., attendees. – Completed. Attached to the email which was sent to the BARC Steering Committee.
- c) Send September BARC agenda to Andy for approval prior to distribution. There may be a speaker or presenter, if Centra has someone to present “Unite Us” which helps connect clients to services; fulfilling Public Health needs. That’s why the agenda is pending, until he learns if that will happen.
- d) Kept announcements/events updated on website, and via email – Completed – ongoing.
- e) Updated website with Action Group meeting notes – Completed; ongoing

Plans were discussed for future coordinator support role and funding for times after Betty’s last day. Details will follow. Andy is tied up through October, but will need to meet with Betty in November, for catch-up and other info, about the website, calendar, emails, etc. Betty offered to be an unpaid volunteer, as are other BARC participants, to take care of emails and announcements until other plans are firmed up.

Betty thanked Claudia Fletcher and PHFS for funding this position for my time of paid service. Betty also thanked Andy and the Steering Committee for the opportunity to work with them.

3. As conversation continued, Andy said that conversations he has had with some of the other Steering Committee members, was to consider creating an Annual Report, which would be very helpful in showing progress that BARC has achieved.

4. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or Designee)

- a) Aging/Elder Care – Christy Lucy – no report
- b) Child Care- Holly Woods Layne – no report

- c) Healthy Foods – Mary Zirkle – no report.
- d) Housing – Angela Hill – no report
- e) Employment and Training – Lead to be Determined
- f) Minds Together- Jennifer Smith Ramey Jennifer Smith Ramey reported on TICN; with next steps being creating an Ad Hoc committee, who will meet to learn and determine concrete steps that our community can do in order to receive a Trauma Informed Community designation. It's more complicated than just being trained. Jennifer added that Horizon had hired someone to be a Trauma and Resilience Specialist, and she is willing to lead that committee. Andy responded that this is really needed, especially for educators, who both work with students having trauma, and who themselves, experience trauma. Tecora added that, in her experience, those dealing with children who have been affected by trauma, sometimes those responses escalate behaviors, versus bringing them back down. Tecora agreed that this type of training is definitely needed. Tecora, Jennifer, and Andy agreed that Bedford County School System is being very pro-active and progressive in addressing these issues.
- g) Transportation - Denny Huff – traveling.

5. Key Partners

- a) Bedford Area Reentry Council- Tecora Johnson.
- b) Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT)- Alicia Tuck
- c) Bedford Get Together
- d) Community Health Need Assessment (CHNA)- Christy Lucy
- e) Crime Prevention Council- Todd Foreman
- f) Domestic Violence Coalition – Mary Buchanan

6. The Agenda for the October 28 BARC meeting was discussed. Betty will send a draft to Andy for his approval.