



BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

Steering Committee (SC)

May 11, 2022

1:00 PM

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introduction
2. Update from Betty
 - a. Strategic Plan – Betty’s role will be to visit the members giving their input to the Strategic Plan, learning their progress, and learning what their next steps are. Betty is making a contact list of folks, to plan a visit to their meetings. She will be contacting folks soon about this.
 - b. Facebook – Betty will talk to J. D. Fedor about who will update Facebook. If it’s Betty, then he will tell her how to do this.
 - c. Email – Betty will monitor the barc.virginia@gmail.com, respond to the different emails that come in. Please contact Betty at this address, if there’s something you need from her. Also – Betty’s work telephone (cell phone) number is: 540-795-9726. Calls and/or texts welcome.
 - d. Agendas – Betty will send out the Steering Committee agenda to the Steering Committee; and based on the info from the Steering Committee meeting, will create the BARC Agenda, & distribute it.
 - e. Minutes – Betty will create minutes of the Steering Committee meeting, and will take minutes of the BARC meeting. Part of the technical progress will be to create a page on the BARC website to hold these documents, for folks to access and review. **(completed)**
3. Steering Committee meetings to be Virtual or in person – all the attending members today feel that virtual attendance is best for the Steering Committee, as it avoids the additional time required to travel to/from work to the meeting. (for meetings after the June 8th meeting.)
4. Presenter for May – No presenter for May. However, discussion for future presentations included topics of help to BARC, such as “capacity building for agencies.”

Potential presenters in future: If someone wants to present, BARC folks will send the presenter’s info to Betty, who will coordinate this, and keep the Steering Committee informed, for their approval/timing, or not to have them.

Denny (?) mentioned that he has scholarship funds available for folks who may need certifications in order to be eligible to work in different areas that are needed by BARC agencies.

Jennifer contributed: Motivational Interviewing, advising that trainers are available to train up to 25 people; Andy (?) said this was similar to Solutions-Focused Therapy.

Andy also said that Roanoke has a group that does this, and they had told him Bedford could be a part of them. Jennifer liked the idea of partnering, rather than doing it all on our own.. Andy will send an e-mail to Jennifer with contact info.

JD Fedor added (5/16/2022) Just a reminder that DCPO Tecora Davis has volunteered to teach/speak about Dialogue to the members of BARC. Also, she is a Motivational Interview Instructor and is willing to assist with this as well. Betty will contact Tecora about the May BARC meeting.

5. Meeting Space June Steering Committee– the June 8th Presenter is Claudia Fletcher, and Jim Herron PHFS, on the topic, “Make Stuff Happen-Implementing Your Strategic Plan” and the location is Bedrock Community Church, Main Street, Bedford – 1:00pm to 2:00pm.
6. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or Designee)
 - a. Aging/Elder Care – Christy Lucy
 - b. Child Care- Holly Woods Layne
 - c. Healthy Foods - Mary Zirkle
Mary reported on info with Meals on Wheels, which agency works (from Lynchburg) into areas of Bedford, and CVACL (Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living) covers most of Bedford.
Mary advised that their next meeting is Thursday, May 19th, at 9:00am, at Bedford Library (upstairs). Betty will be attending.
 - d. Housing - Angela Hill
 - e. Employment and Training – Lead to be Determined
 - f. Minds Together- Jennifer Smith Ramey
Jennifer mentioned that their next meeting will be hybrid: virtual & in-person. They include the strategy plan focus in each of their meetings & focus on their goals. They had been contacted by Centra, who is interested in knowing how they’re doing.
 - g. Transportation - Denny Huff – all the feedback he received was helpful. Food delivery info is rolling along.
Andy recommended possible joint meetings in re: Aging/Elder Care between Aging/Elder Care, Healthy Foods, and Transportation, as these 3 areas are connected when speaking about the aging.
Andy also mentioned that there is a church in town that has a food truck. He can send a note to one member of the group about which church this is. (The idea: this would combine the 3 issues, if something like this were available.)

Addition by Claudia Fletcher: 5/13/2022

Andy — is the food truck you are talking about Bobbie Jo’s.? If so the name of the church is Legacy Builders Church...

7. Key Partners
 - a. Bedford Area Reentry Council- Tecora Johnson Davis
 - 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

8. Other/Next Meeting

Location for the June 24 BARC meeting – unable to have it at Bedrock Community Church, as they have a previous event for that same date/time. Andy asked me to check with Wyatt Woody (County Gym); who said his place is available; seating includes some folding chairs; bleachers. Parking is sufficient for 40-50 people. I also contacted Susie Gibson, Main St. UMC, via email. She hasn't responded. Their phone goes to voicemail, and I've left a message. Denny will check with the Bedford Library, about possibly using their upstairs room.

Update 5/13/2022 – Bedford Library space is unavailable. Recommendation next was for CVCC, and the contact person Patrick Gatti. Betty contacted him, and he confirmed that space IS available, and put BARC on the calendar.

Andy had been contacted by someone in Senator Steve Newman's office, to discuss child care concerns. The discussion in the Steering Committee mentioned including representative, Kathy Byron, as well. The gist is that the Senator wanted to learn about this issue prior to a Legislative Breakfast, regarding "Childcare being a hindrance to Economic Development." The Steering Committee discussed that the main focus that the focus being HOW is childcare an issue. One thought brought out, that "childcare is a workforce issue." And mentioned that this will pick up the government's ears, as they are seeking out this info. Andy mentioned, too, that this will help get BARC on their radar. Andy will talk to Pam Bailey.

Funding for BARC Vision 30 Coordinator, after completion of PHFS funding grant.

Expenses: The discussion included creating a budget on the cost to run BARC - gathering the financial expenses involved, such as website, g-mail costs; telephone, payroll costs, and how to acquire the needed funds. Betty will compile the financial expenses and when they are due, so that the Steering Committee can review. Andy brought up another expense that he had covered = \$61 for postage for one of the agencies. Any other costs should be considered here, as well.

Funding discussed:

- a) Potential miniscule membership fees;
- b) Grants from Centra: the grant season runs from May 15 through July 15. Jennifer will send the weblink showing these grants & qualifications to apply.
- c) If BARC needs to be a 501c3, Denny said that we could use his, and the money would be a pass-through.
- d) Jennifer is willing to help write the grant.
- e) Betty will compile the financial info & provide it to Jennifer & the Steering Committee

Deliverables:

Andy will send contact info to Jennifer for Roanoke group doing Solution-Based Therapy. Correction 5/13/2022 from Jennifer Smith Ramey - it is the contact information for Trauma Informed Communities in Roanoke rather than Solution Focused therapy.

Betty will follow up with Susie Gibson, Main Street UMC (June meeting availability) Note: The lady at Main Street Methodist for contact is Carol Ellis. She didn't know Susie Gibson.)

Denny will follow up with Bedford Library (June meeting availability)

Betty will coordinate potential presenters, based on BARC recommendations.

Updated minutes with corrections and additions (in yellow highlighting) has been uploaded to the BARC website 5/16/2022.---Betty