



BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

Steering Committee Minutes

June 21, 2023

1. Andy welcomed everyone.
2. Presentation given by Sam Sokolove.
Sam discussed AmeriCorps Grant Opportunities with the group and answered questions pertaining to submitting a grant. The committee discussed how to use this grant in the best way to serve the community. They discussed applying for a planning grant to get some infrastructure in place for substance use and recovery in our community. Jennifer will draft a paper for the committee to review prior to submitting it to Sam.
3. Grant Updates
Andy discussed the changes in the Training for Bridges and the new Bridges Book that was recently released. Andy also let the group know that Denny has been tasked by the County how best to use the opioid money. Denny stated he is currently working on putting together focus groups and questions for that process.
4. Organizational Update
Andy asked Action Group Leaders to use the new form and upload it to the website once completed. He stated Kim Dooley is now helping him with email and the website. He stated she would be reaching out to the Action Group Leaders to see if they need any help with the transition to the new chart.
5. Upcoming BARC Agendas
The committee discussed upcoming speakers as follows:
June - 211 United Way
July – PHC, Christy Lucy
August – Centra Free Mammogram Program, Mary Kirby
6. Future Presentations
September – CVCC CTE 3G, Dr. Jason Ferguson
October – CHNA, Pat Young

7. Action Group Report Outs

Andy stated there is a possibility that the childcare group will have a new leader soon. He also stated there is possibly a new childcare facility coming to the county soon. Karen Wesley stated the Book program from birth to 4years old is underserved. She would like to build this program. Mary Zirkle updated on the Otter Bus. Denny thanked Mary for all her hard work on the Otter Bus and for partnering with BCHF.

8. Key Partners

John Fedor stated there will be a re-entry meeting this afternoon.

9. Other/Next Meeting

July 19th at 11:30am.