



# BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

## Steering Committee Minutes

August 14, 2024

1. Andy welcomed everyone and summarized how BARC organization works. Those in attendance were Andy Crawford, Heather Dooley, JD Fedor, Mary Kirby, Lt. Stephen Swain, Officer Bishop, Justin Tucker, and Kim Dooley.
2. Grant Updates: Jennifer gave a brief update on the AmeriCorps grant which is a one-year planning grant. The grant is for the recruitment and training of community volunteers to work with those who struggle with abuse and substance abuse.
3. Organizational Updates: Steering Committee and Action Group Leaders will meet on September 6, 2024, from Noon to 3 pm in the Peaks Room at the Bedford Central Library to discuss the BARC Strategic Plan Update.
4. The committee discussed upcoming BARC Agendas. Two topics were identified for January and February. They are 988 Mental Health Crisis Line, the Development of the Crisis Receiving Center, and the Problem Gambling Awareness Campaign. The team felt like the first two items could be done together and problem gambling at a separate time. Jennifer will let Kim know which month is better for each topic.
5. Future Presentations were discussed. Ideas discussed were:
  - a. August – VDH, Immunization Awareness Month
  - b. September – DSS, Benefit Programs
  - c. October – Domestic Violence Coalition, DV Awareness Month
  - d. January 2025 – Horizon, Problem Gambling Awareness Campaign
  - e. February 2025 – 988 Mental Health Crisis Hotline and Crisis Receiving Center Update
  - f. March 2025 – To be determined
  - g. April 2025 – DSS Family Services, Child Abuse Awareness Month
  - h. May 2025 – DSS, Elder Abuse Month
6. No Action Group Reports. Discussions on speaking about Action Group Monthly reports at the Strategic Planning Meeting in September. Mary suggested an email to the Action Groups to remind them to report each month. Discussions were also had about an Annual Report for all groups within BARC.
7. No Key Partner reports. Lt. Stephen Swain asked for feedback on this year's National Night Out. Feedback was given and BARC expressed interest in helping plan the event next year.
8. Other/Next Meeting - The next Steering Committee meeting is September 18, 2024, at 11:00 am. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.