



# **BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL**

## **Steering Committee Minutes**

October 16, 2024

1. Andy welcomed everyone. Those in attendance were Andy Crawford, Heather Dooley, JD Fedor, Mary Kirby, Denny Huff, Officer Bishop, Pat Young, Jennifer Smith Ramey, Karen Wesley, and Kim Dooley.
2. Grant Updates: Jennifer stated the AmeriCorps grant is labor intensive and hopefully will yield some results for the community.
3. Organizational Updates: Pat Young gave an update on the final version of the strategic plan. Kim will begin work to include procedural guidelines for Action Group leaders. After that is completed, she will send it out to the steering committee for anticipated approval at the November meeting. At the November meeting we will discuss when to present the final product to BARC.
4. The committee discussed the upcoming BARC Agendas. Pat stated she would like to present the CHNA to BARC in January if possible.
5. Future Presentations were discussed.
  - a. January 2025 – Pat Young, CHNA Results
  - b. February 2025 - Horizon, Problem Gambling Awareness Campaign
  - c. March 2025 – 988 Mental Health Crisis Hotline and Crisis Receiving Center Update
  - d. April 2025 – DSS Family Services, Child Abuse Awareness Month
  - e. May 2025 – DSS, Elder Abuse Month
6. Jennifer made the group aware of money that is available to the community for hurricane relief for families with loss due to the hurricane. Karen is working with Pam Armstrong with the County on the Economic Development Childcare Grant. She also continues to work on the Dolly Pardon reading program and the AmeriCorps Childcare grant. Heather reported Housing committee toured the Shower and Suds ministry location. There is a great need there.
7. The group discussed the impacts on our community because of the Roanoke and Lynchburg Homeless Shelters not taking clients from other jurisdictions. It was stated that early release for reentry has also compounded the problems at the shelters and the DV shelter has also been impacted.
8. Other/Next Meeting - The next Steering Committee meeting is November 20, 2024, at 11:00 am. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.