

BARC 04-22-22

Johnson Health Center:

JHC is accepting new patients at all of our locations (Bedford, Lynchburg, Amherst and Rustburg). We accept all insurances and offer a slide scale for those that do not have any. Free transportation services are available for patients for all locations (advance notice needed for scheduling), as well as a home delivery option for medications through our pharmacy.

We also have a dental mobile unit coming soon!! If you have questions or are interested in our dental mobile unit, you can call our Outreach Dept. at ext:1140 We are still testing for COVID and have the COVID vaccination available for patients (both children and adults) who would like it. We have certified application counselors to assist with special enrollment periods or assistance with Medicaid expansion enrollment. Insurance counseling is free and available to anyone in the community; you do not have to be a patient. If you would like assistance call our office at 434-929-1400 ext: 1140

The Free Clinic of Central Virginia will attend the BARC meeting tomorrow. We do have an agency announcement: We will be doing a health fair at our downtown Bedford location (104 Center Street) on Friday May 6th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We are hopeful that the community will stop by and get to know us and learn about how we can help!

Probation/Parole: Looking to do Dialogue training for community partners to develop basic dialogue skills.

Horizon is still offering in person and telehealth appointments.

Virginia Career Works is taking referrals for youth 14-24 who need assistance in obtaining employment. Make referrals to Joe Girandola at joe.girandola@vcwcentral.org.

Parks and Rec:

Saturday, April 23, 2022 there will be a Jazz Concert at Falling Creek Park at 5pm that is free. Munsey's Smoke Shack will also be on site with BBQ for sale.

Elderfest will be at the Bedford Moose Lodge May 5-7.

CVACL: They have a new community room that will be available in the next couple of weeks at the Lynchburg office. They are working to bring seniors back to their centers. The Montvale Center will be moving closer to town and the Moneta Center is looking for a bigger site.

Bedford Domestic Violence Center will be participating in the 24th District Domestic Violence Coalition Food Drive on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8-1 at Elba Butcher Shop.

East Lake Community Church: Currently building ball fields.

Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy: Looking to expand the school as the classes are maxed out and there are waiting lists.

LACIL/DSS/Bedford County Public Schools/Parks and Rec:

Special Education Advisory Committee will be hosting a family event on Monday, May 9, 2022 from 11-3 at Falling Creek Park. This is targeted at families with children with disabilities. There will be resource tables as well as field day type activities for the children. Please contact Denise Kennedy at denise.kennedy@dss.virginia.gov if your organization would like to participate.

Bedford County Public Schools

Family Engagement: Accepting applications on-line for Pre-K.

GED and ESL (changing to English Language Acquisition ELA)

Bedford Community Health Foundation: May 16, 2022 will be the annual meeting at CVCC beginning at 8:30am with presentation starting at 9am with Bill Bass CEO of Bedford Hospital presenting. Spring Grants will be awarded.

Town of Bedford: August 2 will be National Night Out. LJ's Creations on South Street is a small business open in downtown Bedford.

The Town of Bedford turned 240 years old this week.

Patrick Henry Family Services: Wednesday April 27, 2022 from 12-1:30 at the Arc of Central Virginia will have Dr. Jennifer Owen discussing Compassion Fatigue. Please register.

Bedford Christian Ministries is in need of a Financial Director and Financial Aid Counselors. Contact Denise Kennedy at denise.kennedy@dss.virginia.gov.

Bedford Get Together will have their annual awards recognizing the Non-profit, Government Agency, Business, and Individual that reflects the values of Bedford Get Together. Nominations are due May 15, 2022.

Bedrock Community Church will have 25 students working on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 1-2:30pm working on community projects. Reach out to Kevin Cloran if you have something they can work on.

DSS: The “Unwinding” will likely begin in July 2022 where Medicaid and SNAP will go back to pre COVID rules. Any recipients need to make sure their addresses and telephone numbers are provided to the Department.

Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity will be in Bedford starting next week.

BARC:

June 8, 2022 1pm Claudia Fletcher will be providing a training at The Out Post on “What to do with the Strategic Plan in your bottom drawer”.

There will be a press release announcing Betty Easter for working with BARC to align all strategic plans and send announcements.

The steering committee will be working on how to pay for Betty’s position going forward. She will be operating beginning May 2 from 1-4pm at the Hope for Tomorrow office.

Aging/Eldercare: Next meeting is today at 2pm and is virtual.

Childcare: No update.

Crime Prevention: Next meeting is Thursday, April 28th at 5:30pm.

Healthy Foods: Met yesterday. Working on Strategic Plan and there is a meeting on May 19th at 9am at the Library with VA Community Capital.

Housing: Will meet after BARC at the Outpost. They are working on a landlord list for tenet education and hopefully for eventually quick call placement. They are also working on volunteer repair crews specifically for Mobile Homes. They are working on Temporary lodging funds as well as warming shelters in Bedford during the cold months. On May 15, 2022 Rent Relief will stop taking new apps.

Minds Together: Meet 1st Thursday of every month at 10am currently virtual. Currently focused on the 211 directory and making sure all community partners are on there. Working on collaborative grants-most recently a grant with Bedford County Public Schools to expand school based community services.

Transportation:

Otter Bus is running and had 357 riders in March. A 3 phase grant has been submitted by the town.

Reentry Council:

May 19th at 1pm is the amping up for the change of time compilation and surge release of prisoners. They are missing a few key players (housing, transportation, faith based, local jail, and employment assistance agencies).

Centra Health Needs Assessment: Currently in the Action Planning Phase.

Centra Grant Cycle is opening up and you must go through the mandatory training.

Next BARC meeting May 27, 2022 at 8:30am at the Out Post.

