

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Jan-24

Please provide an update of your committee's goals, activities and accomplishments for the month. Report due last day of each month.

Goal	Activities	Resources Used (Outputs)	Partners/Agencies	Outcomes
Community Engagement and Education	Community Information Sessions		Community Partners	No updates at this time. Tim wants to develop an outreach calendar for Work Force. Idea of connecting Agape Getting Ahead Class.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	DSS and Work Force are well connected. Probation and Parole seem to be connected as well.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	Two cases were staffed today. Tammy with DSS summarized two cases that she needed ideas. The group was able to give her support and ideas. Another was held on November 30, 2023 with AGAPE. It went well and another meeting was planned for February 29, 2024.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	Bridges Out of Poverty has been planned for February 1, 2024.
	Church involvement		Patrick Henry Family Services	No update

	Volunteer Support		Patrick Henry Family Services	PHFS is still working to build this concept and it may flow well with the ERN when we can get those started.
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop		Angela Hill lead for LCM	Tecora and Angela will meet next week after BARC Reentry meeting.
	2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming.		Amanda Powell at DSS	VDSS has moved the start date for VIEW participants no new date has been provided.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	Agape starts a class in Feburary and LCM ajust finished one.
Employer Human Capital Building	Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support.		County Economic Development and DSS	Holley Scheffel (Economic Development) had started researching Employee Resource Network's (ERN's). Pam is going to reach out to Kayla Waller to make a date to meet and plan. The group suggested that maybe ERN's could be the focus for 2024.
	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			The group wants to do another "Cost of Poverty Experience" C.O.P.E. The Bedford Health Foundation has agreed to fund this and Angela will have volunteers from Lake Christian Ministries (LCM) but a venue is needed. There is another COPE planned in Febuary in Lynchburg at Gospel Commuity Church.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Patrick Henry Family Services and Bedford Chamber	The need for more churhces continues. PHFS is working to bring more on.

Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			No Update
	Adult Career Education		Kathy Smith	Kathy Smith reported that their Hospitality Class Certification classes have started. This is a great opportunity for people seeking summer employment. These certifications can be used for a variety of jobs: hotels, restaurants, nursing homes. or anywhere a person would interact with the public. They will also help write a resume and have students participate in mock job interviews. A potential employee can show up for a job interview with 3 certifications and a well written resume.
	Bedford County Public Schools			No update
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schoolsand Bedford County DSS	No new Data to discuss.

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Members Present

- Andy Crawford Social Services
- Greg Modzelewski Citizen
- Tecora Davis Department Of Corrections
- Tim Saunders Virginia Career Works

Tammy Lawhorn	Social Services
Claudia Fletcher	Patrick Henry Family Services
Amanda Powell	Social Services
Jason Ferguson	CVCC
Sherie Fulcher	Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement.
Holley Scheffel	County Economic Development
Pam Bailey	County Economic Development
Mary Zirkle	Town Economic Development
Keith Cook	Virginia Career Works
Denny Huff	Bedford Health Foundation