



# **BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL**

January 26, 2024

1. Everyone seemed to enjoy the social time before the meeting.
2. Andy welcomed everyone.
3. Steering Committee met on December 1, 2023, and worked on the update for the BARC Strategic Plan. Next Steering Committee meeting will be in February 2024.
4. No grant funding announcements.
5. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or designee)
  - a. Aging/Elder Care -Christy Lucy is stepping down as the chair, so this group will need a chairperson.
  - b. Childcare – Group meets every other month, next meeting on 1/31, 1 pm.
  - c. Healthy Foods – Cannery/VA Hunters Who Care, Inc. partnership, Farmers Market begins February 15 at 8:30am.
  - d. Housing – will meet after today after the CHNA meeting in the Stem Lab at the Central Library.
  - e. Employment and Training –Working with the Chamber on the employee resource network.
  - f. Minds Together – Virtual meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, started a book club as part of their meeting.
  - g. Transportation – Working on new grant submittal for the Otter Bus with some new features.
6. Key Partners
  - a. Bedford Area Reentry Council – Reentry to move into new offices in December 2024, next meeting is January 18th.
  - b. Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT) – No update.

- c. Bedford Get Together – No update.
- d. PACE Team – February 6 Hidden in Plain Sight presentation, they are seeking topics to discuss with the elderly, Cop Camp in July and National Night Out is on August 6<sup>th</sup>, Faith & Blue is October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Domestic Violence Coalition – No update
- f. Bedford Get Together – Continuing the Story Project, reminder they are accepting community award nominations, Mural Project is ongoing.

## 7. Agency Announcements

- a. Agape Center – 750 families are receiving services.
- b. Horizon – beginning to provide services to the homeless.
- c. County Economic Development – Business Roundtable to be held March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bedford Central Library.
- d. Society of St. Andrews – Anyone interested in public service and gleaning is encouraged to see Betty Easter.
- e. Bedford Police Dept. – Chief Lewis has teamed up with VA Career Works to provide opportunities for high school kids to work with the Town.
- f. CVACL – story project continues.
- g. Bedford Celebrate Recovery – Meetings on Thursday nights 6-8:30pm at the Outpost.
- h. Bedford Ride – In need of drivers.
- i. Bedford Co, Sheriff's Office – Shred Event & Drug Take Back is March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Bedford Elementary School, April 20 at JF, May 18 at SRHS, Citizens Police Academy, Car Show June 15<sup>th</sup> at LHS, July 24<sup>th</sup> is Golf Tournament.
- j. Care Portal – if interested in learning more contact Patrick Henry Family Services.
- k. Christmas Station has served 270 families, 475 children, 154 senior adults with disabilities in 2023. February 3<sup>rd</sup> Thrift Store donations begin on February 6.
- l. United Way – April 27<sup>th</sup> 5K, Day of Caring is in May.
- m. YMCA Early Learning Center – received a grant for the teaching kitchen, Pot of Gold is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- n. Bedford Chamber – Job Fair March 14<sup>th</sup>
- o. Bedford Domestic Violence Awareness Group February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- p. Lake Christian Ministries – New Tomorrows facility open M, W, F Thrift Shop
- q. BUG – mentoring program for families call Megan Bond if interested 540-874-2080.
- r. Sophie Smith – VDH introduced herself. She is the new Community Health Worker for this area.
- s. AARP – Community Grant, Pickleball Tournament in April
- t. Town Police Hoopin' for Heros at LHS on March 1<sup>st</sup> all proceeds go to Special Olympics.

- u. St. John's Warming Shelter needs volunteers, March 17<sup>th</sup> White Marker Project
  - v. Kevin Cordell – Bedrock bought the brick building behind their property, Church offering mental health services, Grief Share begins February 4.
  - w. Linda Beahm – spoke about Bedford Hospice House.
8. Presentation at 10am – 2024 Centra Health Community Health Needs Assessment Kick Off at the Bedford Central Library.
  9. The meeting adjourned at 9:31am. Next BARC Meeting will be held on February 23, 2024, at 8:30am.