



BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

July 28, 2023

1. Andy welcomed everyone.
2. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or designee)
 - a. Aging/Elder Care -No meeting in June, will meet on Monday, July 31st. Andy mentioned that Bedford Baptist Church has a Bluegrass and other musicians that play on Friday nights. Many citizens have found this to be a fun outing and it is open to the public.
 - b. Child Care – No Updates
 - c. Healthy Foods – Mary Zirkle stated the committee continues to work on the Cannery.
 - d. Housing – Landlord seminar on August 24th at the Welcome Center. Cooling shelter may be opening soon at Bedford Presbyterian.
 - e. Employment and Training –met in August.
 - f. Minds Together – No report.
 - g. Transportation – The Otter Bus will be extending its hours from 9am-5pm (same days) instead of 10am-4pm. Working on survey.
3. Key Partners
 - a. Bedford Area Reentry Council – Met on 7/19.
 - b. Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT) – none
 - c. Bedford Get Together – Story project continues as well as the Centertown mural.
 - d. Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) – October meeting will be discussing this. Pat Young will speak. Could be a longer than normal meeting.
 - e. PACE Team – Cop Camp served 130 kids and was a great success. National Night Out is August 1st, 6pm-8pm at the Farmers Market.
 - f. Domestic Violence Coalition – None

4. Presentation: Partnership for Healthy Communities – Christy Lucy PHC, Director gave a presentation on the history of the CHNA and the three major initiatives the PHC is involved in.
5. Agency Announcements
 - a. Bedford Family Treatment Court attended the National conference on drug courts. Bedford will have its 12th graduate from drug court soon. Incentive search is on-going in Bedford community. The Faith based organizations from Bedford have been wonderful to work with.
 - b. Ben with Centra PACE new site in Bedford, open house in August. August 9th Open House location is Bedford Adult Day Center, 2-7pm.
 - c. The Bedford Community Christmas Station has forty families registered for school shoes. Those families will also receive a box of snacks to go into school lunches. Fundraising sales donations will end on July 29th and the last day to shop is 7/30.
 - d. LCM walk to end poverty is on 9/16.
 - e. Bedford Ride hired a full-time coordinator.
 - f. The Workforce Board wants to serve more in school persons. Have grant money to help students with internships or apprenticeships.
 - g. Re-entry introduced their new Surveillance officer.
 - h. Taste of Bedford is on 8/17 at 7pm at the YMCA.
 - i. Pack the bus Program is on 8/4 from 12-6pm.
 - j. Business Roundtable to be held by Bedford County Economic Development and Chamber on 8/24 at the Welcome Center at 8:30am.
 - k. CVAR announced the walk for recovery to be held in September at Miller Park.
 - l. Patrick Henry announced there will be a COPE class held in New London on August 25th at 6pm.
 - m. Community Access Network stated there is a document screening on 9/26 that is called “Is inequality making us sick?”
 - n. Goodwill has expanded its re-entry program and includes healthcare training.
 - o. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank has a food finder on their website, and they have been seeing an increase in the families they serve.
6. No grant funding announcements.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:20am. Next BARC Meeting will be held on August 25, 2023, at 8:30am.