



# **BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL**

June 23, 2023

1. Andy welcomed everyone.
2. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or designee)
  - a. Aging/Elder Care -Met on Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Planning a Fall Senior lunch & learn.
  - b. Child Care – Andy updated and stated Karen Wesley is going to take over the Childcare Action Group, Moneta childcare closed however another provider is opening in the same location and will be signing lease. Y ribbon cutting is June 29<sup>th</sup>. Imagination Library gives free books from birth to five years old. Bedford is underserved and Karen will be working to build this program up in our area.
  - c. Healthy Foods – Mary Zirkle stated the committee is trying to make the Cannery an asset to the community and they are working with the Cooperative Extension on this project to see if it's feasible.
  - d. Housing – No cooling shelter will be opened this year; however, a warming shelter will be happening on Friday-Sunday this winter and it may open this summer for laundry and shower. Landlord seminar in August.
  - e. Employment and Training –Beth Robertson with the school system introduced and displayed Major Clarity, a cloud-based student career and college planning tool used by Middle and High schoolers in Bedford County.
  - f. Minds Together – No report.
  - g. Transportation – No report.
3. Key Partners
  - a. Bedford Area Reentry Council – Met on 6/21. Next meeting is on 7/19.
  - b. Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT) – Denny Huff with the Health Foundation has agreed to facilitate the upcoming strategic planning event for program.

- c. Bedford Get Together – Centertown Veterans mural, community service awards.
  - d. Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) – Next cycle starting October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - e. PACE Team – Successful June conference, presentation about proper behavior/procedures when stopped by police, National Night Out is August 1<sup>st</sup>, Cop Camp is being planned.
  - f. Domestic Violence Coalition – Town Planning Commission has recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit for the Coalitions Transition/Crisis Home. Final approval goes before the Town Council on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
4. Presentation: “211- VA” – Presenter was absent, so Andy asked Denny to explain what 211 VA is. Denny gave a brief explanation.
5. Agency Announcements
  - a. Adult Probation and Parole has vacancy in their office.
  - b. Ben with Centra PACE new site in Bedford, open house in August. August 9<sup>th</sup> Open House location is Bedford Adult Day Center, 2-7pm.
  - c. Bedford Community Christmas Station thanked all who came to their Open House.
  - d. LCM walk to end poverty is on 9/16. Food needs are great best way to support is monetary food donations. Pack the Bus event with DSS is on 8/4, 12 -6 pm.
  - e. CVACL has 3 positions open for nutrition drivers, MWF 8am – 2pm.
  - f. Farmers Market Program - issues with the Otter Bus not stopping at the Farmers Market and problems with the farmers accepting vouchers.
  - g. Celebrate Recovery meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm at Bedrock Church. Rock Basketball Camp still has openings.
  - h. PHFS – Homes of Hope is looking for partners.
  - i. Health Department – Rapid Revive Training program will be held once a month starting June 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm, Narcan Training will be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month 12-2pm. Meningitis vaccine clinic for rising HS Seniors on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:15am.
  - j. Agape Center – thanks to Bedrock Church, Eastlake Community Church is holding its annual Beast Lake, 5K run and obstacle course.
  - k. Bedford Community Christmas Station shoes for students Program, flyer was handed out. General donations are being accepted through the end of July TW, 10am-4pm and Saturday 9am-1pm shopping/drop-off.
  - l. Probation Parole – new facility update.
6. Jennifer Smith Ramey wrote a paper to Ameri Corp for planning grant.
7. Next BARC Meeting will be held on July 28, 2023, at 9:50am.