



# **BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL**

May 26, 2023

1. Andy welcomed everyone.
2. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or designee)
  - a. Aging/Elder Care -Erm updated on the survey for the elderly that is out. She asked if anyone was having an event to please let them know so they could get it out to everyone.
  - b. Child Care – No report.
  - c. Healthy Foods – Mary Zirkle stated the committee met on the 25<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the use of the cannery, the VA Fresh match program and SNAP.
  - d. Housing – Housing study completed. May be able to share in the future. St. John’s Bedford Presbyterian cooling shelter for homeless.
  - e. Employment and Training – Andy stated that Beth Robertson with the school system will come for a presentation soon.
  - f. Minds Together – Jennifer Smith Ramey discussed trauma informed care.
  - g. Transportation – No report.
3. Key Partners
  - a. Bedford Area Reentry Council – The next meeting will be on 6/21.
  - b. Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT) – no report
  - c. Bedford Get Together – They are gathering stories from Bedford citizens about the history of Bedford, work on the mural is continuing and work continues for the community awards.
  - d. Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) – No report
  - e. PACE Team – Travis Thomas, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at Susie G. Gibson is an interaction with Law Enforcement PACE, National Night Out is August 1<sup>st</sup>, Cop Camp is being planned, Basketball upgrades at Raintree are ongoing. The YMCA is donating the goals.
  - f. Domestic Violence Coalition – No report.

4. Presentation: "Surviving the Storm" – Sandy was originally from Franklin County; she was in the Smart Recovery Program and shared her story with substance abuse recovery with the group. She also gave wonderful feedback of the programs and organizations in Bedford that will hopefully lead to positive change.
5. Agency Announcements
  - a. Adult Continuing Ed classes have ended. Graduation will be Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at Susie G. Gibson, Also English classes are available for any business.
  - b. Ben with Centra PACE introduced himself and stated a new care site is opening in August. August 9<sup>th</sup> Open House location is Bedford Adult Day Center.
  - c. Bedford Community Christmas Station thanked all who came to their Open House.
  - d. LCM food pantry is open MWF and is busy.
  - e. Four Farmers Markets in the County, Bedford, Moneta, Forest, and Montvale. Pam Baily encouraged everyone to check out the County's new website.
  - f. CVACL discussed nutrition vouchers at the Farmers Market for the VA Fresh Program. Discussions were had regarding adding an Otter Bus Stop at the Farmers Market.
  - g. Celebrate Recovery meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm at Bedrock Church.
  - 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 – discussed food shortage and electric bill increases. He stated SMLCA graduation is May 26<sup>th</sup>, K-12 private school with 800 students, Eastlake community Church is holding its annual Beast Lake, 5K run and obstacle course.
  - k. Youth Basketball Camp July 24-28 beginning at 9am, \$35/week, limit of 75 campers.
  - l. U of L having an Aging in Place Expo June 8<sup>th</sup> at the college.
  - m. Class at Bedrock beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> for 9 weeks called Life's Healing Choices.
  - n. Winsome Sears to visit Bedford.
  - o. On July 1<sup>st</sup> Snap benefit eligibility changes are in place for people with no disability, will be required to volunteer 20 hours to remain eligible.
6. No grant funding announcements were given.
7. Next BARC Meeting will be held on June 23, 2023, at 8:30am.