



# **BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL**

May 24, 2024

1. Andy welcomed everyone.
2. Andy stated the Steering Committee continues to work on the Strategic Plan.
3. Grant Funding Announcements- Denny announced that the Town approved the third year of the grant for the Otter Bus.
4. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or designee)
  - a. Aging/Elder Care- The group met and finalized the plans for the Senior Social. The group is working to plan another event in September, possibly with a topic around End of Life/Hospice Care. Surveys to seniors will go out soon.
  - b. Child Care- There will be a combined End of the Year/Celebration on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at CVCC. Childcare continues to be a problem in Bedford. There are grants available through the Town of Bedford (\$15000) and Bedford County (\$30000) for new and existing childcare centers.
  - c. Healthy Foods- LEAP is a mobile food market that will be coming to various events generally on Mondays and they offer double bucks for those on SNAP, WIC and Medicaid. Looking at an event at the Bedford Farmer's Market possibly on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Housing-No meeting today. They are working on gathering information from the study that was conducted and meeting with Key Partners and landlords.
  - e. Employment and Training- Working on ways to communicate better to those who are looking for employment on when/where there will be opportunities for hire.
  - f. Minds Together- Continues to meet virtually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am. Finishing up a book study on "The Body Keeps the Score" as part of the Trauma Informed Network. Always looking for more people to join the group.

- g. Transportation- Grant is in the next phase and ridership is doing well. Considering a change in routes on Saturday's is a possibility due to ridership request.

## 5. Key Partners

- a. Bedford Area Reentry Council-At the last meeting, the group was able to staff 3-4 cases. If interested in joining reach out to Tecora Davis @ [tecora.p.davis@vadoc.virginia.gov](mailto:tecora.p.davis@vadoc.virginia.gov).
- b. Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT)- No update.
- c. Bedford Get Together- Continuing to fund raise for the Mural. June should result in the selection of an artist with a dedication to come in the fall. Working on finding out how to update the Kiosk in the Town Park. Collecting Stories at the Farmer's Market for the Story Project. Planning to transport some individuals from Salem Court to the County Nursing Home to exchange stories. Nominations for awards are still open.
- d. CHNA-There was a stakeholder meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Rooster House. The third meeting will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bedford Library after the BARC meeting. This meeting will be the data presentation. Still looking for reps from education and employers.
- e. PACE- No update
- f. Domestic Violence Coalition-Beginning a Strategic Planning Phase. If you are a stakeholder or leader in the community, please plan to participate. If you have donations you want to make to the Domestic Violence Center, please call 540-587-0970.

## 6. Agency Announcements

- a. COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience) is on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-12:30 at Bedrock Church. Next opportunity will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Moneta.
- b. Horizon-Grant to Benefit Homeless Individuals serves youth 12-25 who are homeless and if they are connected to their family the whole family is served. Contact Horizon if you have anyone that meets those criteria.
- c. Centra- Walk with a Doc is Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 8am. Amy Johnson, NP, will be speaking on Mental Health and then there will be a walk on the Bedford Memorial Hospital Wellness Path. There will be a blood drive in June at Bedford Memorial Hospital as well.
- d. Bedford Chamber of Commerce- Nominations for excellence in Business and individuals are now open.
- e. Bedford Family Treatment Docket- Currently a large number of the Team are in California at the All-Rise conference. June 5<sup>th</sup> the docket has two individuals graduating from the program.

- f. Williams Home, Inc- Located at 1201 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, VA. Non-profit affordable all-inclusive housing for women 55+. Beginning rate of \$1275 a month.
  - g. Christmas Station is still accepting items for the thrift store. Next event is Back to School Shoes for children with screening dates in July.
  - h. Bedford County Sheriff's Office- Car show on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Liberty High School and Golf Tournament on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Both benefit from the Dare Program.
  - i. Emergency Management- Working on surveys to the five large churches in Bedford County and Town to get Red Cross Certified. D-day event on June 6<sup>th</sup> with gates opening at 7am. Can only access via shuttle. June 11 will be the first reunification drill at Blue Ridge Church. August 24-25 National Disc Golf Tournament at New London and Ivy Hills (10-12,000 expected to be in attendance). August 21-25 County Fair will be between the Water Authority and Bedford County Sheriff's Office (can only access via shuttle).
  - j. Agape- Last month had a Mental Health First Aid training. Getting Ahead class graduated last month. Client numbers have risen to the point of Pre Covid numbers. Large request for utility payments.
  - k. Probation/Parole- Fully Staffed and building has walls.
  - l. OutPost- Celebrate Recovery every Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm. Basketball Camp July 22-26 \$40 per child or \$80 per family at Liberty High School. Community Care Kickoff August 24 from 9-12. Please register.
  - m. Lake Christian Ministries- Angela Hill is leaving and Michelle Swanson will be taking her place.
7. If you have anything you want put on the BARC Facebook page email it to the BARC email address.
8. Presentation- Patrick Henry Family Services which is now Five18 Family Services presented on services available to the community. Vision 30 is still underway with a goal to have all children in a family home by 2030. Jeff Nitz also provided an update on Care Portal and the success in the community.
9. The meeting adjourned at 9:45am. Next BARC meeting will be June 28, 2024, at 8:30am.