



BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

402 E Main St, Bedford, VA 24523

July 22, 2022

8:30 AM

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introduction – J.D. Fedor and Jennifer Smith Ramey led the meeting today. Attendees gave their names and their agencies.

Ron Cordell, Moneta Agape Center's update:

The Moneta Agape Center

1. Assisted 501 families in June.
2. Started distributing school supplies in July
3. Need fans for clients

EastLake Community Church

1. Women's Conference - August 5th, 6-9 PM and August 6th, 8 AM - Noon. Key Speaker -Jessie Seneca . \$35 in advance.
2. Free Labor Day Concert by "I Am They" and Fireworks on Monday, September 5th. Events start at 5PM and the concert at approximately 7:30 PM. Sponsored by Spirit FM and EastLake Community Church.

2. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or Designee)
 - a. Aging/Elder Care – Christy Lucy. Other attendees from the Aging/Elder Care. Heather Dooley provided some information, along with Vickie Craig. Vickie shared that several of the action group members attended the Amherst Senior Special, which is model of what the BARC action group is considering. The next meeting of the Aging/Eldercare group will be via email.
 - b. Child Care- Holly Woods Layne. Pam Bailey spoke about the previous meeting. The group had done a survey, and received a lot of information. The next Action Group meeting will be via Zoom, with the following meeting in-person, to give a run-down of the meeting between Child-Care and BARC representatives with the elected representatives, who had requested a meeting to speak about the topic.
 - c. Healthy Foods - Mary Zirkle. The action group is working on a community self-assessment. The Action Group is also planning a fall event.
 - d. Housing - Angela Hill. Angela noted that there are several initiatives in process. A warming shelter is still being discussed with several churches. On August 25, David Beidler, Legal Aid,

will be coming to speak to landlords (2:00pm at the Bedford Welcome Center.) He will talk about changes in the last year, answer questions, and help landlords understand the process better. Discussions with Donna Vincent (Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity,) who is planning to open an office here. They're not at the point of building houses here yet, but they have a presence in Bedford.

- e. Employment and Training – Lead to be Determined. This group is not meeting at the moment. This is a partnership between DSS and Virginia Career Works. It will take the building where Simple Solutions used to be. It's in process.
 - f. Minds Together- Jennifer Smith Ramey reported that MT meets virtually the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am. They are working on their strategy planning items. They have formed a flash committee to address community education and other approaches to address community needs. They are exploring how to become a Trauma Informed Community.
 - g. Transportation - Denny Huff. No report.
3. Key Partners
- a. Bedford Area Reentry Council- Tecora Johnson. Tecora gave an update, and mentioned that their meetings are taking place virtually. She invited interested parties to let her know. The next meeting is August 18 @ 1:00pm. J.D. Fedor gave a brief update on the importance of helping releasees re-enter, as the alternative is that they will return to the ways they know, and return to the criminal system. He encouraged businesses, housing, etc., to engage with the releasees, knowing that if there is a problem, all it takes is the business owner or landlord to call the Parole Officer, and the Parole Officer will definitely take action. The goal is public safety.
 - b. Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT)- Alicia Tuck. No report at this meeting.
 - c. Bedford Get Together. No report at this meeting.
 - d. Community Health Need Assessment (CHNA)- Christy Lucy . No report at this meeting.
 - e. Crime Prevention Council- Todd Foreman. No report at this meeting.
 - f. Domestic Violence Coalition – Mary Buchanan, No report at this meeting
4. Agency Announcements – We ask that these be sent to Betty Easter (barc.virginia@gmail.com) before the meeting to be added to the notes. THANKS SO MUCH!!
5. Grant Funding Announcements. No updates at this meeting.
 6. Presentation: No presenter for this meeting.
 7. Other/Next Meeting: The next BARC meeting will be held on August 26, 2022 at 8:30 am. The location for the August meeting is at Bedrock Community Church; 402 E Main St, Bedford, VA 24523