



BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

October 27, 2023

1. Andy welcomed everyone.
2. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or designee)
 - a. Aging/Elder Care -No update.
 - b. Childcare – Group has had second meeting, working on Dolly Pardon library, received \$10,000 grant from Centra, working toward childcare worker benefits increase, seeing high turnover, seeing issues with behavior.
 - c. Healthy Foods – Cannery/VA Hunters Who Care, Inc. partnership, Farmers Market VA State reimbursements.
 - d. Housing – working on warming shelter 12/22-12; Friday – Sunday 7pm-7am, they need volunteers.
 - e. Employment and Training –VA Career Works
 - f. Minds Together – Virtual meeting 1st Thursday of the month, working on building capacity.
 - g. Transportation – 400 riders per month, just finished Phase I of the Grant from DPRT now entering Phase II, working on connections to broader areas, early voting, and Christmas Lights Tour.
3. Key Partners
 - a. Bedford Area Reentry Council – 4th Thursday of the month, virtual meeting.
 - b. Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT) – strategic plan completed, follow-up with Denny about needs.
 - c. Bedford Get Together – No update.
 - d. Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) – January kickoff; next BARC meeting
 - e. PACE Team – No update
 - f. Domestic Violence Coalition – No update

4. Presentation: Beth Roberston with Bedford County Public Schools shared statistics statewide with statistics in our county.
Presentation: SML Good Neighbors Lisa Leitz spoke about SML Gives program and encouraged other organizations to participate. Application deadline is November 1st. Give Day is in March 2024.
5. Agency Announcements
 - a. Christmas Station Sunday 2-4 last sign up for Christmas.
 - b. Centra PACE is an alternative to nursing care now available in Bedford.
 - c. Centra January kick-off for CHNA.
 - d. The Health Department has Rapid Revive (Narcan) Training 2nd Thursday, 11/9 & 12/14; 12pm-2pm are the last two training courses for the year.
 - e. Domestic Violence Group Meeting at Pinecrest apartments on October 13th and 20th to discuss topics of domestic violence and healthy relationships.
 - f. Homes of Hope offering parenting classes, PHFS care portal 2nd Friday, 11/10 9am at Bedrock Church.
 - g. Shop with a Cop 12/16, DSS accepting donations.
 - h. Liberty High School looking for partners for incentives for their positive referrals program.
 - i. BUG this year donated 4,957.5 pounds of fresh produce to Bedford Christian Ministries and John Early Apartments, donations were also given from friends of BUG.
6. No grant funding announcements.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:26am. Next BARC Meeting will be held on January 26, 2024, at 8:30am. Pat Young from Centra will be our speaker.