



BEDFORD AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL

September 22, 2023

1. Andy welcomed everyone.
2. Action Group Report Outs (Chairs or designee)
 - a. Aging/Elder Care -No update.
 - b. Child Care – First meeting next week, new childcare center opening in Moneta.
 - c. Healthy Foods – Mary Zirkle stated next meeting October 19th.
 - d. Housing – Housing study results out in November. Cooling shelter was successful. Warming center will begin the weekend before Christmas. No housing meeting after BARC today.
 - e. Employment and Training –Sherry Fulcher spoke about apprenticeship opportunities.
 - f. Minds Together – Met and did focus group with Denny regarding the use of the Opioid Abatement money the County received. Next meeting will be discussing the Body Keeps Score book.
 - g. Transportation – No update.
3. Key Partners
 - a. Bedford Area Reentry Council – will be meeting and discussing issues. Housing is always an issue.
 - b. Bedford Community Action Team (BCAT) – No update.
 - c. Bedford Get Together – Centerfest cancelled, tentative date is October 28th, banner for mural to hang for Centertown, Fundraising is ramping up and the website is ready.
 - d. Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) – new definition of access, partner with University of Lynchburg, Paint the Town Pink coming in October, sold 586 t-shirts funds go to provide free mammograms for the underinsured.
 - e. PACE Team – No update

- f. Domestic Violence Coalition – No update
4. Presentation: Jason Ferguson with CVCC informed the group of what CVCC does in the areas of four-year college transfers, workforce solutions and two-year degrees. He spoke of student funding opportunities and introduced programs available.

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. Horizon has a three to six month wait list.
- b. PACE Town Police Department is participating in LHS tailgate before football game, event at Bedford Primary School, 7 pm Movie Night at the Farmers Market, next Town Hall meeting is October 26th.
- c. Centra has a Mental Health First Aid Class in November and December. The Safe Sitter Class for Monday has been postponed.
- d. Habitat for Humanity will be accepting applications at Main St. United Methodist Church on October 24th and 25th.
- e. Domestic Violence Group Meeting at Pinecrest apartments on October 13th and 20th to discuss topics of domestic violence and healthy relationships.
- f. Medicaid and Childcare increases will not happen until 2024.
- g. Sherry Revell with BUG introduced their organization and announced they have been around for 10 years, and they are having a fundraiser on November 3rd at the Traveler.
- h. Bedford Community Christmas Station is having a Vintage Sale on October 12th and 13th. Screening will begin in October for Christmas selection eXpress applications.
- i. VDH Rapid Revive Training 2nd Thursday each month drop-in 12-2pm. October 6th at the Lynchburg Health Department is Rapid Autism Screening Clinic, play based, ages 18-48 months, screening is free.
- j. Agape is having is Thanksgiving Fundraiser to purchase gift cards for families to purchase holiday turkeys. They anticipate serving 800 families.
- k. Celebrate Recovery is each Thursday night at 6:30pm at The Outpost. 12-step recovery class began 2 weeks ago, they meet on Mondays at 6:30pm at Bedrock.
- l. Centra PACE reminded everyone that they are an alternative to Nursing Care.
- m. VA Career Works has limited funding available for high school students who face barriers in hiring. The funding covers paid internships for high

school students. Also, Dynax is having a hiring event on September 28th at the Bedford Central Library from 1pm – 4pm.

- n. VCE's Amanda Armstrong, Nutrition Education Program Assistant introduced herself to the group.
 - o. Brightview has an Addiction Treatment Center that is Outpatient only from 8:30am – 2:30pm, walk-ins welcome or schedule an appointment.
 - p. Bedrock offers professional counseling, men's groups, divorce care group, grief share, and celebrate recovery.
 - q. Centerfest is October 28th this year.
 - r. Andy announced that the BARC Steering Committee will be beginning strategic planning meetings more to come on that in the future.
6. No grant funding announcements.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:35am. Next BARC Meeting will be held on October 27, 2023, at 8:30am. Beth Roberston with Bedford County Public Schools will be our speaker.