

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Nov-25

Please provide an update of your committee's goals, activities and accomplishments for the month. Report due last day of each month.

Goal	Activities	Resources Used (Outputs)	Partners/Agencies	Outcomes
Networking	Community Presentations		Information shared that pertains to the Mission and Vision of the Action Group	None
	Success Stories		Action Group Members	None
	Situational Reviews		Action Group Members	None
Community Engagement and Education	To Educate citizens about what support, training and employment is available.		Community Partners	The employee at the Work Force Office who helps with the National Labor Exchange has retired. They do have staff who can post job vacancies for business. Her name is Sharon Dunham.
	To hold and coordinate community information sessions.		Community Partners	CVCC had their big career fair last week. It was well attended and typically the largest collections of employers for a job fair each year. Attendance was not quite as high as they had hoped.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Derrick Parham is the new Youth Navigator for Bedford County . There was a question about the cap on teh age for this program. Tim Suanders reported the max age is 24. This program helps youth identify a career and move toward that plan. The youth participating do not have to be eligibile for WIOA program to recieve services.

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Community Engagement and Education	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	DSS and the non profits met on October 30th.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	None scheduled
	Church involvement		Five18 Family Services	Nicholette was not able to attend today. She is Claudia's replacement at Five18.
	Volunteer Support		Five18 Family Services	Nicholette was not able to attend today. She is Claudia's replacement at Five18.
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop		Stephanie Coughlan	Stephanie was not able to attend today.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	Agape adn LCM are holding classes now.
Employer Human Capital Building	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			None scheduled
	Care Portal Champion Development		Five18 Family Services and Bedford Chamber	Nicholette was not able to attend today. She is Claudia's replacement at Five18.
Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			No update provided.

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	Bedford County Public Schools			No one from BCPS was present today.
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schoolsand Bedford County DSS	No data provided.

Submitted By: Andy Crawford

Present: Kathryn Smith, Lauren Thurston, Andy Crawford, Tammy Lawhorn, Amanda Powell, Richard Foster, Greg Modzelewski, Tim Saunders