

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee

Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting

Period:

Feb-26

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Goal	Activities	Resources Used (Outputs)	Partners/Agencies	Outcomes
Networking	Presentation			Andy had asked Career Works to review outcome data and reasons why participants may drop out of their work placements. Tim said he would consult program operator Chantelle Cruz about reasons for dropouts.
	Success Stories		All	Stephanie Coughlan described a QORUS-based effort to identify listed-unemployed supervisees, update records, and have interns complete referral paperwork for Virginia CareerWorks, with compiled results to be stored in QORUS and shared with Matthew Quinn.
	Situational Reviews		All	None
Community Engagement and Education	Educate Citizens about what support, training and employment is available.		Community Partners	Event and training announcements included a VIEW job fair (March 17, Rustburg), a USPS hiring event at Lynchburg CareerWorks (March 27), a CTE Expo and Bedford Chamber job fair (mid-March/April), and a reverse career fair on April 29.
	Community Information Sessions		Community Partners	
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	

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Community Engagement and Education	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	Adult Education completed another hospitality class. 5 people completed this class. Class at Bedford Library.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	A Class will be held in March.
	Church involvement		Five18 Family Services	No update
	Volunteer Support		Five18 Family Services	No update
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop			VADOC has not had tme to work on this but it remains on the list.
	Getting Ahead Class		LCM and Agape	LCM has 12 in the Getting Ahead Class.
Employer Human Capital Building	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)		Five18 Family Services	Next Cope February 13, 2026 Blue Ridge Community Church at 10 am.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Five18 Family Services	No update

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Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			Jason described new training assets—a fully deployed heavy equipment program with two simulators, immersive classrooms, a welding program, and a CareerLink initiative funded by a \$1.5M Department of Labor grant offering 12-week bootcamps with guaranteed employer interviews—and noted a regional welding competition in late April. Partners also reviewed K–12 CTE scheduling and state accreditation metrics (the “three E’s”: enlistment, enrollment, Employment) and confirmed DARS–DSS referral metrics for January (eight referrals, three completed intakes, one successful closure) while continuing ongoing data collection for placements.

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Education Human Capital Building	Adult Career Education		Kathy Smith	<p>5 students completed an AHLEI (American Hotel and Lodging Education Institute) Tourism Gold Certification Class through Lake Christian Ministries. Adult Education will be starting a Workplace Literacy class at the Bedford Central Library on 2/12/26. Library employees will be taught Spanish words, phrases, terms which are commonly used or needed when non-English speaking clients are at the library. There are 8 employees signed up for this class. On March 26th we are starting an AHLEI Certified Kitchen Cook class at the Bedford Library. Some good news! The Feds have decided to fund Adult Ed. for next year. We have been invited to apply for a grant, this is the first step. But this does not guarantee we will receive one. We were also told the funding would be less than what we have been receiving.</p>

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Education Human Capital Building	Bedford County Public Schools			<p>Trevor invited attendees to a reverse career fair and summarized CTE scheduling work and state accreditation criteria emphasizing work-based learning and high-demand credentials; Andrew and county staff discussed fitting county jobs into CTE pathways and promoting public-sector roles with tours or skits.</p> <p>* Partners agreed to coordinate outreach: circulate materials, include county jobs in student programming, and organize tours or skits to promote public-sector careers.</p> <p>* County schools are planning CTE scheduling and aligning to state accreditation metrics focused on enlistment, enrollment, and Employment</p>
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schools & Bedford County DSS	<p>This data was reported out by Christian W with DARS Bedford County Social Services:</p> <p>1. number of referrals/intakes eight referrals were in January. Three resulted in completed intakes with opening a DARS case fro employment services.</p> <p>2. number of job placements.</p> <p>3. number successfully closed working 90+ days.</p>
				<p>Lake Christian Ministries: _____ One in service, working with job coach, just got employed at Dollar General in Bedford. Two applications for DARS</p>

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Submitted By: Andy Crawford

Present: Kathryn Smith, Pam Armstrong, Lauren Thurston, Trevor Hoss, Andy Crawford, Tammy Lawhorn, Amanda Powell, Whittney Smith, Jason Ferguson, Richard Foster, Greg Modzelewski, Christian Wiscovitch, Stephanie Coughlan, Michelle Swanson, Mary Zirkle, Tim Saunders