

**Childcare Committee of the Bedford Area Resource Council**  
**Meeting Notes**                      **June 30, 2021**

**In attendance:** Denise Hutton, Traci Blido, Pam Bailey, Janet Trent, Bridget Austin, Susan Prillaman, Kimberly Booth, Cindy Perdue, Vanessa De Lio, Amanda Powell, Andy Crawford, Mary Jo Boone, Kara Sensenig, Holly Layne

1. In reviewing our mission/ vision statement we decided to change the name of this committee to the Childcare Committee of the BARC. We decided upon the following:
  - a. **Our Mission:** The Childcare Committee of the Bedford Area Resource Council serves as a facilitator of conversation and action focusing on identifying and meeting the childcare needs of Bedford County's families and employers.
  - b. **Our Vision:** All Bedford County families will have access to affordable, quality childcare for their children ages 0 – 13.
  
2. Exciting NEWS: The Bedford YMCA Board of Directors voted to build a new childcare center in Bedford. One million dollars will go into the new building. Funding sources for furniture, materials, staffing etc. will need to be secured. Mary Jo will need help with building specifications. It was suggested she reach out to Victoria Dawson or Kelly Campbell from DSS licensing and also to Ashley Graham from Early Head Start at Human Kind who is aware of the standards. Also contact the Infant Toddler Specialist Network. Those interested in serving on a committee should email Mary Jo at [mjboone@bedfordymca.org](mailto:mjboone@bedfordymca.org)
  
3. The YMCA will be providing before and afterschool care for the 2021-22 school year at various elementary schools. Schools are applying to accept subsidy.
  
4. Amanda informed us that programs can now apply to be a subsidy vendor online.
  
5. Cindy Perdue will lead the Coordinated Enrollment Self- Assessment for Bedford County that is required by the VDOE and VECF. Janet will provide a family engagement specialist and Kara will provide (or serve as) a representative of private providers.
  
6. Staffing continues to be a problem across the board in childcare centers. There was some discussion of the G3 grant for community college enrollment. We will discuss further at next meeting. Traci will invite Jason Ferguson and Holly will look into where CVCC is in their Early Childhood course offerings. Also, we hope that Elizabeth Weindele will be available as a representative from Bedford Schools' Teachers for Tomorrow program.

Next meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, July 28 at 1:00. Feel free to invite anyone you feel might contribute to our mission! Thanks ALL!