

BARC COMMITTEE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Committee Name: Employment and Training

Month/Reporting Period: Oct-23

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
Community Engagement and Education	Community Information Sessions		Community Partners	Keith Cook with HumanKind, the Career Works Contractor, presented Program Year data for Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs. There was good discussion about what it would take to open a work force center in Bedford. There was also an update from Tim about the new Department formed at the State Level named Dept for Work Force Development and Advancement.
	Improve awareness and utilization of the Virginia Career Works System.		Virginia Career Works	Tim continues to work on improving awareness of Career Works. There have been multiple opportunities.
	Citizen support and Identification – How can the Community Support Agape, LCM, BCM neighbors		Community Partners	Another meeting is planned for November 30, 2023 with AGAPE and LCM.
	Bridges out of Poverty Training		Trained Trainers	No training has been provided this month.
	Church involvement		Patrick Henry Family Services	Patrick Henry is continuing to look for churches to provide CarePortal.

	Volunteer Support		Patrick Henry Family Services	None
Barrier Identification	Focus groups - What is it like for those we are trying to help? Citizen Feedback Loop		Angela Hill lead for LCM	Tecora and Angela continue to work on this goal.
	2Gen Screening Tool - Pilot Intake Assessment and Teaming.		Amanda Powell at DSS	VDSS has moved the start date for VIEW participants no new date has been provided.
	Getting Ahead Class		Lake Christain and Agape	Agape and LCM planing Getting Ahead Classes for the Fall.
Employer Human Capital Building	Employee Resource Network (ERN) Employer/Employee Support.		County Economic Development and DSS	Pam continues to reach out to some businesses but has not gotten good feedback. This concept will take some time to explain and get started.
	COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)			A sessionis planned at Blue Ridge Church New London on November 9, 2023. There will be another one on October 13, 2023 at the LRBA.
	Care Portal Champion Development		Patrick Henry Family Services and Bedford Chamber	The need for more churhces continues. PHFS is working to bring more on.
Education Human Capital Building	Central Virginia Community College			Andy (DSS) talked to a person at Virginia Western Community College who can also make referrals for SNAP-E&T services.
	Bedford County Public Schools			No update
Data Collection	To collect monthly data to track progress.		VCW, LCM, DSS, DARS, Bedford Couty Schoolsand Bedford County DSS	Today the group reviewed the data from Virignia Career Works.

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Submitted By: Andy Crawford

Members Present

Andy Crawford	Social Services
Greg Modzelewski	Citizen
Pam Bailey	Bedford County Economic Development
Tammy Lawhorn	Social Services
Denny Huff	Bedford Community Health Foundation
Mary Zirkle	Town of Bedford Economic Development
Tim Saunders	Virginia Career Works
Tecora Davis	Department Of Corrections
Sherie Fulcher	Department of Labor
Keith Cook	Virginia Career Works
John Fedor	Dept of Corrections
Claudia Fletcher	Patrick Henry Family Services
Holley Scheffel	Bedford County Economic Development