

Butler Collaborative for Families

March 8, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order by Elan and all members were asked to introduce themselves, after which Mandy Geibel recited our mission.
- II. Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jim, Second by Tammy. All in favor. Minutes will not be provided at the General Meeting and will be distributed via email prior to the meeting.
- III. Presenter- Ian Hricik, Vocational Psychological, Adult Services Program
 - a. Has an ID Waiver and Autism Waiver. Also works with OVR for employment services.
 - b. Provides on-site employment assessment and job coaching.
 - c. Involved with OVR Pre-Employment Transition Services for transition age students (14-21). Assists with work-based learning experience and providing them with skills needed to enter the workforce.
 - d. After a job is secured, job coaching services end after 90 days.
 - e. Project Search- Jamison Hospital in New Castle has partnered for a year-long internship with students. These students forgo receiving their diploma until the internship is complete.
 - f. Looking to partner with businesses for job shadowing opportunities, work-based learning experience, and job coaching. Please contact Ian at IanHricik@vpsdocs.com or 724-656-6866.
 - g. Eligible students must have a disability, be transition age youth, and not yet have their high school diploma.
- IV. **Mini-Grant applications are due April 30, 2018.** There will be one grant awarded in the spring.
 - a. Application Process for 2018
 - i. Grant is for \$1,000 and 10 hours of grant writing services. Funds must be used within one year. Grant writing services must be used within two years.
 - ii. Membership dues fund the grants. The more money generated means more grants can be awarded. "Mo money, mo initiatives" –Josh.
 - iii. All applicants must be in good standing (dues paid, regular attendance)
 1. Lead applicant must be a non-profit
 2. Other two applicants are the collaborative partners
 3. At least three applicants should be on each grant
 - iv. Grants will not be awarded for one-time events, existing programs, or annual events.
 - v. An organization may not be the lead applicant more than once in a three-year period. This is to support new ideas and new leadership. Lead applicants can still be collaborative partners.
 - vi. Focus and priority is given to applicants who are addressing an identified gaps.
 - vii. Executive Committee reviews all applicants to make sure they meet all criteria.
 - viii. Applicants will then present to the general membership at the May meeting. The membership will then cast one vote per agency for the grant they think should be funded.
 - ix. The grant will be awarded in July at the Celebration of Collaboration Picnic.
 - x. Updates on how the grant was used will be provided at the six month and year mark.
- V. Gap Planning
 - a. A list was compiled using the previous gap analysis and the results of the Butler County Community Action Needs Assessment Survey.
 - b. All members were asked to mark the two areas that they feel should be prioritized.

- c. New gaps were identified- loss of services when a person starts to succeed. Need for a grocery store in town, LGBTQ informed services,
- d. A program is being piloted between Gaiser and the Butler County Children's Center to provide on-site child care for those attending the IOP at Gaiser.
- e. National Inclusion Project is coming to Butler in April. Will provide information on how to have an all-inclusive community for those with disabilities.
- f. Information will further examined and discussed at the Executive Committee Retreat. General members are invited to attend.

VI. Agency Updates

- a. Bulldog Office Products- A portion of purchases go back to the BCM member ordering and the BCF itself. Housing Authority- Scholarship opportunities, open to anyone living in a Housing Authority property or on Section 8. Scholarships can be used for college, trade school, etc. Applications are due April 20th. Reception will be held on June 13th.
- b. March 21st- Section 8 disability waiting list will be open!!!
- c. Caring Place- Would like to provide kits and toilet paper for homeless families. Looking for an agency that would need these. It was suggested that the Butler Library would make good use of the toilet paper because homeless individuals and families spend time in the library.
- d. KEYS- BC3 open house coming up in the spring. Anyone to attends will have the application fee waived. Individuals on food stamps now qualify for KEYS!
- e. Three high school students were in attendance today. They attend BC3 and are working on creating a business. Their business is a website for teens who are struggling with mental health. They will provide resources, a blog, and peer support. A section will also be for parents. A flyer will be given to Glenda to be distributed to the BCF.

VII. Committee Reports:

- a. Financial- Restricted: \$12,697.50 Unrestricted: 18,818.58 Total: \$31,516.08
- b. Prevention Council- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Activities include: pinwheels for prevention, Element Café is donating \$1.00 every Monday for ever cup of coffee sold. Week of the Young Child is April 17th at Main Street Church of God. Healthy Kids day is April 27th at the YMCA from 3:30-6:00. Strike Out Child Abuse event at Family Bowl away, April 29th. All information for events will be emailed. Attended a training recently- The Front Porch Project. This training is focused on the fact that child abuse impacts everyone, even those who do not have children.

VIII. Kudos!

- a. YMCA- made a large purchase from Bulldog which contributed to the large quarterly check to the BCF.
- b. Bowl for Kids' Sake- thanks to The Caring Place for being a presenting sponsor for their bowling event.
- c. Twilight Wish Fundraiser- thanks to everyone who attended. About \$2,000 was raised for granting wishes to senior citizens.

IX. Next Meeting: April 12, 2018 at 9:30am. Red Chimney Hall, Monarch Place.

X. Adjournment- Motion by Jill, second by Linda. All in favor.