

## **Butler Collaborative for Families**

**March 14, 2019**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mandy and all members were asked to introduce themselves, after which John McCool recited our mission.
- II. Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jill, second by John. All in favor.
- III. Membership
  - a. Some agencies have not responded to their invoices yet. We currently have 46 members. If you are not sure if your membership has been paid, please see Glenda. Invoices were distributed via email (no paper copy) earlier this year.
  - b. The email distribution list is changing! Paid members ONLY will receive emails from the BCF. Both members and non-members will still be able to have information distributed. If there are any questions regarding this, please ask Glenda or Josh.
- IV. Facebook Agency Spotlights
  - a. New sign-up sheet on back table, two agencies per week will be posted.
  - b. Events can now be found on the Facebook page under the "Events" tab.
  - c. If you haven't "liked" the page, please do so!
- V. Dropbox
  - a. We have moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we have Dropbox!!
  - b. Anyone who is a Chair for a sub-committee will be able to access the BCF Dropbox in the future to upload minutes and other documents.
- VI. Presenter- Denna Hays, Butler County Alliance for Children
  - a. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month!
  - b. Money received from the Mini-Grant was used to make the Family Fun Packets that were distributed at the meeting. These packets will be widely distributed in April.
  - c. The Strike Out Child Abuse bowling event is on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Family Bowlaway. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Denna if you are interested. New events have been added - a cornhole tournament will be held along with access to the new game room.
  - d. Pinwheels and signs for pinwheel gardens will be available! The theme this year is "It's your turn to make a difference." and new signs have been ordered with this theme printed on them. You are also welcome to use your old sign from last year!
- VII. Agency Updates
  - a. MHA- Youngstown Blue Coats have dropped off supplies at CCR/Crisis for those experiencing homelessness. Please call Katie at CCR/Crisis if you or someone you know is in need.
  - b. Resource and Recovery Block Party- May 4<sup>th</sup> on Main St. Butler. Save the date flyers, registration forms for tables, and sponsorship forms were available at the meeting. Roy Ramone (MHA) is the contact person for this event. Non-profit's will get a table for free if they register by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. BC3- Ivory Dunlap has an adult student (over 21) who is in need of life skills (behavioral/social) classes/training. If you know of an agency or service that can help with this, please contact Ivory at BC3.

- d. BC3- Open House is coming up! The flyers are out and were available at the meeting. If you attend the Open House, the application fee is waived.
- e. United Way- Concerned about feedback that was given in regards to the United Way not helping them with volunteers. If you or your agency/church/organization needs volunteers, please contact John Furman so he can find you volunteers. He would love to help you with your volunteer needs!
- f. GEMS- Girls Excelling in Math and Science! This is a group located in few counties in PA. Please Carl the Idea Guy at 724-548-7249.
- g. HUD- 25<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship this summer (July). Applications will be available by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any resident living in public housing, section 8, etc. is eligible. A speaker for the event is also needed, the topic should be education related. Please call Maura at HUD if you have any ideas.
- h. HUD- Housing counseling is available. If you are purchasing a home or in foreclosure, please contact them. A variety of services are offered!
- i. Alzheimer's Walk is September 14<sup>th</sup>. Flyers were distributed at the meeting.
- j. Neighborhood Legal- They are back in Butler!!! The office is not yet open but will be soon, please call! A social worker is now also available to work with clients.
- k. Robin's Home- Housing for female veteran's and their children. Zoning hearing on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the City Building. Please attend to show your support.
- l. Head Start- Open registration for pre-k at several locations in the county. Flyers were distributed.
- m. Hope is Dope- For people in recovery or those who support people in recovery. Events are being held and information will be distributed via email. Their Facebook page also has information.
- n. VOICE- Taste of Change event is coming up on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Information can be located on their website.

#### VIII. Subcommittee/Ad-HOC Committee Reports

- a. Updates were given by the Vice Co-Chairs and by Chairs of the sub-committees. They are where also included in the agenda. Highlights are below:
  - i. Butler County Prevention Council- Rolling out The Front Porch Project for Child Abuse Prevention Month. The training will be offered on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-2:30pm. Information about the training will be distributed soon.
  - ii. Early Care and Education Council- Kindergarten registration is happening now! Week of the Young Child Celebration will be April 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Local Housing Options Team- The Western PA Continuum of Care has a new name! New marketing material will be distributed.
  - iv. Resource and Training- WPIC will be offering a DBT training soon. More information will be available. De-escalation training is also being looked into.
  - v. Safe Kids- Brain Injury Awareness is coming up on March 24<sup>th</sup> and Safe Kids will have a table there. They will also be present at the Week of the Young Child.

#### IX. Grant Opportunities

- a. Grant writing training is coming up. Please contact ANR if interested.

#### X. Successes!

- a. Ivory- Worked with a man at BC3 who had been through a lot in his life. Saw the pinwheels from Child Abuse Awareness Month in Ivory's office. He saw them and Ivory explained what they were. He thought the project was great and took a pinwheel for himself.
- b. John Furman- Sees success every day in connecting volunteers with organizations who needs them. He gets to see all the good things happening in the community.

- c. Jim Smith- The prison offers courses as part of the re-entry program. These courses and the re-entry program help inmates maintain their recovery and improve their lives. Former inmates were at a meeting and indicated that the prison guards really caring was something that made a difference in their lives.
- d. Jan (LIFE Butler)- LIFE made a video of consumers telling their stories and how LIFE has had a positive impact on their lives.

XI. Next Meeting: April 11, 2019 at 9:30am. Red Chimney Hall, Monarch Place.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Ivory, second by Jill. All in favor.

## BCF 2019 Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ New officers take over</li> <li>♦ Mini-grant updates</li> <li>♦ Exec Committee – conflict of interest forms</li> <li>♦ SPEAKER: Janet Arida, Highmark Caring Place</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ SPEAKER:CCR Family Decision Making</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Exec. Comm. review bylaws-subcommittee structure</li> <li>♦ BCF EXEC RETREAT- discuss Merry Resource Fair format revisions</li> <li>♦ SPEAKERS: Denna – upcoming events for April</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Week of the Young Child</li> <li>♦ Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Month</li> <li>♦ SPEAKERS: *Family Pathways New Event Dept *Tracy Belles Foster Care</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>VENDOR FAIR Older Americans Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ SPEAKER: *Jan, Life Butler Co video? *Bulldog Ignite CX</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Commissioners re: proclamation at Celebration picnic</li> <li>♦ Reserve Carousel shelter</li> <li>♦ Request checks for mini-grant winners</li> <li>♦ SPEAKER:Stan Kosciuszko, Leadership Butler</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JULY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Celebration of Collaboration (replaces General Membership Mtg)</li> <li>♦ Picnic @ Alameda Park</li> <li>♦ Mini-grant reports for December awards</li> <li>♦ No Executive Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Executive Committee meeting</li> <li>♦ No General Membership Meeting</li> <li>♦ Executive Committee Planning Meeting</li> <li>♦ Bundle Up Butler Planning begins</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Suicide Task Force (2<sup>nd</sup> week)</li> <li>♦ Announce mini-grant availability (if applicable)</li> <li>♦ SPEAKER: Judge McCune</li> <li>♦ Merry Resource Fair planning</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>Domestic Violence Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Bundle Up Butler Give away Day</li> <li>♦ Nomination of New Officers</li> <li>♦ Send out membership invoices</li> <li>♦ Mini-Grant Deadline 10-31-19</li> <li>♦ SPEAKER: BC3 Initiatives: Tracy Hack</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>National Adoption Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ SPEAKER: Kortney</li> <li>♦ Officer Election</li> <li>♦ Request checks for mini-grant</li> <li>♦ Brief presentation by Mini-Grant applicants and Vote on Mini-Grants</li> <li>♦ Acceptance/Rejection letters sent to MG applicants</li> <li>♦ Merry Resource Fair RSVP</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Merry Resource Fair</li> <li>♦ BUB Update / VITA</li> <li>♦ Memberships due</li> <li>♦ New officer's first Executive Committee meeting</li> <li>♦ Award of mini-grant if applicable at Merry Resource Fair</li> <li>♦ No General Membership meeting</li> </ul>

\*\*Always subject to change