

**Butler Collaborative for Families
General Membership Meeting
September 13, 2018**

- I. Mandy called the meeting to order. All attendees introduced themselves and John McCool recited the mission of the BCF.
- II. Approval of the June meeting minutes. No changes. Motion to accept from John McCool and second by John Furman. All in favor. Approval of the July meeting minutes. No changes. Motion to accept Josh Strelbicki and second by Jean Bowen. All in favor.
- III. Review/approval of by-laws and policies and procedures. The revised by-laws were emailed to the membership list. Mandy reviewed the changes that were made. Motion by Ivory Dunlap and second by Kaeleen Martin. All in favor.
- IV. Facebook and Website updates
 - a. Spotlight sign-up is in the back. We will be highlighting 2 member organizations each week on our Facebook page.
 - b. Feedback has been sent to the website developer and she is now working on finalizing. Josh informed the group that the website will have hyperlinks to all the member organizations' websites, so in the very near future, you will all be receiving a survey to collect contact information that will be included on the website.
- V. Josh provided an overview of the mini-grant process. Some major changes have been made to the mini-grant process. We will now be doing one mini-grant in the year instead of 2. Applications are due on the last business day of October (October 31). The amount has been increased to \$2,000 and an additional \$600 in ancillary funds for grant writing or marketing support. BCF Members will vote on the applications at the November meeting. Awardee will be announced at the Merry Resource Fair in December. The application and information sheet will be emailed this week. Members that have paid their dues are highlighted in green on the sign-in sheet and those in blue have not paid their dues.
- VI. Announcement of open officer positions for elections in November
 - a. Nominations will be accepted in October and elections will take place in November. New members will be invited to attend the Exec meeting in December and will officially take office in January. If you have a nomination, you can email it to Glenda and/or bring it to the general membership meeting in October.
 - b. Full descriptions of each position are detailed in the bylaws.
 - c. Positions that are up for nomination
 - i. Co-chair
 - ii. Education representative
 - iii. Vice Co-chair
 - iv. Secretary
 - v. Family representative
 - vi. Treasurer
 - vii. Business representative
 - viii. Community representative
 - d. 10 years is the maximum to serve as a voting member on the Executive Board.
- VII. Sub-Committee reports
 - a. Finance Committee- \$13,176 in restricted funds, \$18,838.54 in unrestricted, total \$32,014.54.
 - b. Prevention Council continues to work on the Child Abuse Prevention Strategic plan. 12 people were trained to facilitate the Front Porch Project Training. The group's goal is to

deliver the training at least 6 times in 2019 and train at least 100 community members. The Front Porch Project is a community-based primary prevention initiative based on the belief that **everyone can – and should – become more aware of how to help protect children and support families** in their own community. It provides ordinary citizens with the knowledge, training and encouragement they need to become involved in preventing abuse and neglect *before* it occurs. Elan suggested that we schedule a training for BCF members. Amanda agreed that we will do that in 2019.

- c. Early Care and Education Council- Julie sent out the meeting schedule for 2019. A legislative event to promote the importance of Pennsylvania's investments in PA Pre -K Counts and other early education programs was held at Slippery Rock University's SGA Preschool and Childcare Center on 9/17/18. The event was coordinated by Trying Together, a Pittsburgh-based early education advocacy organization, and attended by Rep. Aaron Bernstine, Senator Elder Vogel, Butler County Commissioner Leslie Osche, Slippery Rock School District Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patty Kardambikis, the Butler County Sheriff's Department and early education leaders.
- d. Local Housing Options Team- They are in the process of planning for Homeless Awareness Month events and activities to be held in November. More details will be shared in the near future.
- e. Marketing- Meets after the general membership meeting, the website will be coming soon, be sure to sign up for the facebook highlights
- f. Resource and Development- OCD conference Oct. 19, 6 CEUs available. 3 different trauma trainings coming as well as suicide prevention trainings.
- g. Safe Kids- Focuses on medicine safety and water safety throughout the summer. They raffled off life vests. Currently partnering with Emily Brittan Elementary to hold activities in recognition of Safety Walking to School Day in October.

VIII. Agency updates

- a. October 26- Bundle Up Butler
 - i. Many different places to drop off coats, gently used clean coats being collected, Dollar Bank, Maurices, CCR
 - ii. There will be tables at Bundle Up Butler, 3 spots left (at least 2 were claimed during the meeting), they will have basket raffles for the families that attend. Call Jean at 431-3732 to donate a basket or sign up for a table.
- b. Lighthouse admin offices and food bank will be moving to the old Middlesex school. Food bank will be closed for the first 2 weeks in October. Johnny's Place Recovery House for 4 men in recovery is now open. The first participant moved in this week.
- c. VOICe- Second annual Get Nebby 5K, info online, voiceforvictims.com, looking for sponsors and volunteers.
- d. LIFE- October 25 blood drive, noon to 5pm at the center with Central Blood Bank. To schedule an appointment, visit centralbloodbank.org and enter group code W451 or call (724) 287-5433.
- e. Bulldog- flyers out for 2019 planners and agenda books, Jim presented the reimbursement checks for partner agencies who have ordered: Community Health Clinic, Lighthouse Foundation, and YMCA and also a check to the BCF.
- f. Gaiser is offering walk in D&A evaluations at their location on Liberty St. on Tuesdays and Fridays and one evening per week. There is a lot of new programming going on for both the men and women.
- g. Community Health Clinic, celebrating 10 years of service on September 20, there will be a big announcement at 4:45pm!

- h. Housing Authority
 - i. They have a house for rent in Slippery Rock, \$650 per month plus utilities. They are holding a resident service fair, any agency interested in setting up a table, let them know.
 - ii. Disability list for Section 8 is still open, not sure when it will close
 - iii. Still some openings at Deshon for people who are homeless or at-risk.
 - i. United Way Week of Caring
 - i. Employment initiative workshop will be held on September 25.
 - ii. There is a transportation committee that has been meeting to discuss the idea of volunteer transportation, as well as other possible solutions to barriers to transportation. The group has developed a transportation survey in partnership with the Commissioners' office and 2-1-1 to gather information about barriers to transportation and to open the lines of communication in terms of resources that might be available. John distributed cards announcing the survey and the link for it and asked that agencies make these available to the people they serve.
 - j. Davis Archway is a male halfway house located in Herman. They are having a hard time finding trauma informed therapists to work with the men who experienced child abuse and other trauma. Please connect with them if you can provide this service.
 - k. Vocational Psychological Services- Still looking for sites for job shadowing for the kids, usually 2 to 3 hours. August they sent staff to an active shooter training put on by ATA in Grove City. They highly recommend it. If you want more information, just let them know.
 - l. Steelers Tailgate Luncheon at CCR on Sept. 24 to raise money for Bundle Up Butler.
 - m. Bulldog can meet many supply needs. They have a promo department, janitorial supplies and equipment, k cups, print, furniture, any of this would result in a rebate back to your organization and also to the BCF.
 - n. Be sure to send your flyers to Glenda and put them on the table in the back.
- IX. Presentation
- a. Elan presented about Family Pathways which can be summed up as a loss and transition center with a focus on delivering trauma informed services. She reviewed the vision, mission and services provided. Monarch Place was bought in 2004. Groundbreaking for the Monarch Training Institute took place in August 2017, started building in November. Elan showed a slideshow of the construction process and then the group toured the new facility and was treated to a wonderful luncheon.