

Butler Collaborative for Families

June 14, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order by Elan and all members were asked to introduce themselves, after which John McCool recited our mission.
- II. Approval of May Meeting Minutes – Motion by Jan, second by John. All in favor.
- III. Presenter- Mental Health Association, Compeer Program- Roy Ramone
 - a. Roy is the coordinator for the Compeer Program at MHA
 - i. Volunteers from the community are connected with individuals in recovery from mental health and are homebound. These volunteers provide companionship and support.
 - ii. Roy also started Compeer CORPS, a Compeer program for veterans. This program includes “Veterans Night Out” which is an activity done together in the community. These happen at least seven times a year.
 - iii. There are currently 57 people who have been connected with 52 Compeers.
 - iv. Information was provided on how someone can become a Compeer volunteer.
 - v. If you or someone you know could benefit from having a Compeer a referral can be made to www.mhabutler.org or call the Butler MHA at 724-287-4083.
- IV. Facebook bi-weekly Agency Highlights
 - a. Beginning in September, a BCF agency will be highlighted on the BCF Facebook page.
 - b. Sign-up sheet went around and was also located on the back table.
 - c. Email to follow with Word document guideline sheet.
- V. Celebration of Collaboration
 - a. Will be held on July 12, 2018 from 11:30am-2:00pm at the Carousel Shelter in Alameda Park. This will be in place of the General Meeting. Please join us!!
 - b. An email will be sent in regards to what type of food people should bring.
- VI. Breakout Sessions – Family Strengthening
 - a. How will your agency be addressing family strengthening gaps over the summer?
 - i. The Lighthouse Foundation will have parenting class beginning on June 27th. The class is once a week for five weeks. Please contact Tori at 724-586-5554 to sign up.
 - ii. The Butler Children’s Center will be participating in the Summer Food Program at the West End location. A bag lunch will be provided on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:00-1:00pm.
 - iii. Family Pathways will be planning events such as bowling, roller skating, etc. and will be offering these events for free.
 - iv. Kids Bowl Free- program where kids bowl for free (does not include shoes) at Family Bowlaway until September.
 - v. Alameda Pool has several free events- concerts, movies, and discovery in the park.
 - vi. Jan suggested talking with The Bus about assisting with transportation to a family event for people who do not have their own transportation.
 - vii. Suggestions were made of local free events already taking place as well as the possibility of the BCF sponsoring free days at places like the roller rink, Alameda pool, the movies, etc.

- viii. Elan asked for a vote on approval for the BCF to spend up to \$500.00 for renting Alameda Pool for an evening. Motion by Jan, second by Julie. All in favor.
- ix. Elan, Mandy, and Julie will work on contacting the pool about this.

VII. Subcommittee/Ad-HOC Committee Reports

- a. Budget and Finance- Restricted: \$12,176.00 Unrestricted: \$18,867.56 Total: \$31,043.56
- b. Butler County Prevention Council- Met with county on more information on the need for foster care and how to reach out and acquire more foster parents.
- c. Early Care and Education Council- On June 1st Butler County started to become part of a PA early literacy team. There were breakout sessions on Kindergarten transition and early literacy. Also, they have continued to work on helping families of young children with addressing behavioral issues. The goal is to also assist these families with navigating the system.
- d. Local Housing Options Team- No update
- e. Marketing- Good news, lots of things to share about BCF. Bad news, they lost some members of the marketing team. They meet for a few minutes after the General Meeting, please join them if you are interested!!!
- f. Resource and Development- Julie made Elan aware of a grant for training which she then applied for. The grant is for \$5,000.00 that will be used to expand the TIC trainings.
- g. Safe Kids- Focus this summer is water safety.

VIII. Agency Updates

- a. Jim Sadecky- Bulldog Office Supplies. Anything bought through Bulldog- a percentage of the purchase will be given back to BCF member and the BCF. Jim had checks for both the BCF and agencies.
- b. Emily Snow- Butler County Children's Center. They need a new CEO! Some Kindergarten and pre-K classes will be moved to new locations next year. Contact them with any questions.
- c. John McCool, Legal Shield. Provides free will and free POA with membership.

IX. Kudos!

- a. Dress for Success- Mark from the Lighthouse took a resident there recently. She had a great experience!

- X. Next Meeting: July 12th Celebration of Collaboration! 11:30am-2:00pm at the Carousel Shelter in Alameda Park.
There will be no August General Meeting! Have a nice summer!

- XI. Adjournment- Motion by John, second by Jan. All in favor.