

Butler Collaborative for Families

April 12, 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 March Meeting Minutes: Motion by John, second by Jill. All in favor.
- III. Presenter- Denna Hays, Butler County Alliance for Children
 - a. Everyone received a handout about what services are offered and a video was shown. The video can be found on their Facebook page.
 - b. More than half the kids involved at the center are not involved with CYS. This is because their perpetrator does not meet the criteria for CYS (ex: they are not the child's caregiver).
 - c. Their primary service is to coordinate all involved in an investigation (criminal justice, CYS, doctors, etc.) so the children and their families do not have to answer the same questions repeatedly. This reduces the child from being re-traumatized by repeatedly explaining what happened.
 - d. Forensic medical exams will soon be offered on-site. They will also be expanding their mental health component.
 - e. A training for parents of teenagers called Smart Tech for Kids is offered. The focus is ensuring your child is being safe online.
 - f. April 29th is the Strike Out Child Abuse event at Family Bowl Away. Lanes can be sponsored for \$100.00 and your organization will be recognized.
 - g. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Denna brought the pinwheels and yard signs for agencies to take with them. If you have a pinwheel garden, please take a picture and send it to them to be featured on their Facebook page.
- IV. Website Update
 - a. Kirsten from SRU presented the plans for the BCF website and Facebook page.
 - i. She will be making a social media user guide. A workshop day will be on April 26th from 9:00-11:30am at the Monarch Building.
 - ii. Caitlin has been meeting with a website developer and has a proposal to be presented to the Executive Committee. Each sub-committee will have their own landing page.
 - iii. **NEEDED: Pictures from BCF events, events, keywords for search engines. Pictures and events can be emailed to Glenda. Keywords were identified during the meeting.**
- V. Subcommittee/Ad-HOC Committee Reports
 - a. Budget and Finance- Restricted: \$12,697.50 Non-Restricted \$18,818.58 Total: \$31,516.08
 - b. Butler County Prevention Council- It is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Agencies can do a "jeans day" as a fundraiser. The Element Café is also donating all money from coffee purchases on Mondays.
 - c. Early Care and Education Council- Week of the Young Child is next week. On Tuesday, North Main St Church of God will have an event. The focus this year is on social and emotional skills. A reading specialist from the Butler School District will be there at noon. Kindergarten registration is happening now. Butler is having a "Spring into Kindergarten" event at all of their elementary schools. South Butler School District's Kindergarten registration will begin in June.

- d. Local Housing Options Team- Continue to work towards implementing the Coordinated Entry system. ESG money is available through Catholic Charities for prevention and those who are literally homeless.
- e. Marketing- Meets after the General Membership meeting and are looking for new members.
- f. Resource and Development- Working on a series of Trauma Informed Care classes. A list of dates will be emailed out. The author of The Body Keeps the Score has been asked to come speak in Butler. In October a TIC refresher course will be offered.
- g. Safe Kids- Will be participating at Week of the Young Child and Healthy Kids Day. Received two grants from Safe Kids worldwide for medicine safety and water safety.

VI. Grant Opportunities

- a. **Mini-Grant applications are open- due by April 30, 2018. See email dates 04/09/18 for guidelines and application.**
- b. There will be two mini-grants offered this spring! They will be for \$1,000.00 each.

VII. Identified Gaps from Gap Planning Meeting for Mini-Grant Applicants

- a. Child Care
 - i. Evening, weekend, and drop-in care are needed
- b. Family Strengthening – Each One Reach One
 - i. Transportation to community activities
 - ii. Providing relationship building activities to do at home
 - iii. More affordable family activities
- c. Housing
 - i. Safe and affordable
- d. The BCF as a whole will be focusing on Family Strengthening – Each One Reach One.
 - i. Everyone was asked to write ideas and resources on posters around the room.

VIII. Agency Updates

- a. Adagio- Has WIC flyers and brochures available. They are LGBTQ providers for agencies who are looking for this service.
- b. Jan- Butler County Health Care Consortium is having a Health Fair. Flyer is available. The Alzheimer's walk is coming up. The Children's Miracle network is having an event in Cranberry, sponsors and volunteers are needed. Contact Butler Tourism.
- c. Housing Authority- 2018 scholarship is coming up, applications are due April 20th. Anyone living in a Housing Authority property and is attending school is eligible. Deshon Place lost funding and are reformatting the program. They are still going to be housing homeless for a flat rent rate. Contact HUD or Catholic Charities for more information. SHOP classes are still going on.
- d. John Furman- Have over 200 volunteer hours for this year so far. If you know someone who wants to volunteer, please have them contact him at the United Way. A meeting will be held on Monday for the transportation initiative. It will be held at the United Way at 10:00am.
- e. MHA- Rep. Payee lunch and learn will be held on April 27th and 11:30am. Case workers and BCMs are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Tara Hamilton.
- f. Neighborhood Drug Watch- Street signs and window signs are going up around the city. Small window signs were available at the meeting. Next meeting is May 30th. Butler Police have an email address for drug related tips: communityrelations@butlercitypd.com
- g. John McCool- Legal Shield can help with your will!

- h. The last block grant meeting will be held on May 7th at 4:00pm at the Butler Library
- i. SRU donated 25 moderately used sleeping bags. If you are interested, please see Josh.

IX. Kudos!

X. Next Meeting: May 10, 2018 at 9:30am. Red Chimney Hall, Monarch Place.

XI. For the Good of the Order

XII. Adjournment: Motion by Jill, Second by Linda. All in favor.