

Butler Collaborative for Families
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 8, 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 October Meeting Minutes- Motion by Caitlin, second by John. All in favor.
- III. Facebook Page Update- The page is up and running but need more likes! Once more people are liking and interacting with the page agency spotlights will begin. Please like, comment, and share posts!
 - a. Discussion was had about waiting to post agency spotlights and updates. Many members said they feel updates and posts should begin now because, currently, there is nothing to share and no motivation to like or interact with the page.
- IV. Election of New Officers
 - a. Co-Chair: Joshua Strelbicki
 - b. Education Rep: Karen Jack
 - c. Co Vice-Chair: Courtney McConnell
 - d. Secretary: Amy Cirelli
 - e. Family Rep: Caitlin Painter
 - f. Treasurer: Jan Rodgers
 - g. Business Rep: Jim Sadecky
 - h. Community Rep: John McCool
 - i. Motion by Jan to approve the members as presented and they be elected by acclamation. Jill second. All in favor.
- V. Mini-Grant Presentations- Applications were emailed to members in advance. Each group then gave a presentation and answered any questions. Voting then took place. The winner of the Mini-Grant will be announced at the Merry Resource Fair.
 - a. Grannies Recipes Made Healthier!- Butler Health Clinic (lead), CCR, Dawn Tucci Dietician.
 - b. Pinwheels for Prevention 2019- Butler County Alliance for Children (lead), Butler County Human Services, Butler County Children's Center.
- VI. Presenter- Erin Convery- Family Pathways for National Adoption Month
 - a. Focus in on increasing awareness of the need for foster families and adoption.
 - b. Children in foster homes are forced to leave behind the most important things in their lives not knowing if/when they will see them again.
 - c. Held a matching event in October for families interested in fostering to adopting in order meet kids who are waiting to be placed with a permanent family. A total of 17 children were at this event looking for a permanent home and only seven interested families were in attendance. The need for families willing to permanently foster/adopt is critical.
 - d. There is also a need for families willing to provide temporary foster care and respite.

VII. Agency Updates

- a. Elan talked to a presenter about a training regarding technology and ethics/professional boundaries. Topics include clients being able to text you, having access to your cell phone number, etc. The training will cost \$4,000.00. All in favor.
- b. Butler County Alliance for Children- a breakfast for Santa event will be held on December 15th in Prospect. This event will benefit awareness of human trafficking. Volunteers are needed.
- c. Butler Health Clinic- concert being held as a “thank you” to veterans. A new dental manager is needed at the clinic.
- d. Early Learning Resource Center- passed out calendars.
- e. Bulldog Office Supply- checks were issues to agencies and the BCF for purchases made.
- f. CCR- Bundle Up Butler gave out 606 coats at their event. They also took coats to the Stand Down event. Taxes will be done at the VA one day only. Other agencies can have a table at this event. It is February 20th and she will need to know by the 13th if you want to have a table at the event.
- g. Butler LIFE- Butler County Health Care Consortium will be holding an event on November 14th from 4:00-6:00 at Recon Brewery. They will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate to the Lighthouse Toy Shoppe.
- h. North Street interim shelter has new bed available and a warming center. Call 1-800-292-3866 for the warming center AND for assistance with rapid placement in D&A treatment.
- i. Butler Suicide Task Force- event for families who lost a loved one to suicide. November 17th from 9:00-1:00pm at the Butler hospital.
- j. Homeless Awareness Month is this month!! There are various events this month and a flyer was made available. You can also access the LHOT Facebook page for events and updates. #HAM
- k. Dress for Success- Will be having bag filling events on December 3-5th. You can get a bag of clothes for a suggested donation of \$15.00. The money will go towards a mobile unit.

VIII. Next Meeting: Merry Resource Fair!!! December 13th at 9:30am. This will be held in the new training facility at Monarch Place. Be there or be square!