

Butler Collaborative for Families
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2018

1. Meeting was called to order and all attendees introduced themselves.
2. Approval of April meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes were sent via email.
 - b. Motion by Josh Strelbicki to approve. Second by Jean Bowen. All in favor.
3. Presentation by Jan Rogers about LIFE Butler County.
 - a. The purpose is to provide an alternative to living in nursing homes. The ultimate goal is to keep people living safely at home for as long as possible.
 - b. Medicare and Medicaid funded program. A managed care program, one of the alternatives under Community Health Choices. This becomes the insurance. Always a nurse on call. They cover anything medically necessary. Provide medical, dental, vision, hearing. Have an adult day center with the same professional staff as a nursing home. Each person is assigned a nurse case manager and social worker. Provide transportation to and from the center and also any medical appointments. Also provide home care services.
 - c. 203 people enrolled in Butler County at this point. The average age is 70s, but they can serve 55+
 - d. Eligibility Criteria- have to be 55 or older, live in Butler County (most other counties also have a LIFE program), medical eligibility is determined by Area Agency on Aging, safety at home is assessed by LIFE, financial eligibility determined by the County Assistance office, there are income and resource limits. If you are over income/resource, people can self-pay and it is about ½ the cost of nursing homes.
 - e. Can provide counseling services and education to family caretakers.
4. Celebration of Collaboration will be held on July 12, 11:30am to 2pm, Carousel Shelter, Alameda Park.
5. BCF Bulletin Boards- Elan encouraged member agencies to have a bulletin board for posting BCF member events/flyers.
6. Mandy explained what the media release form is. This gives the BCF the right to use your image on its website/facebook page when pictures are taken at our various events.
7. No mini-grant applications received for the spring round. We are considering restructuring the mini-grants to possibly make them a larger amount and expand eligibility, etc. We will talk more about this at an upcoming meeting.
8. Glenda reminded attendees to pick up a copy of the Gap Analysis Summary, which breaks out the information collected so far into Haves and Needs.
9. Subcommittee reports
 - a. Budget and Finance report- \$12,885; unrestricted \$18,969.28, total \$31,854.28
 - b. Prevention Council – Child Abuse Prevention Month was a big success. A lot of community participation with Pinwheels for Prevention. Butler County Alliance for Children’s Bowling Event was a huge success with over \$17,000 being raised. The group will not get back to the development of the Child Abuse Prevention Strategic Plan.
 - c. ECEC- Week of the Young Child went well, 29 organizations participated in the event at North Main St. Church of God, 120 children, 217 people. There were also partnerships with libraries that did activities during the week, provided supports for 200+ additional kids. Butler School District moving to full time kindergarten. Childcare Development Block Grant- Pittsburgh public meeting for comment yesterday, thankful for prioritization of homeless and children in foster care. Recommendations were made to prioritize children with disabilities, looking for more guidance on identifying children who are homeless, cross education of the homeless system and early childhood education, research and development team

to track gap in nontraditional care. Track suspensions and expulsions from programs. More support for centers to work with kids with mental health issues.

- d. LHOT- Meet monthly to get updates from housing and homeless providers, the system continues to fully implement the coordinated entry process.
- e. Marketing- looking for members. Introduced Ruth Ann Bowen, who is our newest member. She is working on our website. Facebook page continues to be worked on by a student at SRU.
- f. Resource and Development – Working on arranging for Bessel Van der Kolk to do a training here. He wrote the book “The Body Keeps the Score”, world’s leading expert on trauma and the long term impact. Several other trainings will be announced at the next meeting. Picking back up in the fall.
- g. Safe kids- no report

10. Agency updates

- a. VITA- 73 volunteers this tax season, did 2,436 returns, brought back \$4.2 million in refunds. Run it on about \$65,000 which is a huge return on investment. Almost \$1 million in just the earned income tax credit.
- b. Nonprofit Boot Camp being held on Friday, June 8 at SRU.
- c. Housing Authority- 24th annual scholarship luncheon on June 14th, also Deshon Place has a number of efficiency apartments available for \$509 per month which includes utilities. Must meet criteria of homeless or at-risk.
- d. Glenda reminded members that information that is sent to her for distribution by 5pm Wednesday will go out Thursday morning, if last minute and needs sent to the email list faster, write FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE in the subject line.
- e. Summer food program – finalizing the flyer now with all the sites, these will be sent by email and also hard copies can be provided to you if needed.
- f. Mixer focusing on marketing will be held on May 16. Contact John McCool for more information.
- g. Neighborhood drug watch- the signs are available
- h. Kids Day America- May 12, Lighthouse will be the recipient of the funds raised at the event.

- 11. Elan let the group know that she has been working with a lot of foundations lately, RK Mellon, Staunton Farms, Heinz Foundation, etc., and she is hearing from them that they are not getting a lot of requests from Butle r.
- 12. Introduction to Business Members- Annette with Premier Jewelry, Glenda with Full Service Auto, Jim Sadecky with Bulldog office products, Kandy McCool with Legal Shield, Lisa Hunt with USX Federal Credit Union, Lori Gavin with Aging Gracefully, Scott Hacker with New York Life, Ruth Ann Bowen with The Bowen Agency.
- 13. Motion to adjourn- Julie Thumma, Second by Josh Strelbicki.
- 14. Our next meeting will be held on June 14 at 9:30am in Red Chimney Hall, Monarch Place.