

Butler Collaborative for Families

January 11, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mandy and all members were asked to introduce themselves, after which John McCool recited our mission.
- II. Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Motion by Josh, second by Amber. All in favor.
- III. **Reminder about Agency Update Protocol**
 - a. There will be a separate update table as you enter.
 - b. If you wish to present an agency/business update, you will need to sign up at the update table.
 - c. Please leave all flyers, info sheets, brochures, etc. at the table for members to pick up after the meeting. This information must include contact info. We will no longer distribute information around the table during the meeting.
 - d. Each person who signed up will have 30 seconds to present their update and refer people to further information at the update table.
- IV. Mini-Grant applications will be due on April 30, 2018
 - a. Members who received a Mini-Grant last year are being asked to provide an update on their projects at the next meeting.
- V. Presenter
 - a. Joyce Ainsworth- unable to attend, she will be rescheduled.
 - b. Tracy Hack- unable to attend
- VI. Subcommittee/Ad-HOC Committee Reports
 - a. Budget and Finance- Restricted: \$11,722.00 Unrestricted: \$18,000.00
 - b. Butler County Prevention Council- Still working on Child Abuse Prevention Plan that will be rolled out in April for Child Abuse Awareness Month.
 - c. Early Care and Education Council- Kindergarten registration is coming up. A fact sheet is being put together and will be distributed soon. Karns City has made a significant change as to the date children can still sign up for kindergarten. Children will now need to be five by July 1st. Week of the Young Child activities are being planned. Trying to gather information on topics outlying partners need assistance with. They are currently gathering information on children whose parent/parents are incarcerated. If you have information concerning this, please let the committee know. There is also a need for computers in schools. If you have a used computer that still works please let the committee know. Jim Sadecky suggested contacting the Goodwill in Pittsburgh about refurbished computers.
 - d. Local Housing Options Team- Have not met recently due to weather.
 - e. Marketing- Strives to promote all of the activities and projects members of the BCF are planning.
 - f. Resource and Development- Identify needs and consolidate resources to provide trainings that are needed for agencies. A survey is being made that will address the training needs of all local agencies. Please complete the survey and encourage others at your agency to complete it as well. BCF will be considering becoming a point of contact for all trainings in Butler County.
 - g. Safe Kids- No one was in attendance for an update.

VII. Grant Opportunities

VIII. Agency Updates

- a. VITA- Now taking appointments through CCR via a private line.
- b. CCR- call for assistance for utilities. No longer going through 211, call 1-800-481-3653 instead.
- c. American Cancer Society- Look Good, Feel Better program has updated dates. This program is through the Butler Memorial Hospital. Daffodil Days are also coming up. This is your chance to buy daffodils to be delivered to local cancer centers on March 18th.
- d. United Way- Volunteer program is going well. Working on employment initiative. This is for consumers of agencies who need assistance with finding employment. Also working on a transportation initiative. If anyone is interested in participating in this, please contact John Fuhrman at United Way.
- e. Legal Shield- Provides legal and identity theft protection for individuals and agencies. Money goes back to the BCF for every person who signs up.
- f. Keystone Wellness- Free training for the PA QuitLine to help quit smoking, the program, and how it works. If you are interested, please sign up at the Update Table.
- g. Reset Your Brain- February 6th at BC3 from 7:00-8:30pm. Provides information and education about the opioid epidemic.
- h. The March 8th BCF meeting will be the Gap Analysis meeting. An email will be distributed soon that contains a survey- please take the survey and respond with your ideas!

IX. Kudos!

- a. The Chop Shop- provided free meals to those affected by a large fire in town.
- b. The Hoagie Shop- provided free meals to recipients of Butler Meals on Wheels when the service had to close due to flooding.
- c. Please support local businesses that support our community!

X. Next Meeting: February 8, 2018 at 9:30am. Red Chimney Hall, Monarch Place.

XI. For the Good of the Order

XII. Adjournment: Motion by John, second by Jean. All in favor.