**Butler Collaborative for Families**

**Date February 11, 2021**

1. The meeting was called to order by Josh and all guests to introduce themselves, after our mission was recited. All members were asked to put information in the chat.
2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes Howie/Janet - approved
3. Membership Update
   1. Discussed types of memberships available and their benefits. Information was detailed on the agenda.
   2. Discussed payment options for memberships and information was detailed on the agenda.
   3. Hitouch gives back to members and the BCF with member purchases. Did a check for $4,588 arrive yet? Glenda will look for check.
4. Presentation-Mr. Nock-Sleep in Heavenly Peace
   1. Howie introduced Mr. Nock, co-president of the Western PA chapter, located in Mars. He explained how Bed for Every Head has been an initiative from Helping Butler County and we are excited for this new organization, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, as they can do things at a much larger scale.
   2. Sleep in Heavenly piece started about 7 to 8 years ago and there are 200 chapters in the United States. This chapter started in October 2020 and just had their first build.
   3. They give beds, mattresses, sheets, and comforters to kids ages 3 to 17.
   4. They build the beds with lumber and dip them in vinegar and steel wool to keep away bed bugs.
   5. People can apply for beds on Facebook as well as going to SHPbeds.org. Zip codes are used to determine the area where beds are given and background checks are done to make sure beds are given to the right people.
   6. Mattresses are in high demand so they will not be getting more until end of March. They also take donations for sheets and blankets.
   7. Howie inquired how we can help, as Bed for Every Head will now focus on 18+. Churches and organizations can spread the word and help people apply. Money has been coming in and big donations can have people do builds at their locations to get press and volunteers. It was suggested that CCR should be connected to SHP so they can fast track the process to get beds. This will help high risk individuals.
   8. Helping Butler County can help get donors and volunteers. Jim will connect Dave, Howie, and CCR to figure out how they can collaborate.
   9. Volunteers from high schools would be welcome, even as low as jr. high. Sponsorships really help showcase the community, so beds stay in that community. Try to get Votech’s involved.
   10. Beds are given in Butler, Beaver, some Pittsburgh areas, and other areas in Western Pennsylvania. They are hoping to open more chapters in this area to reach more people.
   11. Need to build beds and get rid of them quickly as there is not a lot of storage.
   12. For more information, David will send brochures to Glenda and email david.nock@shpbeds.org.
5. Subcommittee/Ad-HOC Committee Reports
   1. Updates were provided on the agenda and were reviewed at the meeting. Updates not provided on Agenda are listed on the minutes.
   2. Financial Committee-on agenda
   3. Early Care and Education Council
      1. Looking to revisit the week of the young child and how we can make it work this year.
      2. A lot of parents kept kindergarten aged children hope this year.
      3. School districts are pulling funds together to offer more trauma training.
   4. Local Housing Options Team-1st Tuesday of every month via zoom. Worked on a Point in time count to do outreach to anyone who is homeless. One person was living in a car and they got her into a hotel.
   5. Marketing-Planning to work on a specific marketing plan to target the three different tiers.
   6. Resource and Development-on agenda
   7. Safe Kids-on agenda but also giving out brochures to Family Pathways’ welcome packets.
6. Identified Client Related Gaps
   1. Allen Kitchen-Stimulus payments are available to incarcerated people. If you know anyone that did not get them, give him a call so that they can get it after they got out.
   2. Howie has a good bit of living room furniture available.
   3. How can we help people with frozen pipes in those situations? Area Agency on Aging has helped people before. Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disaster-Rich Wilson
   4. Neighborhood Legal has been dealing with a lot of evictions. They are finding it challenging to get their clients the help they need with emergency services because everything goes through Catholic Charities. They end up going back and forth to Catholic Charities because they are not asking in a way that helps. Contact county to let know any issues, Amanda Feltenberger or Allison Rose. They can help facilitate communication. Suggested that CC could do a zoom training and presentation to help educate everyone of what needs to be done.
7. Announcements
   1. Monday Shoes is donating inventory of shoes.
   2. SPHS.org-Mental Health Association is working on community Engagement.
   3. Hitouch had purchases from Butler County Children’s Center, Lifesteps, and some others that are bringing in $4,588 to BCF.
   4. Bethany Church celebrated their 35th anniversary and is having a special service tonight.
   5. Lighthouse Center is offering a Cooking with Friends Class and looking for RSVPs as soon as possible.
   6. Highmark Caring Place is offering support services free of charge online.
   7. Dr. Selvaggi will be our March meeting speaker.
8. Next Meeting: March 11 at 10:00am via zoom.
9. Adjournment Howie/Jill