

Butler Collaborative for Families

February 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 January Meeting Minutes- Motion by Jill, second by Jan. All in favor.
- III. Presenters
 - a. Alice Delvecchio, SRU
 - i. Has an undergraduate degree in Non-Profit Management. This is also available online. Courses can also be taken post-baccalaureate or as further education after receiving an associate degree. A certificate program is also being developed.
 - ii. Speak Up Butler County- for adolescents looking to become more involved in the community. Meetings are held on Mondays at the YMCA.
 - iii. ANR is partnering with SRU to offer Non-Profit related trainings.
 - iv. June 8th there will be a Non-Profit Boot Camp held at SRU. More information to follow.
 - v. Non-Profit Academy Awards are held in the spring. Please nominate your staff members!
 - vi. Alice is looking for a Butler County issue to focus on for an upcoming class. Students will do field work to research the issue and then make recommendations.
 - b. Linda Thoma, Community Health Clinic
 - i. Provides primary medical care and dental care for those who do not have insurance or cannot find a PCP. Must meet Federal poverty guidelines.
 - ii. The Clinic can also help with prescription medications. All services are at no cost.
 - iii. Health and Wellness education is also provided. Classes are offered on a variety of topics such as diabetes management and smoking cessation. A 12-week weight loss class is also offered.
 - iv. The Clinic has a Facebook page where they post information. Check it out!
- IV. **Mini-Grant applications due April 30, 2018 - One spring grant will be awarded!**
 - a. \$1,000.00 will be awarded in addition to 10 hours of grant writing services.
 - b. The amount of the mini-grants is determined by the amount of dues received. No more than 50% of total dues collected will be awarded.
 - c. Participants must be BCF members in good standing. One agency is the lead and at least two additional agencies are needed as collaborative partners.
 - d. Grants will not be awarded for one-time events, existing events, or annual events.
 - e. Preference will be given to projects that address a gap identified in the BCF Gap Analysis.
 - f. All applicants approved by the Executive Committee will present their application at the General Meeting. A vote will then take place at the meeting (one vote per organization).
 - g. Grants must be spent within one year of the award. Grant writing is available for two years.
- V. 2017 Mini-Grant Recipients Updates
 - a. Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Parenting
 - i. Moved to a new location in July in the basement of the Butler Lighthouse Foundation. The number of clients served has tripled! Curriculum for fathers and toddlers has been purchased and groups will be started. They are open Tuesday-Thursday and are hoping to be open five days a week soon.
 - b. Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Addiction Center- Life after Heroin

- i. Linda thanked the group for being awarded this grant. They have partnered with the YMCA and CCR to create a recovery education and support group for families of those struggling with addiction. Gaiser staff members provide therapeutic support as well as assistance with navigating the system and locating resources. Focus is on evidence based education. Average attendance is about four people. Some people are regular attenders and others come and go. A grandmother in the group has started an adolescent group for teens who are affected by their caregivers struggle with addiction. This group is struggling and is in need of someone who's expertise is working with children.

VI. Subcommittee/Ad-HOC Committee Reports

- a. Budget and Finance- Restricted: \$ 11,797.50 Unrestricted: \$ 17,936.98 Total: \$ 29,734.48
- b. Butler County Prevention Council: Continuing to work on child abuse prevention strategic plan. Goal is to roll out the plan in time for April (Child Abuse Prevention Month). They will be making a prevention plan for each specific at-risk population. Bringing in the Front Porch Project as a community event. Focus is on how to be an involved community member in identifying possible child abuse and how you can help.
- c. Early Care and Education Council: No member present for update.
- d. Local Housing Options Team: Recapped homeless awareness month activities. Reviewed the coordinated entry waiting list. All 20 counties in the region place their homeless on one waiting list. When there is an opening in a program all 20 counties pull from the same list. Several agencies, such as the library, are hosting homeless people during the day. The library has asked for assistance with purchasing toilet paper because the homeless tend to steal the paper.
- e. Marketing: Meets after the General Meeting each month. Are working on getting ads for the BCF onto electric billboards around town.
- f. Resource and Development: In the process of bringing in Body Keeps the Score- a trauma informed training. Other possible trainings include human trafficking, autism, de-escalation, etc. A survey is being made to find out what trainings are most needed.
- g. Safe Kids: Next event is at the Brain Injury Awareness event at the mall on March 4th. Week of the Young Child is coming up in the spring.

VII. Grant Opportunities

- a. The Bar Association has a grant available. Deadline is this month.

VIII. Agency Updates

- a. Gap analysis email will be sent to BCF members. Please provide input! Results will be discussed at the March 8th General Membership meeting.
- b. The Lighthouse Foundation- Max and Erma's is hosting a FUNdraiser for the Lighthouse on February 26th. If you present a flyer to your server a percentage of your bill will be donated.
- c. Wellness Works is looking into forming a support group for adults who have been affected by traumatic brain injury. Asking for information on any existing groups.
- d. YMCA- Bowl for Kids Sake event coming up for Big Brothers Big Sisters. It is being held on March 4th at Family Bowlaway. Received a grant for \$2,000.00 that will be used to take Bigs, Littles, and their families to Kennywood this summer. Healthy Kids Day- April 27th at the YMCA. Organizations can attend, registration forms will be emailed.
- e. My Choice Medical- offers free pregnancy and STD testing. They have opened at maternity home, The Inn, for pregnant women who are homeless. They are housed at the maternity home for free.

- f. Neighborhood Drug Watch- available throughout western PA and was launched in Butler. There was a meeting last week in Butler for community members to get involved. Goal is to get event and resources under one umbrella. Signs are available to DonPaul Jewlers.
- g. Legal Shield- provides identity theft services and legal services for your agency.

IX. Kudos!

- a. Jan and Ivory- made our new BCF brochures!!

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

XI. For the Good of the Order

XII. Adjournment- Motion by Caitlin, second by Mark. All in favor.