

Butler Collaborative for Families

October 11, 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 September Meeting Minutes- Motion by Jeanie, second by John. All in favor.
- III. Reminder: Mini-Grant applications are due on October 31, 2018!
- IV. Open BCF Executive Positions
 - a. The below positions are open and nominations are being accepted. Voting will take place at the next general meeting. A brief description of each position was provided.
 - i. Co-Chair- Josh S. was nominated (was not present to accept)
 - ii. Education Rep- Karen Jack was nominated
 - iii. Co Vice-Chair- Ivory was nominated but respectfully declined. Courtney McConnell was nominated. Rebecca Keller was nominated but was not able to serve on the executive committee because she works at CCR, the BCF fiduciary.
 - iv. Secretary- Amy can be reelected was nominated
 - v. Family Rep- Caitlin can be reelected was nominated
 - vi. Treasurer- Jan can be reelected and was nominated
 - vii. Business Rep- Jim S. can be reelected and was nominated
 - viii. Community Rep- John can be reelected and was nominated
- V. Presenter- Christopher Garnett and Ashley Chung, Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF)
 - a. Part of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. JHF is a Fiscal Agent for Part B funding to provide social services to those who are living with HIV/AIDS.
 - b. Located in Pittsburgh but partners with CCR to offer support groups and non-medical case management for HIV positive individuals in Butler.
 - c. They provide training, coaching, budgeting, learning sessions, community engagement, regional collaboration, and a variety of other services to the southwest PA counties.
 - d. Developed and participates in the Regional HIV Collaborate. Regional agencies meet every other month and their goal is to strengthen the continuum of care and to provide education and awareness.
 - e. Ryan White Learning Collaborative- formed to improve HIV prevention and care by increasing shared knowledge. Target audience is any case manager working with those living with HIV/AIDS.
 - f. AIDS Free Pittsburgh: An Allegheny County Initiative- goals are to normalize HIV testing, increase access to pre/post exposure preventative care, and to standardize early linkage to medical care within 48 hours of testing positive. They also have many community outreach efforts.
 - g. In Butler, the PA State Department of Health offers testing (located in Monarch building). JHF would like to collaborate with agencies in Butler to identify those living with HIV/AIDS and to ensure they are receiving medical care and other services. They are also interested in agencies that could provide services to their consumers. The service does not have to be specific to HIV/AIDS, for example, it could be a housing services.
 - h. If you are working with someone positive for HIV/AIDS you can contact Jim Smith at CCR who can connect them with JHF services.
 - i. Electronic copies of JHF information and services will be distributed.

- VI. Lisa Miller, Adagio Health- Strengthening Families Program for ages 10-14
- For both parents and youth.
 - For ALL families, not just families in crisis.
 - Free seven-week program beginning in March 2019. Is at YMCA from 5:30-8:00 and includes dinner. It is extremely interactive and childcare for children under 10 is provided.
 - Highlights are to decrease risk factors and increase positive interactions between parents and kids.
 - Allison Gall is accepting referrals.
 - Volunteers for childcare are needed! Contact John Furman at United Way if interested.

VII. Grant Opportunities

VIII. Agency Updates

- American Cancer Society- Transportation can be provided to those trying to access cancer treatments. This service is free. Call 1-800-227-2345. There is also a partnership where patients can stay in hotels for free while receiving treatment.
- CCR- Bundle up Butler is October 26th this year. Please distribute flyers to everyone who may be in need of a coat. Donations of coats are currently being accepted. Dollar Bank and Maurice's both have drop-off boxes through October 23rd. Children's clothing will also be available at the event.
- First Impressions- will be closing due to families having difficulty accessing the location at the VA. Suit Yourself will remain open!
- VOICE- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Get Nebby 5k is on October 21st and registration is online.
- Highmark Caring Place- November 15th is Children's Grief Awareness Day.
- John Furman- Week of Caring was last week. Volunteer hours are up almost 30% this year! There will be two volunteer mixers coming up, in Cranberry at the Municipal Building on November 19th from 5:30-7:30, a Butler location is still needed with a tentative date is November 14th. If your agency has holiday projects, please let John know!
- LIFE- October 25th there will be a blood drive, flyers were made available at the meeting. Butler County Health Care Consortium will be on November 14th at Recon Brewery. January 31st will be the second annual Healthcare Worker Recognition Breakfast at the Atrium. Please contact Jan or Linda for information.
- KEYS- Students on cash assistance and/or food stamps are eligible. BC3 open house is coming up (Butler campus- October 17 from 6:00-8:00) and if a potential student attends their \$25.00 application fee will be waived. More community college students are now eligible for food stamps, if you think a student is eligible contact KEYS for an application. BC3 is also working on opening a food bank for students and their families.
- VITA- Tax season is coming! Ahh! There are new tax codes and forms that VITA volunteers will be trained in using.

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