

Butler Collaborative for Families
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2019

- 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 January Meeting Minutes: Motion by Elan, second by John. All in favor.
- III. Josh and Mandy welcomed guests to the BCF.
- IV. BCF Updates
 - a. Membership- Glenda reported that there are currently 47 members. Please check with her if you have any questions. Mandy reminded everyone to send completed applications to BCF, Monarch Place, 100 Brugh Avenue.
 - b. Josh reviewed the perks of membership and invited the guests to consider joining BCF.
 - c. Facebook & Website- Glenda reminded everyone that she posts agency highlights every Monday. There will be two per week. Remember to "like" the page and share! When the page gets 2,000 likes we will be able to link our calendar to the page.
- V. Presenter- Lena Southworth and Sydney Cloak, Family Group Decision Making Program - CCR
 - a. They are a strengths-based program that offers families the opportunity to develop a plan with the most important people in their lives. Referrals come from all over the community.
 - b. When finding supports, they dig in to find everyone who can help the person be successful. It's hard to fail.
 - c. The Family Group Decision Making Coordinator acts as a guide throughout the process to ensure everyone involved is prepared. A meal, of the participant's choosing, is provided.
 - d. Throughout the process they can contact the coordinator if things change. There are 3 and 6 month follow-up appointments to make sure things are progressing.
 - e. If you would like to refer someone, call 724-431-3748. They also accept self-referrals.
- VI. Subcommittee/Ad-HOC Committee Reports
 - a. Updates were on the agenda.
 - i. Julie Thumma (Early Care and Education Council) noted that the updates were from last month. She announced that the Week of the Young Child event is coming up. Julie suggested that subcommittee updates be included in the meeting minutes.
 - ii. Elan (Resource and Development Committee) reminded everyone of the training being held today.
 - iii. John (Marketing Committee) stated that Debbie Crum joined the Marketing Committee. They will be doing more publicity for the vendor fair. He asked all BCF members to provide suggestions to the Marketing Committee for the Merry Resource Fair and other events.
 - iv. Jill (Safe Kids) stated that there are a lot of grants available. Please contact her if you are interested in getting more information.
 - v. Josh stressed the importance of sub-committees. They are the team taking action and getting work done in the community. Please join one!
- VII. Grant Opportunities
 - a. Josh asked the members and guests if anyone knew of any current grant opportunities.
 - i. Elan mentioned that in April the Staunton Farm Foundation 25,000 infrastructure grant applications are due.
 - ii. The Bar Association grant applications are due February 28, 2019.
 - iii. Integrated Services have grants available for agencies working with child and/or human trafficking victims. Contact Denna Hays if you are working with this population and are interested in applying for available grants.
 - iv. Alice Delvecchio announced that she is looking to put together a class on grant writing.

VIII. Agency Updates

- a. Community Economic Development – They provide backpacks for children and offer programs to help children develop life skills. They are expanding their facility.
- b. Clean Day Housekeeping Services – They provide both residential and business cleaning services. They came to the BCF because they want to work with non-profit agencies and give back to the community. They would like to work with populations in need of assistance with housecleaning (such as low-income individuals and the elderly) to help prevent evictions by assisting with cleaning their homes and teaching them maintenance cleaning and how to do minor repairs. They have a licensed social worker on staff. Howie, from Helping Butler County, offered up volunteers to help with their efforts. They are also currently hiring so please send them referrals.
- c. Helping Butler County – This program started 2 ½ years ago in response to the many people in the community who want to volunteer but do not know where to start. They connect volunteers to opportunities. They have volunteers working with all of the Back Pack Programs in the Butler County schools. They work to identify and fill gaps. You name it and they can help do it! They currently have over 4,000 volunteers. There is no ask they haven't been able to meet. They encourage you to come to them with ideas. But please keep in mind that they are a volunteer organization so there has to be some kind of financial or physical need and they must be working with an agency. They also run the Bed for Every Head Program. They do not store anything so when they find a need they will go directly from the donor to the recipient. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/helpingbutlercountypa>.
- d. Mayor of Evans City – He mentioned the Military Banner Program he started. He also supports veterans and the elderly through programs at the Lion's Club.
- e. BC3/Community Initiatives Coordinator – Tracy Hack is the Community Leadership Initiatives Coordinator for BC3. She has an office above the ANR building in downtown Butler. She is working on the opioid, volunteer and empowerment initiatives.
- f. Carl, The Idea Guy, Bromley – He is working on developing a salesmanship class as BC3. He is working on making a 57-foot duck like the one that visited Pittsburgh. He plans to construct it so it can "duck" under the bridges. He hopes to bring it to Butler County.
- g. Visit Butler County - They are hosting a seminar, The Power of Positivity, on Thursday, March 7th from 9:00AM-12:PM at the Pittsburgh Marriott North at Cranberry Woods. The speaker is Dr. Kimberly Morris and the cost is free for Tourism Bureau members and \$15 for non-members. A flyer was passed around. They also announced that if anyone has an event they would like posted on the website please contact them. It is free and open to everyone.
- h. Pittsburgh Food Bank – Elizabeth Moser is the new SNAP Outreach Coordinator and this is her first BCF meeting. She announced that they offer a hotline for SNAP application assistance.
- i. United Way – Keep them in mind if you need assistance with a project. The Butler Carved in Ice event will be held on February 23 from 11:00-4:00, sponsored by the AM Rotary Club. They still need volunteers to help them set up the event. Please call the United Way if you are interested in helping.
- j. Glade Run – Their Adventures Program will be hosting a Camp Sampler Day on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00AM-11:00AM for anyone in the community to come and enjoy samplings of their many camp experiences. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged by calling 724-452-4453, ext.1236 or jwahlenmayer@gladerun.org. Specialized Adventures Summer Camp is specially designed for children ages 8 to 18 identified with moderate to high-functioning autism spectrum disorders but accepts campers with a variety of challenges.
- k. Aging Gracefully – They are hosting an Alzheimer's Walk on September 14th. More information will follow.
- l. Butler County Community College/KEYS Program – They passed out a save-the-date flyer with the upcoming BC3 Open House dates for Spring 2019. They reminded everyone that the application fee is waived during open house events so it is a great event for anyone who is considering applying to BC3 to attend. Open House events are held at each campus location.
- m. The Care Center has collaborated with Butler County Children Center. They announced that they started offering babysitting for individuals attending appointments and services IF they are clients of SPHS CARE

center. The service is offered at their North Main St. Extension office and scheduling is done by calling BCCC at 724-283-3053.

- n. NAMI – The Butler County Recovery and Resource Block Party will be held on May 4th from 12:00PM-8:00PM in downtown Butler on Main street from Brady to Jefferson Street. A flyer was distributed. Save the date!
- o. John McCool announced that there will be a Business Mixer on Wednesday, February 20th from 6:00PM-8:00PM at Family Bowl-Away. The cost is \$15.00 and everyone is welcome.
- p. Early Learning Resource Center – They are serving 5 counties and there is currently no waiting list so this is a great time to apply. It is first-come, first-served so get the word out to your clients!
- q. North Country Brewing Company – They are always looking for ways to give back. Contact them if you need assistance.
- r. Gaiser Center – They are having a Spring Fashion Show fundraising event on March 31st at the Butler Country Club at 12:30PM. Doors open at 11:00. Tickets are \$30.00. A flyer was distributed.
- s. VOICe – Their Taste of Change fundraising event will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 6:30PM-10:00PM at the Atrium. Tickets are \$40. They are still taking nominations for the Hestia award. The deadline for nominations is February 28th. Check out their website www.voiceforvictims.com for details.
- t. Twilight Wish- Make A Wish for seniors. A fundraiser will be held on February 21, 2019 from 5:00PM-7:00PM at the Eleventh Frame Bar and Grill. It's a great opportunity for networking!
- u. Butler County Alliance for Children- Their annual Strike Out Child Abuse fundraiser will take place on Sunday, April 28th from 1pm - 4pm. All proceeds from the event benefit Butler County Alliance for Children Child Advocacy Center. This year they added a \$20/ person corn-hole tournament. They are also getting ready for their Pinwheels for Prevention program in for Child Abuse Awareness month in April.

IX. Next Meeting: March 14, 2019 at 9:30am. Red Chimney Hall, Monarch Place.

X. For the Good of the Order

XI. Adjournment – Motion by Jill, second by Elan. All in favor.

BCF 2019 Calendar

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ New officers take over ♦ Mini-grant updates ♦ Exec Committee – conflict of interest forms ♦ SPEAKER: Janet Arida, Highmark Caring Place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SPEAKER:CCR Family Decision Making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Exec. Comm. review bylaws-subcommittee structure ♦ BCF EXEC RETREAT- discuss Merry Resource Fair format revisions ♦ GAP Analysis Meeting ♦ SPEAKERS: Denna – upcoming events for April
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Week of the Young Child ♦ Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Month ♦ SPEAKER Family Pathways New Event Dept 	<p>VENDOR FAIR</p> <p>Older Americans Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SPEAKER: *Tracy Belles Foster Care *Bulldog Ignite CX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Commissioners re: proclamation at Celebration picnic ♦ Reserve Carousel shelter ♦ Request checks for mini-grant winners ♦ SPEAKER:Stan Kosciuszko, Leadership Butler
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Celebration of Collaboration (replaces General Membership Mtg) ♦ Picnic @ Alameda Park ♦ Mini-grant reports for December awards ♦ No Executive Committee Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Executive Committee meeting ♦ No General Membership Meeting ♦ Executive Committee Planning Meeting ♦ Bundle Up Butler Planning begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Suicide Task Force (2nd week) ♦ Announce mini-grant availability (if applicable) ♦ Fall Festival Day ♦ SPEAKER: Judge McCune ♦ Merry Resource Fair planning
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
<p>Domestic Violence Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Bundle Up Butler Give away Day ♦ Nomination of New Officers ♦ Send out membership invoices ♦ Mini-Grant Deadline 10-31-19 ♦ SPEAKER: BC3 	<p>National Adoption Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SPEAKER: Kortney ♦ Officer Election ♦ Request checks for mini-grant ♦ Brief presentation by Mini-Grant applicants and Vote on Mini-Grants ♦ Acceptance/Rejection letters sent to MG applicants ♦ Merry Resource Fair RSVP ♦ Homeless awareness month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Merry Resource Fair ♦ BUB Update / VITA ♦ Memberships due ♦ New officer's first Executive Committee meeting ♦ Award of mini-grant if applicable at Merry Resource Fair ♦ No General Membership meeting

**Always subject to change