**Butler Collaborative for Families**

**October 8, 2020**

1. The meeting was called to order by Mandy and all members were asked to introduce themselves, after which she recited our mission. Today’s meeting was held both in person and via Zoom.
2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Motion by Howie, second by Kortney. All in favor.
3. 2021 BCF Membership Drive
   1. Current members will be receiving emails with their applications soon.
   2. Applications are also available on the BCF website.
   3. There are some changes to the application so please make sure to read it.
   4. Checks can be mailed to Family Pathways (100 Brugh Ave, Butler PA, 16001).
   5. If your fiscal department needs a W9, please let them know that the W9 that they have for CCR can be used since CCR is the BCF fiduciary.
4. BCF 25th Celebration is December 10, 2020 from 9:00am-3:00pm
   1. Combined with Merry Resource Fair and Vendor Fair
   2. This will be held in-person but a virtual option is being worked on.
   3. Several speakers are lined up! They include: Brandon Savochka, Director of Human Services, Commissioner Leslie Osche, and representatives from SRU. Speakers will be primarily in the morning with networking in the afternoon.
   4. There will be volunteer awards!! Information on eligibility and how to nominate someone will be emailed out to the membership for: Youth Volunteer of the Year and Adult Volunteer of the Year.
5. Mini-Grants
   1. **DUE BY 5:00pm OCTOBER 30, 2020!** All applications should be submitted to Glenda. If you did not receive the application in your email please contact Glenda.
   2. Still need volunteers to serve on the one-time Mini-Grant Ad-Hoc.
      1. Amy spoke about the Ad-Hoc. This is a one-time meeting where the committee will vet all applications to make sure they all meet the eligibility requirements before the general membership votes on them. If you are interested in volunteering for this please email Amy at [acirelli@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:acirelli@co.butler.pa.us).
6. New Logo Rollout
   1. Howie talked about the new logo and the various formats it will be available in. The logo will be available to put on organization’s websites and social media pages. It will be unveiled at the 25th Celebration!!
7. Executive Committee Open Positions (Voting at Nov. meeting.)
   1. Current open positions and nominations:
      1. Co-Chair: Joshua Streilbecki
      2. Vice Co-Chair: Kortney McConnell
      3. Secretary: Caitlin Painter
      4. Treasurer: Janet Arida
      5. Business Representative: Carl Bromley
      6. Youth Community Representative: Kaeleen Martin
      7. Faith Based Representative: Bob Sherwin. Jim Smith was also nominated; however, he was not able to accept due to already serving as the BCF fiduciary.
      8. Adult Community Representative: Howie Dittman
      9. Education Representative: Karen Jack
   2. If there are any other nominations, please contact Glenda.
8. Subcommittee/Ad-HOC Committee Reports
   1. Updates were provided on the agenda and were reviewed at the meeting.
   2. Early Care and Education Council
   3. Local Housing Options Team
   4. Marketing
   5. Resource and Development
   6. Safe Kids
9. Presentation: Al from Blue Mars Media
   1. Al is a video producer in the field of advertisements and professional videos. Al has a lot of experience in television and producing!
   2. Since Covid, his business has slowed so he has been making videos for non-profits or small businesses for little to no cost.
   3. He has simplified the process so the turnaround time between filming and organizations receiving the final video is very short.
   4. He recently made a video for the Reality Tour.
   5. Two videos he makes for non-profits: testimony videos and interview videos.
      1. In the interview style video, he asks questions and the person being interviewed gives their answer to him, not directly to the camera. This helps people become more comfortable with speaking on camera.
   6. Al showed the videos he made for the Reality Tour and Sister’s Place. The videos were great and the quality was top-notch!
   7. Al brought his contact information to the meeting. He can be reached by email at [al@blumars.com](mailto:al@blumars.com) or by phone at 412-980-2727.
10. Agency Announcements
    1. Carl Bromley; if offering to give free advertising space for the BCF on his placemats. This would be something the Executive Committee will need to approve.
    2. Caitlin Painter highlighted the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are selling popcorn and nuts/chocolates but are struggling this year due to Covid restrictions. Please support them! Many of the troops are also looking a space to meet since many of the places they were meeting at are closed due to Covid. If you have any ideas about where they can meet please reach out to the local troops. Caitlin will be getting a list of troops that still need meeting locations to send to the BCF.
    3. The Legacy program is expanding at Family Pathways for families that are preventing CYS involvement. The family DOES NOT need to have an open case with CYS in order to participate, the goal of the program is to improve parenting skills in order to prevent CYS involvement.
    4. Dodging out Homelessness is November 12th at 5:00pm. It will be at the Butler Deck Hockey Rink. There is only space for four teams so sign up! LHOT is also requesting Welcome Home Kits for homeless individuals and families. If you can help with this please reach out to Allyson Rose at Butler County Human Services.
    5. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The VOICE Get Nebby 5k run is still happening virtually on October 18th. Keep an eye on the VOICE Facebook page for info and updates!
11. Identified Needs and Gaps
    1. Elan talked about consumers not being certain about what service are open and what are not due to Covid. She said that staff members and professionals as well are struggling and mentioned that several people came in for interviews and cried during them.
12. Next Meeting: November 12, 2020 at 9:30am. Red Chimney Hall, Monarch Place.