



Butler Collaborative for Families
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2011

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Bill Halle.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion to approve and post to the minutes of the October 13th meeting minutes was made by Janet Elder and second by Elan Welter Lewis. All were in favor.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: Next Steps

The information collected in the July GAP Analysis meeting and action steps discussed and developed at the October 13th planning meeting have been assigned by category to committees. Each of the committees will report back to the BCF general membership as they continue work through the issues and recorded action steps.

- Hunger: The issues regarding "Hunger" will be addressed by the Southwestern PA Food Security Partnership lead by Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. There are meetings scheduled for 9:30am November 15th at North Main Street Church of God and 9:00am November 21st at Adagio Health.
- Teens: The issues regarding "Teens" will be addressed by the Youth Advisory Committee through the YINO (Youth Impacting New Opportunities) and Adolescent Ad-hoc meetings.
- Families with Special Needs: The issues regarding "Families with Special Needs" will be addressed by the Fatherhood and Parenting Committee.
- Education: The issues relating to "Education" will be assigned to a new work group and/or Ad-hoc committee as we continue to identify needs and confirm gaps in services in education.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

We are still awaiting information regarding the Communities That Care grant and the Fatherhood grant. No other grant opportunities were presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was opened to receive nominations and no additional nominations were offered. After a quorum was confirmed, Elan Welter Lewis made a motion to close nominations and hold the vote, it was second by Heather Dovenspike and all were in favor. There were 16 paid member agencies in good standing present to vote and they included; Alliance for Nonprofit Resources, The ARC of Butler County, Butler County Children's Center, Butler County Community College, Butler Human Services, Butler County Juvenile Court Services, Center for Community Resources, Family Pathways, Grace Youth and Family Foundation, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Irene Stacy Community Mental Health Center, LIFE Butler County, Paul Laurence Dunbar Community Center, Seneca Valley School District, United Way of Butler County, Vocational and Psychological Services.

Co-Chair:

- Bill Halle representing Grace Youth and Family Foundation was nominated by willingness to serve second term/self.
- Yavonne Graham-Bartmas representing Vocational and Psychological Services was nominated by Susan Jefferies representing Center for Community Resources.

Vice - Chair:

- Ivory Dunlap representing BC3 was nominated by willingness to serve second term/self

Treasurer:

- Debbie Eddinger representing Butler County Children's Center was nominated by willingness to serve second term/self.

Parent Participant:

- No nominees.

General Member:

Rick Eagle representing Seneca Valley School District was nominated by Bill Halle representing Grace Youth and Family Foundation.

The ballots were distributed by BCF Coordinator Erin McGarrity to all of the paid members in good standing. The ballots were then collected and counted by Erin and Co-Chair Heather Dovenspike. The result of the voting for the terms beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 12/31/2013 are: Co-Chair Bill Halle, Vice Chair Ivory Dunlap, Treasurer Debbie Eddinger, and General Member – Rick Eagle. The Parent Participant position had no nominees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget and Finance: Treasurer Debbie Eddinger reported the Checking Balance is \$21,247.00 of which \$18,404.00 is restricted leaving an available balance of \$2,843.00.
- Resource and Development: Leslie Johnson reported that a "Mandatory Reporting Training" was held last month. Upcoming trainings include November 17th General Ethics Training, Dec 1st Small Games of Chance training and Dec. 16th Motivational Interviewing. There is a \$40.00 charge for the General Ethics training. Professional credits are available for an additional \$30.00.
- Integrated Children's Plan: No Report – due to ISP Coordinator's attendance of homeless meeting
- Drugs Alcohol and Tobacco Coalition: Beth Neveux reported on the availability of the Tobacco Program Presentation, Small Games of Chance Training, update on the Butler First Step information web-portal and the Problem Gambling Council.
- Family Advisory Committee: No Report – due to ISP Coordinator's attendance of homeless meeting
- Youth Advisory Committee: Bill Halle reported on the Youth Advisory Committees Ad-hoc Committee meeting held yesterday. They began working on the actions steps identified from the October 13th meeting. Members are gathering information on current available mentoring programs and will be reporting back with possible application to Butler County's needs. The next Adolescent Ad-Hoc meeting will be 11:30 pm January 11th at The Net Outreach.
- Family Development Credentialing: There is a class that is currently in session. They will be developing a budget and schedule for upcoming meetings.

PROBLEM GAMBLING PRESENTATION

Presented by Denina Bautti-Cascio on behalf of the Butler County Problem Gambling Council.

AGENCY UPDATES

Due to the late hour updates were more limited. The United Way reported that they received a \$5,000.00 grant in hope of it being a precursor to a larger \$60,000.00 grant to work with WIB. Beth Neveux Presented the D&A insert from the Butler Eagle. Copies are available for interested parties to distribute.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:10am

NEXT MEETING 9:30 am Thursday December 8th 2011 @ Monarch Place