

**BUTLER COLLABORATIVE FOR FAMILIES  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
January 8, 2009**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 9:25 AM by Susan Murray reading the mission statement. Introductions were made by the members.

**II. Review and Approval of the December, 2008 General Membership Minutes**

A motion was made by Colleen Smith to accept the December General Membership Minutes and seconded by Amanda Feltenberger. Membership was unanimous.

**III. Presentation – Jan Rogers LIFE Butler County**

Jan Rogers presented LIFE Butler County to the Collaborative. LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly) Butler County helps older adults continue living in their homes with comprehensive and coordinated services to address a range of needs that often accompany the aging process. LIFE also makes life easier for families and friends currently providing care giving. LIFE fosters independence in order adults...dignity and quality of life...in their own homes or the home of a family member...partnering with families to provide an innovative alternative to nursing home care. These are the goals of LIFE Butler County. (Brochure attached to minutes)

**IV. Committee Reports**

**a. Budget and Finance – Bill Halle**

Invoices were due back to the Collaborative on December 31, 2008. If there are any problems with payments please contact the Executive Committee regarding in kind payments.

**b. Communications – Alice Nunes – no report**

**c. Community Wellness – Deb Edinger – no report**

**d. Resource and Development – Leslie Johnson – no report**

**e. Strategic Planning – Dr. Lewis**

Working with CYF to develop training series, “Family Development Credentialing”. Strategic Planning Committee and the Resource Development Committee will work to develop the program.

The BCF will need five members to train for the program and one member from CYF. This will be entry level training and the trainees will commit to perform trainings five times in the community.

**f. Integrated Children’s Services – Amanda Feltenberger**

- Met on December 31, 2008 to discuss Family Engagement.

- A Family Forum will be held on January 27, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the YMCA to introduce ICSP and the BCF. We will discuss the goals of Butler County for this project and where we are heading.
- The Subcommittee also sent letters to family support groups in the County in hopes of attending their meetings to share the same information.

**g. Agency Updates:**

- Colleen Smith informed the Collaborative that the Adult Literacy Program at BC3 “The Impact Programs” is starting up in January 2009. These programs impact our community by improving opportunities in the area of:
  - Workforce Development
  - Computer Literacy
  - Intensified Tutoring
  - Transitioning to Post-Secondary Education
  - Financial Literacy
  - English as a second language
  - (Brochure included with minutes)
- United Way – Leslie Osche
  - Miracle League baseball field completed in Cranberry
  - VOAD has available window weather kits to all agencies. VISTA members will help install by appointment
- Calendar
 

Events and meetings for the entire year have been posted on [Butlerfamilies.net](http://Butlerfamilies.net) If you would like to add to the calendar please contact Erin Schmidhamer at 724-431-3715.
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  - Glade Run Lutheran Services was the winner of the paper drive. Congratulations Glade Run!
  - Coleen Smith handed out a New Choices Flyer
  - Community Service Grant 2009 by the SOROPTIMIST’ is now available
  - Barb Gabe – BC3 will be sponsoring a workforce development workshop for 10 weeks at the college and CareerLink.
  - An Ethics Training will be available the the last week of January 2009. Please check your email for details.
  - Next meeting will be held on February 12, 2009

**VII. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mike Robb and seconded by Kate Folmer. Collaborative was in full agreement.**

**Respectfully submitted by: Karen Flack**

**January 15, 2009**