

**Butler County We Belong
Advisory Council Agenda
November 30, 2017**

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Butler County We Belong (BCWB)**
 - One page summary of BCWB purposes
 - A list of some of BCWB accomplishments since the first Advisory Council meeting.
 - Hosted two Community of Practice gatherings on the Life Course Tools and the guidance they can provide for
 - Education and advocacy
 - Transition & employment
 - Held four community wide events
 - Showing of the Family Next Door
 - Shared the Let's Think Again documentary Cranberry followed by a panel discussion
 - Shared the Let's Think Again documentary at Slippery Rock University followed by a panel discussion
 - Hosted an integrated recreation opportunity Strike the Stigma!
 - Shared information about the Life Course Tools and the Stigma Project at community events around the county (numerous occasions).
 - Collaborated with the National Inclusion Project to bring Aron Hall to Butler County so that he could provide training on inclusive recreation.
 - Participated in a Cranberry Area Special Needs Coalition meeting as a way to bridge the gap between advocacy groups presence/participation in different geographical areas of our county.
 - Established a Facebook page as well as a web presence through Community Care Connections, Inc.
 - Collaborated with Butler County Human Services and Slippery Rock University to establish a data bank of community locations that are inclusive of people with disabilities.

- **Survey Results**
 - Transportation Community of Practice
 - First Responders Training, community wide event
 - Data base-community survey-logo
 - Logo design
 - Integrated community activity

- **Transportation Report**
 - A conversation with Amber Davis with ANR Transportation was held. A summary of that conversation-there is much more transportation support in Butler County for people with disabilities than many may be aware. The issues surrounding transportation are sometimes a matter of communication and or education about available transportation supports rather

than the transportation itself. Partnering with ANR Transportation to address education and communication about transportation supports may address the concerns of those who have been involved with BCWB. Finally, ANR Transportation is a part of the Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities (ATWIC), a special program within the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC). ATWIC is committed to making certain the most vulnerable populations in the ten-county region have reliable and affordable access to services, jobs, medical care, grocery shopping, skills training, and places for social interaction. Other members of this group include providers from throughout the region, legislators, self-advocates and others.

- Suggested partnering ideas include
 - Sharing a link to a recorded training on BCWB website, Facebook page and with BCWB partnering organizations
 - Recording and sharing a video/training that is friendly to the disability community about transportation in Butler County
 - Purchasing and then sharing with the community magnets or another giveaway that has ANR Transportation phone number (724-282-6060) listed. The BCWB logo would be included on the giveaway.
- Melissa Allen, DON Services, has offered to provide support for a transportation training including a space, refreshments, potential transportation via OVR. If done with DON, the focus would need to be on transition aged families
- **First Responders Report**
 - Marni Rettig-Alliance for NonProfit Resources, Inc., Senior Director of Special Projects-a 4 day training for law enforcement officers will be held in May. Dr. Scott Modell, an Autism expert, will be the trainer. Focus of the training will be providing law enforcement officers with a greater understanding of mental health and intellectual disabilities
 - Brittany Buzzelli-Community Liaison/APPRISE Coordinator/ LINK Service Area II Coordinator, Lawrence, Mercer, Butler Counties, Butler County Area Agency on Aging-a training about community safety has been planned for March, "Feel Safe, Be Safe"
 - Natalie Symons-Director, HCQU West-a trainer from Mercer County that conducts disability friendly training about interacting with first responders-could be scheduled. Also, HCQU has Tips for First Responders flip books
 - Indiana University of Pennsylvania-emergency room training (with CEUs)-could be scheduled, possibly in April?
- **Logo Design**
- **Community-wide survey**
- **Next Steps**