



## Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 23, 2018

South Central Community Action Program

**Attendance:** Kelly Goshen, Jon Raber, Ann Spottswood, Melissa Mattson, Kim Eaton, Robin Harmon, Shelly Schwartz, Luray Schlagel, Robin Russell, Rob Yearicks, Melyssa Flud, Bernadette Bowman, Lou Cowles, Glenda Helman, Tracey Radtke, Alaina Ingels

### I. Welcome & Sign In

### II. Review the Purpose of Great Barrier Relief (GBR)

- a. This group will work to identify creative and innovative opportunities to assist people in their reentry into the community.
- b. The GBR will examine the barriers people face, and through an asset-based approach, combat the challenge.
- c. Review the prioritization of action steps for 2018 (critical & passionate)

### III. Plan for this and following meetings

- a. Evaluate the prioritized action steps
- b. Finalize each selected action step using SMART goal process (specific-measurable-attainable-relevant-time oriented)
- c. Assign tasks and roles to group members
- d. Identify target completion dates for each objective

### IV. Employment Outreach

- a. Rob leads an effort reaching out to employers and help connecting returning citizens with suitable employment.
  - i. Transportation to employment is a big problem
  - ii. Looking for a passenger van to assist
- b. Research options on apprenticeships
- c. Review CareerLink programs
- d. Goals evaluated at last meeting:
  - i. Find or develop a community driven initiative that supports, guides and strengthens the individual through supplemental supports through employment coaching by December 31, 2018.
  - ii. Find or develop a community driven initiative that connects returning citizens to sustainable employment through apprenticeships by December 31, 2018.

**V. Housing**

- a. Melissa is working at compiling lists
  - i. Housing Assistance Initiatives/Programs
  - ii. Affordable Rentals
- b. Co-location of housing & place of employment is pertinent
  - i. Example: Sesco & Mont Alto Village Townhouses
  - ii. Smaller & affordable housing options

**VI. Prosocial Activities**

- a. Peer Support Groups (Run By Returning Citizens)
  - i. Develop and implement an emotionally safe ecology consisting of trained peer facilitators and community mentors, leading returning citizens in a support group setting by December 31, 2018.
  - ii. Develop a workgroup to further plan:
    - 1. Take a fieldtrip to visit a neighboring county's group
    - 2. Kim, Bernadette, Rob, Shelly
    - 3. Identify additional measurable objectives pertaining to implementation
- b. Dry Bar: Investigate the feasibility
  - i. Discussion about how this dry bar would work
  - ii. Workgroup to visit The Harbor
  - iii. How to incorporate pathways to professionalism (Jim Duffey/CareerTech)
  - iv. Research grants for workforce development, building rehab

**VII. Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: Friday, March 23, 2018 @ 9:00 am, SCCAP Second Floor Conference Room**