



## **Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes**

Friday, September 22, 2017

South Central Community Action Program

Attendance: Kelly Goshen (chair), Kim Eaton, Bernadette Bowman, Lou Cowles, Alaina Ingels

### I. Welcome, Sign-In & Introductions

### II. Introduction to New Committee

- a. Purpose: The Great Barrier Relief (GBR) Committee will work to identify creative and innovative opportunities to assist people in their reentry into the community. The GBR will examine the barriers people face, and through an asset based approach, develop a plan of action to help combat the challenges.
- b. Organizational Items
  - i. The GBR Committee will meet the fourth Friday of each month.
  - ii. Additional focused workgroups will be created through GBR to address specific needs that prove to be very pervasive obstacles.

### III. Discussion of Needs

- a. Design an assessment tool to survey inmate's needs & wants
  - i. Kim Eaton plans to follow up with Melyssa Flud
  - ii. Use data gathered to determine which areas to focus on
- b. Mentoring programs: returning citizens need to be taught life skills and tactics to succeed
- c. Physical activities: after minimum physical activity while incarcerated, returning citizens need to get up and move.
- d. Employment resources
  - i. consolidate lists of employers that hire exoffenders
  - ii. advocate to employers why it would benefit them to consider hiring someone with a criminal record
  - iii. look into grant funding to pay apprenticeships to learn trades
  - iv. Career Tech Center resources

### IV. Identification of Potential Workgroups

- a. Housing
- b. Prosocial Physical Health Activities
- c. Prosocial Behavioral Health Activities
- d. Employment

### V. Employment Resources

### VI. Next Meeting: 9:00 am Friday, October 27, 2017