



Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 18, 2018

South Central Community Action Program

Attendance: Jon Raber, Kelly Goshen, Melissa Mattson, Craig Newcomer, Glenda Helman, Tracy Radtke, Rachel Sheaffer, Kim Eaton, Robin Harmon, Robin Russell, Alaina Ingels

I. Welcome & Sign In

II. Great Barrier Relief (GBR) Review

a. Purpose:

1. This group will work to identify creative and innovative opportunities to assist people in their reentry into the community.
2. The GBR will examine the barriers people face, and through an asset-based approach, combat the challenge.

b. Plan for this and following meetings

1. Evaluate the prioritized action steps
 - i. Finalize each selected action step using SMART goal process (specific-measurable-attainable-relevant-time oriented)
 - ii. Assign tasks and roles to group members

III. Goal Progress Updates

a. 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.

i. Peer Support Groups

1. Kim has finished a draft of the facilitator training and lesson plans and needs to have them proof read (by Tracey) and then will share with the group
2. Looking to identify a list of potential facilitators
3. Focuses on addressing the criminal thinking
4. Attend eight and get a month of supervision waived, attend 16 and the data shows reduce in recidivism

ii. Identify additional measurable objectives pertaining to implementation

iii. Partner with Dave Lehman to utilize community mentors

b. Recovery Community Center

- i. Developing a plan working with OTF Recovery Committee
- ii. Kim has developed a work plan for duplication of this model

- iii. Research grants for workforce development, building rehab
- c. 4th Street Recovery Community Center
 - i. Looking for a guiding board
 - ii. Contact Craig about details
- d. Develop lists of landlords willing to rent to returning citizens.
 - i. Public housing research
 - ii. Landlord outreach
 - iii. Research what the law is in PA regarding discrimination
 - iv. Point People: Melissa, need volunteers to assist in research
- e. Develop and utilize employer list, continue employment outreach
 - i. Format of the employer list has been changed and posted on the website
 - ii. Point People: Rob, Bobby

IV. Tabled Goals

- a. Look into options to support children and family of those incarcerated
 - i. Sesame Street program
 - ii. Partnering with local organizations
 - iii. Look at a yearly event, partnering with Sally & Comfort Kitchen
- b. Find or develop a community driven initiative that supports, guides and strengthens the individual through supplemental supports through employment coaching by December 31, 2018.
 - i. Research options on apprenticeships
 - ii. How to incorporate pathways to professionalism (Jim Duffey/CareerTech)
 - iii. Point People: Rachel, Robin

V. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Friday, June 22, 2018, 9:00 am
New Location!!! Keystone Health Conference Room