



Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes

9:00 A.M. Friday, September 28, 2018

Keystone Behavior Health Building
110 Chambers Hill Drive, Chambersburg

Attendance: Kelly Goshen, Jon Raber, Robin Harmon, Melyssa Flud, Craig Newcomer, Bernadette Bowman, Jennifer Wenzel, Robin Russell, Rachel Sheaffer, Glenda Helman

I. Welcome

- a. Introductions & Sign In
- b. TMS (transcranial magnetic stimulation)
 - i. Members were introduced to by Sue Goetz, TMS Coordinator.
 - ii. Members had an opportunity to view the machine and learn about the process.

II. Minutes- The Minutes from the August meeting were approved by consensus.

III. Goal Progress to Address Barriers

a. Housing

- i. Housing Options- A lengthy discussion was held regarding housing needs and accompanying funding.
 - 1. There was a lot of interest in locked suites.
 - 2. Several members plan to attend LHOT next week with the hope of coordinating efforts.
 - 3. It was noted that all levels of housing opportunities need the support of a Navigator/Case Manger to assist re-entering individuals in accessing resources and navigating the various systems.
- ii. It was noted that the County received funding through OMHSAS for an 8-bed residential SCR for jail re-entry persons.
- iii. It was reported that Hearken House is open. This is a residential program for minimum to medium offense sex offenders. They can take up to 7 individuals. The person must be work ready.
- iv. Landlord Outreach- Surveys went out to landlords. SCCAP will follow-up with I360. It was reported that Fair Market Values went up and that will increase the apartments available.

b. Employment

- i. Employment Options- United Way has money available to for training welders, CNS's, electricians, HVAC and office assistants through Stepping Forward Works.
- ii. The Governor's office is supporting Apprenticeships.
- iii. Business/Employer Outreach-John plans to follow up with Tim Hodge and it was suggested that he be invited to this committee.
- iv. Supplemental Supports Through Employment Coaching

c. Prosocial Activities

- i. Peer Support Groups- No update
- ii. Mental Health First Aid Training- Training is being held 10/1
- iii. Recovery Community Center, Working Document- the document is available
- iv. 4th Street Recovery Community Center
 - 1. After some discussion it was recommended that the word recovery be eliminated from the title of the Center.
 - 2. It was also recommended that this group spend the next meeting helping Craig to plan the Center. We will meet there to get a better idea of the space available.

IV. New Barriers Discussed

- a. Transportation was discussed again.
 - i. It was determined that we would not focus on this but get up dates on what was happening in the community.
 - ii. There is a data base of mechanics being created who will assist with car repair.
- b. Employment: additional barriers examined
 - i. Lack of full-time employment with benefits available in certain job fields.
 - ii. Criminal record is definitely an issue when seeking full time employment.
- c. Need for Valid ID prior to release from incarceration
 - i. There is a strong need for those re-entering to have a valid ID prior to release.
 - ii. This is a vicious cycle of having to obtain birth certificate and social security information.
 - iii. Interestingly enough the person's identity is not verified when they enter jail, but they are fingerprinted and identified prior to release.
 - iv. When DUI offenders relinquish their driver's license they are supposed to receive a non-driver ID but apparently the application is sent to their home while they are in jail and they would need to pay a fee, go to the driver's center for a photo etc.
 - v. We need to understand the process better so that we know what to advocate for.

V. A Look Back at Original Brainstorming- Time did not permit us to get to this item.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

**Next Great Barrier Relief Meeting
(Please Note Change in Location)**

Friday, October 26th @ 9:00am

**Location: Candleheart, 1332 S 4th Street, Chambersburg, PA
4th Street Community Center, a component of Maranatha Ministries**