



Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 1, 2017

South Central Community Action Program

Attendance: Kelly Goshen, Jon Raber, Ann Spottswood, Melissa Mattson, Robin Harmon, Jennifer Wenzel, Lou Cowles, Carl Kniss

- I. Welcome & Sign In
- II. Reviewed 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.
- III. Review & Prioritization of Action Steps for 2018 (critical & passionate)
 - a. Employment
 - i. Currently in progress
 1. Employer Outreach: expand to provide more resources for employers
 2. Employment Options Database: expand to increase use & contribution
 - ii. New initiatives
 1. Job Coaching Program (life skills, structure, relationships)
 - a. 16 critical votes
 - b. 20 passionate votes
 2. Apprenticeship/Craft Training (research options/pursue funding)
 - a. 16 critical votes
 - b. 15 passionate votes
 - b. Housing
 - i. Currently in process
 1. Create a contact list of all those employed in housing initiatives
 2. Create a master list of all housing assistance programs
 3. Collect a list of recommended landlords that offer affordable properties
 - ii. New initiatives
 1. Expand options in reentry/recovery/transitional housing
 - a. 18 critical votes
 - b. 8 passionate votes
 2. Work with landlords to offer low cost rental units (“locked suites”, boarding houses, shared apartments, etc.)
 - a. 7 critical votes
 - b. 6 passionate votes
 3. Design a presentation to present to real estate associations
 - a. 8 critical votes
 - b. 4 passionate votes

c. Prosocial Activities

1. Adult/peer mentoring programs
 - a. 14 critical votes
 - b. 4 passionate votes
2. bring dry bar to local area (incorporate prosocial activities ie paint nights), pursue grant funding to renovate building, offer employment to those in need
 - a. 3 critical votes
 - b. 9 passionate votes
3. utilize parolee/probationer community service hours in FT/Committee/workgroup/events
 - a. 6 critical votes
 - b. 4 passionate votes
4. support groups RUN by returning citizens
 - a. 10 critical votes
 - b. 2 passionate votes
5. family planning, education & resources
 - a. 6 critical votes
 - b. 2 passionate votes
6. art/animal therapy
 - a. 0 critical votes
 - b. 6 passionate votes
7. distribute fitness options to recovery houses
 - a. 2 critical votes
 - b. 4 passionate votes
8. bike exchange &/or distribution hub (donations from police & community)
 - a. 0 critical votes
 - b. 4 passionate votes
9. pursue evidence based programming for families/parenting in jail
 - a. 0 critical votes
 - b. 0 passionate votes
10. link to volunteer opportunities
 - a. 0 critical votes
 - b. 0 passionate votes

IV. Plan for next meeting

- 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

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Friday, January 26, 2018 @ 9:00 am, SCCAP 533 S Main St. Cburg