

## Case Review Task Force – Franklin County Reentry Coalition Meeting (08/04/16)

- Meeting took place at the Franklin County Jail between 1:00-2:00PM and was led by Deputy Warden of Inmate Services Ms. Michelle Weller and Case Officer Melissa Flud & Director of Mental Health.
- Warden Bill Bechtold was also present and gave a lot of great input on the direction and structure of the meetings.
- After introductions of the group members, the group decided to work on a prepared “Can Go at Any Time” list of inmates who are preparing to leave the jail to see how the task force members can help the inmates be successful as returning citizens.
- Many people can leave the jail once their min-max sentencing dates are met, but they need to have better home plans established before they leave.
- According to the task force members, sex offenders and the severely mentally ill are historically hardest to get good home plans for.
- Weller, Flud & Bechtold asked the group’s members to look for people with connections who can build bridges with landlords who would approve some of these inmates as they return to society. Cherry and I were curious to see if John M at SCCAP would be able to help inmates fill out applications for housing at the jail before they leave.
- The jail representatives shared that the most critical time for the returning citizens to really pull it together and get everything they need to be successful and not be a victim of recidivism is 0-3 months upon release.
- We were asked to think about what other information we’d like to have from the jail administration for the face sheets/interviewing information regarding each case when we start review in October.
- The plan is to start case review at the October meeting date and complete 2-3 cases after meeting with the inmates and the jail admin team being represented at the task force will lead questions and data collection for each.
- Some other task force members are interested in learning: veteran status, mental health status, risk assessment score for housing, education levels/needs, disability, drug and alcohol issues, charge information, court order and sentencing information/requirements, language barriers.
- Concerns & barriers to case review work: constrained confidentiality/consent requirements, federal v. state v. local laws/legislation gaps, differing definitions and operationalizations of ‘homelessness,’ conflicting program eligibility requirements, Summit Health and transportation issues, the need and accessibility for application navigators.
- Cherry recommend Karen or somebody from the Franklin County shelter might benefit from attending these task force meetings, as well.
- The Case Review task force decided to meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays of each month from 1-2:30PM at the Franklin County Jail with the next meeting scheduled for October 6, 2016.
- Met with Julia Lehman to introduce myself and discuss future opportunities.