



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

9:00 am November 30, 2018  
Keystone Behavior Health Building  
110 Chambers Hill Drive, Chambersburg

### Attendance:

Kelly Goshen (Co-Chair): Keystone Behavioral Health  
Jon Raber (Co-Chair): Circles, South Central Community Action Programs  
Kim Eaton: Reentry Services, Franklin County Human Services  
Melyssa Flud: Specialized Services, Franklin County Jail  
Glenda Helman: Franklin County Grants Management & CJAB  
Bernadette Bowman: CRS, House of Hope  
Rachel Sheaffe: Veterans @ Career Link  
Melissa Mattson: Homeless Assistance Program, SCCAP  
Robin Harmon: Career Link  
Alaina Ingels: Franklin Together Coordinator, SCCAP

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

### **II. Goal Progress Updates**

#### **a. Housing**

- i. Landlord outreach/database development
  1. Interview form developed; I&R sent out in survey format to shared google drive
    - a. Currently over 30 landlords in database
    - b. Waynesboro Area Human Services has been partnering to encourage landlord completion of the surveys
  2. How to help with the initiative
    - a. Send email and/or phone number of landlords you are familiar with
    - b. Need volunteers to assist in research
- ii. LHOT planning landlord summit, will distribute educational materials to landlords and tenants
- iii. Discussion on Challenges
  1. Major shortage of fair housing options, a landlord's market
  2. Many options available are not well insulated and utilities costs are high
  3. Need to encourage locked suites
  4. Identify organizations willing to take on master lease
- iv. Pursue landlord educational outreach
- v. Follow Ups:

1. Expand GBR membership to include additional housing representatives
2. Option for Franklin Together Community Partner Presentation:
  - a. Franklin Legal Services
  - b. Mid Pen Legal Services



























**b. Employment**

- i. Apprenticeship and Job Skills Training
  1. United Way Job Training
  2. Career Link Options
  3. Tradesmen International
  4. Manitowac will hire to train and place
  5. Barriers to state licensures for ex-felons
- ii. Employment Options
  1. Pdf available on the Franklin Together website
  2. Volunteers Needed; It is incomplete, and needs filled in and expand upon
  3. Employment is at an all-time low and many HR departments are beginning to change hiring practices, especially for trained/qualified applicants
- iii. Discussion on Challenges:
  1. PA State Licensure Board Restrictions for felonies and misdemeanors
  2. Difficult process for records clearing, expungement & pardons
- iv. Option for Franklin Together Community Partner Presentation:
  1. United Way
  2. Career Link
  3. Franklin County Career & Tech Adult Ed
  4. OVR
  5. Launch Box

**c. Prosocial Activities**

- i. Peer Support Groups
  1. Currently being reviewed by President Judge
  2. Facilitators identified, and training will begin
  3. Plan to begin groups in early 2019
- ii. Certified Recovery Specialist Trainings available throughout the state and listed on Pro-A's website and regularly updated
- iii. Various MH trainings available
  1. Crisis Intervention Team
  2. Question, Persuade, Respond
  3. Mental Health First Aid
- iv. Recovery Community Center: work plan finalized and available to assist local organization in developing their own recovery community centers

### III. Review of 2018 Goal Progress

| <b>Status</b><br> = Completed<br> = In Progress<br> = Tabled | <b>Goal/Action Step</b>   |
|---|---|
|   | <b>Housing</b>  |
|    | create a contact email list of those in housing community                   |
|    | master list (reentry/recovery housing, mh/hud/ircm, hap/hprp/rrh)           |
|    | landlord lists of good reasonable/affordable options                        |
|    | speaking engagements to real estate associations                            |
|    | need additional transitional/reentry/recovery housing options               |
|    | need more boarding house/"locked suites"/shared apartment options           |
|    | add tab on FT website for housing: landlords/renters                        |
|   | <b>Employment</b>   |
|   | create a focused workgroup  |
|    | gather & distribute info on WOTC & FBP                                      |
|    | research options on apprenticeships/craft training                          |
|    | pursue option to utilize community service hours to learn trade             |
|    | Develop list of employers willing to consider hiring those with records     |
|   | <b>Prosocial Activities</b>   |
|    | task healing communities with developing a master list of church activities |
|    | adult mentoring programs  |
|    | bike exchange &/or distribution hub (donations from police & community)     |
|    | art/animal therapy  |
|    | support groups RUN by returning citizens                                    |
|    | bring dry bar to local area (incorporate prosocial activities)              |
|    | Care Packs, returning citizen resources/supplies                            |
|    | distribute fitness equipment to recovery houses                             |
|    | utilize community service hours in FT/Committee/workgroup/events            |
|    | look into evidence-based programming for families/parenting in jail         |
|    | link to volunteer opportunities   |

**IV. New Business**

- a. Discussion on ways to increase public awareness
  - i. Education on local elections
  - ii. Provide information about alternatives to incarceration, evidence-based ways to reduce recidivism
  - iii. Support planning efforts for Reentry Month and the Reentry Summit in April
- b. Need To Re-examine: Valid ID prior to release from incarceration
  - i. Strong need for those re-entering to have a valid ID prior to release.
  - ii. Cycle of having to obtain birth certificate and social security information

**V. Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: 9:00 am on Friday, December 28, 2018  
@ Keystone Behavioral Health**