



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

Friday, March 23, 2018

South Central Community Action Program

**Attendance:** Jon Raber, Melissa Mattson, Kim Eaton, Robin Harmon, Melyssa Flud, Bernadette Bowman, Lou Cowles, Rachel Shaeffer, Heather Albert, Alaina Ingels

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

### **II. Review 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.
- c. Review the prioritization of action steps for 2018 (critical & passionate)

### **III. Plan for this and following meetings**

- 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

### **IV. General Updates**

- a. Reentry Documentary, Community Film Night
  - i. DVD with rights arrived
  - ii. Discussed post viewing discussion panels
- b. Reentry Simulation
  - i. Registrants
  - ii. Volunteers
  - iii. Finish re-build
- c. Employment Outreach
  - i. Rob leads an effort reaching out to employers and help connecting returning citizens with suitable employment.
  - ii. Transportation to employment is a big problem
  - iii. Looking for a passenger van to assist
- d. PA Career Link of Franklin County: Set up a presentation for our workgroup

## **V. Goal Progress Updates**

- a. Develop lists of employers/landlords willing to hire/rent to returning citizens.
  - i. Public housing research
  - ii. Landlord outreach
  - iii. Point People: Melissa, Heather
- b. Develop and utilize employer list, continue employment outreach
  - i. Develop a list of who can view and access the shared drive
  - ii. Point People: Rob, Bobby
- c. 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
- d. 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. Plans to organize a visit to learn from existing model in Harrisburg
  - ii. Identify additional measurable objectives pertaining to implementation
  - iii. Identify a list of potential facilitators
  - iv. Point People: Kim, Heather, Bernadette
- e. Dry Bar: Investigate the feasibility
  - i. Discussion about how this dry bar would work
  - ii. Workgroup to visit The Harbor
  - iii. Research grants for workforce development, building rehab

## **VI. Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: Friday, April 27 @ 9:00 am, SCCAP Second Floor Conference Room**