



Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 27, 2018

South Central Community Action Program

Attendance: Jon Raber, Kelly Goshen, Melissa Mattson, Craig Newcomer, Melyssa Flud, Tracy Radtke, Rachel Shaeffer, Kim Eaton, Robin Harmon, Robin Russell, Alaina Ingels

I. Welcome & Sign In

II. Great Barrier Relief (GBR) Review

a. Purpose:

1. This group will work to identify creative and innovative opportunities to assist people in their reentry into the community.
2. The GBR will examine the barriers people face, and through an asset-based approach, combat the challenge.

b. Plan for this and following meetings

1. Evaluate the prioritized action steps
 - i. Finalize each selected action step using SMART goal process (specific-measurable-attainable-relevant-time oriented)
 - ii. Assign tasks and roles to group members

III. General Updates

a. Community Film Night: Life on Parole, a Reentry Documentary

- i. Film night was a great success last night
- ii. Reviewed discussion pods

b. Candlelight Vigil scheduled on Monday to mark the end of Reentry Month

- i. Scott Bowerman, Central Presbyterian hosting
- ii. Monday 6:00-7:00 pm

IV. Goal Progress Updates

a. 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. Peer Support Groups

1. Kim has been working on the details for setting up this program
2. Developing two trainings (peer support group facilitator and mentor training)
3. Identify a list of potential facilitators

- 4. Focuses on addressing the criminal thinking
 - ii. Plans to organize a visit to learn from existing model in Harrisburg
 - iii. Identify additional measurable objectives pertaining to implementation
 - iv. Point People: Kim is working with CRSs
- b. Dry Bar: Investigate the feasibility
 - i. Discussion about how this dry bar would work, how its managed
 - ii. Workgroup to visit The Harbor
 - iii. Research grants for workforce development, building rehab
- c. Develop lists of landlords willing to rent to returning citizens.
 - i. Public housing research
 - ii. Landlord outreach
 - iii. Research what the law is in PA regarding discrimination
 - iv. Point People: Melissa, Valerie
- d. Develop and utilize employer list, continue employment outreach
 - i. Change the format of the employment listing
 - ii. Point People: Rob, Bobby
- e. Look into options to support children and family of those incarcerated
 - i. Circles
 - ii. Sesame Street program
- f. 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

V. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Friday, May 18, 2018, 10:30-12:00 pm @ SCCAP