



Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 26, 2018

South Central Community Action Program

Attendance: Kelly Goshen, Jon Raber, Ann Spottswood, Melissa Mattson, Robin Harmon, Shelly Schwartz, Craig Newcomer, Robin Russell, Rob Yearicks, Melyssa Flud, Bernadette Bowman, Lou Cowles, Valerie Walk, Rachel Scheaffer, 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. Goals evaluated
 - a. Employment Coaching Program (soft skills, work ethic, life skills, structure, relationships)
 - i. identified need: high turn over with jobs; plenty of people with skills, can maintain the job while on work release. But when back into real world and lose supports, lose job.
 - ii. What Exists: CareerLink has 18-24, Mondays job seeker workshop, AHEAD program (SMI criteria), 360, DRC
 - iii. Can this tie into circles and/or peer mentoring
 - iv. SMART:
 1. Specific: Find or develop a community driven initiative that supports, guides and strengthens the individual through supplemental supports through employment coaching
 2. Measurable: sub goals will be
 3. Attainable: Absolutely
 4. Relevant: Yes
 5. Time Oriented: pilot group will be established by Dec 31

- b. Apprenticeship (hard skills, trade training)
 - i. Research what currently exist
 - ii. Find or develop a community driven initiative that connects returning citizens to sustainable employment through apprenticeships by December 31.
- c. Combine 1&2 under housing, tabled till Jenn Wenzel is here
- d. Dry Bar
 - i. Difference between Noah's House recovery community center vs. The Harbor
 - ii. Kim chairs Recovery subcommittee of Overdose Task Force working on the Noah's House project and invited GBR members interested in joining.
 - iii. Table concept till more information is gathered

V. Prioritization of Prosocial Activities

- a. Support groups run by returning citizens
 - i. Critical: 31 votes
 - ii. Passion: 17 votes
- b. Adult & Peer Mentoring
 - i. Critical: 25 votes
 - ii. Passion: 18 votes
- c. Dry Bar
 - i. Critical: 15 votes
 - ii. Passion: 17 votes
- d. Family Planning, Education & Resources
 - i. Critical: 14 votes
 - ii. Passion: 15 votes
- e. Art/Animal Therapy
 - i. Critical: 0 votes
 - ii. Passion: 14 votes

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: 9:00 am Friday, February 23, 2018
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Post Script Note: Thank you so much for being a part of the meeting last Friday, great turnout, lots of energy in the room. And many thanks to Alaina for keeping/organizing notes for all of us. I just want to draw attention to a few things in her notes—you'll notice the results of our dot exercise towards the end of the towards, with the top 2-3 ideas regarding pro social activities being rather clear. So we can start to think about what a more strategic goal regarding those ideas might be.

Also, we had come up with 2 goals regarding employment of returning citizens:

1. Find or develop a community driven initiative that supports, guides and strengthens the individual through supplemental supports through employment coaching by Dec 31.
2. Find or develop a community driven initiative that connects returning citizens to sustainable employment through apprenticeships by December 31.

ACTION STEPS: We all seemed to agree that we need to know a little more about what already exists for both of these ideas—as well as to know what types of outcomes they are seeing. What exists, and what is working well? If you have the capacity to look into either of these questions, to do a little research, go ahead and start learning now! It will make our meeting times all the more productive if we can begin to learn in between meetings.