



Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes

9:00 am August 24, 2018

Keystone Behavior Health Building
110 Chambers Hill Drive, Chambersburg

Attendance: Jon Raber, Melyssa Flud, Alaina Ingels, Melissa Mattson, Shelly Schwartz, Bernadette Bowman, Robin Harmon, Kim Eaton

I. Welcome, Introductions & Sign In

II. Goal Progress Updates

a. Housing

i. Landlord outreach

1. Interview form developed
 - a. I&R sent out in survey format to shared google drive
 - b. Plans to personally email the survey form to landlords
2. How to help with the initiative
 - a. Send Melissa email and/or phone number of landlords you are familiar with
 - b. Melissa needs volunteers to assist in research

ii. Housing Database

1. Utilizing responses from outreach, Melissa is working on developing a list of landlords with affordable housing and open to renting to returning citizens.
2. Researching public housing options
3. PA law is vague in interpretation regarding discrimination against those with records

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
5. Pursue landlord educational outreach

iv. Expand GBR membership to include additional housing representatives

b. Employment

i. Apprenticeship and Job Skills Training

1. Career Link Options
 - a. WIOA K2C Program focusing on disengaged youth ages 16-24
 - b. Tim Hodge new Program Coordinator
2. FCJ welding apprenticeships
3. Tradesmen International

4. Chamber Foundation partnering with Career Tech Center to develop a pre-apprenticeship
 5. Manitowac will hire to train and place
 6. Barriers to state licensures for ex-felons
 - ii. Employment Options
 1. Pdf available on the Franklin Together website
 2. 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. Employer Outreach
 1. Interview form developed, and Alaina & Stacy planning to turn it into an electronic survey form
 2. Additional volunteers needed to assist in research
 - iv. Transportation is main Barrier to maintaining employment
 1. Ride Share should be encouraged to do more outreach
 2. Career Tech Center will repair vehicles for student experience if car owner will purchase their parts
 3. Circles working on building a mechanic database of individuals willing to donate time to those in need
- c. Prosocial Activities
- i. Peer Support Groups
 1. Final draft is completed
 2. Currently being reviewed by President Judge to see if she'll agree to waive supervision fees for attendance
 3. Facilitators identified, and training will begin
 4. Goal: present an overview of the program at the September Franklin Together meeting
 - ii. Certified Recovery Specialist Training scheduled for the fall, sponsored by ProA, D&A & Noah's House
 - iii. Mental Health First Aid Training
 1. Kim & Alaina met with Pat Cambri, planned training for Oct 1 & 2
 2. Training on recognizing, identifying and triaging
 3. Applied for \$600 to cover costs of materials
 - iv. Recovery Community Center
 1. Kim has developed a work plan to assist local organization in developing their own recovery community centers
 2. Alaina assisted with proof reading and editing, Kim making final edits and will send out to the group for review
 3. Research grants for workforce development, building rehab

III. White Page Project

- a. What is a White Paper? A whitepaper is a persuasive, authoritative, in-depth report on a specific topic that presents a problem and provides a solution.
- b. What is the purpose?
 - i. educate target audience about issues
 - ii. explain and promote a particular methodology
 - iii. advanced problem-solving guides
 - iv. tests public opinion on controversial policy issues and helps gauge its probable impact

- c. Where do we start?
 - i. Format: booklet style
 - ii. Elements: title page, table of contents, introduction, objectives, executive summary, organized chapters/sections, reference index, reference sources
 - iii. Tips to Consider
 - 1. Use engaging visuals such as graphics, tables, and flow charts
 - 2. Provide different sources for facts: testimonials, case studies, and other credible sources of facts relevant
 - 3. Bridge different stories for a factual basis
 - 4. Maintain an informative tone
 - 5. Provide a summary of ideas
- d. If anyone is interested in contributing to this project, email Alaina. There will be a separate group set up to focus on this project.

IV. Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting: Friday, September 28, 2018, 9:00 am
New Location!!! Keystone Health Conference Room**