



## Great Barrier Relief Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 27, 2017

South Central Community Action Program

- I. Welcome & Sign In
- II. 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.
- III. Brainstorm Achievable Action Steps for 2018
  - a. Housing
    - i. create a contact email list of those in housing community
    - ii. master list (reentry/recovery housing, mh/hud/ircm, hap/hprp/rrh)
    - iii. landlord lists of good reasonable/affordable options
    - iv. speaking engagements to real estate associations
    - v. need additional transitional/reentry/recovery housing options
    - vi. need more boarding house/"locked suites"/shared apartment options
    - vii. add tab on FT website for housing: landlords/renters
  - b. Employment
    - i. create a focused workgroup: Jon, Jen, Craig, Glenda
    - ii. gather & distribute info on WOTC & FBP
    - iii. research options on apprenticeships/craft training (find grant program funding)
    - iv. pursue option to utilize community service hours to learn trade, need sponsorship from gov't/nonprofit entity
  - c. Prosocial Activities
    - i. task healing communities with developing a master list of church activities
    - ii. adult mentoring programs
    - iii. bike exchange &/or distribution hub (donations from police & community)
    - iv. art/animal therapy
    - v. support groups RUN by returning citizens
    - vi. bring dry bar to local area (incorporate prosocial activities ie paint nights), pursue grant funding to renovate building and offer employment to those in need
    - vii. welcome wagon-sign up ahead of time at jail & volunteer visits returning citizen at home and brings resources/supplies

- viii. distribute fitness equipment to recovery houses
- ix. utilize parolee/probationer community service hours in FT/Committee/workgroup/events
- x. pull together info from Stacy, Noel, HCP
- xi. look into evidence based programming for families/parenting in jail
- xii. link to volunteer opportunities

IV. Plan for next meeting

- a. Review and prioritize action steps
- b. Assign tasks and roles to group members
- c. Nail down target completion dates for each objective

V. Organizational Items

- a. Next Meeting: Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am @ SCCAP
- b. Establish a recurring monthly meeting for 2018: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 9:00 am (Jan-Oct) @ SCCAP

VI. Meeting Adjourned