



Location: JFS, Building B, Reid Snyder Room



Date: April 18th



Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM. 14 members present.

- a) Welcome statement and introductions from members present.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a) A motion was made to approve the minutes for March, then seconded. Unanimous approval for March meeting minutes. Approved minutes are shared on the Reentry Department Website.

III. Old Business

- a) Reentry Month Updates

- i) Trauma Informed Care Training

- (1) Training occurred April 6th and 7th virtually. There were 10 attendees, and 5 observers. The 10 attendees are now able to train others in trauma informed care.
 - (2) As a part of the grant requirement, the 10 trained trainers are now required to train their organization.

- ii) Justice Involved Speaker

- (1) "Why Reentry Matters: One man's journey from incarceration to peace of mind."
 - (2) April 13th, 12-1pm at the Clark County Public Library, a justice involved veteran and reentry advocate spoke about their experience being justice-impacted. There were 19 people in attendance. Special thanks to the Library, the VA, and our reentry speaker for making this event possible.
 - (3) The coalition Vice Chair and VA representative, Gina Kicos, discussed having the speaker again for future events that may target at-risk individuals. If anyone is interested in hearing the speaker share their story for another event, please reach out to Gina Kicos at the VA.

- iii) Wallet Drive

- (1) There is a wallet drive happening the entire month of April, where donated wallets will be collected and given to returning citizens. There are donation boxes at the Clark County HR department, every branch of the Clark County Public Library, and the Nehemiah foundation.

iv) Fair Chance Wednesday: April 26th

- (1) April 26th, 1-3pm at the Recovery X gym (1101 E High Street, Springfield, OH) is our Fair Chance resource fair, where returning citizens get the chance to meet and link with local resource providers in their community to help them get a fresh start. Returning citizens can also register here for the upcoming legal clinic June 10th.
- (2) Over 25 service providers have signed up, including Clark State college, Aspire GED program, and the Ohio BMV. Individuals on parole will receive \$20 off their monthly supervision fee for attendance. Service providers are encouraged to connect with community members, beyond passing out pamphlets and brochures about services offered.
- (3) Upcoming Fair Chance Days include: May 31st, June 28th, and July 26th

b) Legal Clinic Reminder

- i) Coalition members were reminded that the next legal clinic is June 10th, 11-2pm at the Clark County Public Library. The registration link open and available at <https://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/713/Record-Sealing-and-CQE-Clinics>

c) Homeless Court Video

- i) Vice Chair provided a video for the steering committee to view about adopting a homeless court, which was included in the previous meeting's presentation on homeless courts. The video can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OSnY4AoshY>
- ii) Call for Homeless Court Committee members: if you know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact Chair Brooke Wagner.

d) Mission & Vision Review

IV. New Business

- a) 2024 Strategic Plan: Coalition members started thinking about plans and events for 2024
 - i) Working group members (TBD). If interested, let Brooke know.
 - ii) Reentry Topics Brainstorm
 - (1) Members were asked to think about which areas of reentry we want to learn more about in our community to inform our 2024 strategic plan. Topics of interest

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- include: Housing (mass leasing, ready to rent, landlords), Employment/Second Chance Employers, Transportation, Vocational Trade Options, 0-1 Intercept/Crisis Response, Children of Incarcerated Parents/Programs in the community, Food Security/Clothing/Hygiene.
- (2) Ernest Stockton spoke about housing barriers he has seen personally with his clients.
 - (3) Chair Brooke Wagner mentioned that the HUD voucher program opened yesterday, April 17th.

b) Relink.org

- i) Relink.org is a helpful website for addiction recovery, human-trafficking, and incarceration reentry. Relink.org connects community members with service providers in their area. Members were encouraged to add resources and their organization if appropriate.
- ii) Relink.org has over 10,000 visits, and is widely used in correctional institutions, so it is important to update it regularly with current providers and services.

c) Community Resource QR code

- i) SIS (coming in May): Service Inventory Survey was attached to the agenda and encouraged to be shared. You can also reach out to Chair Brooke Wagner for a copy. The goal is that the data will be shared with the coalition.

d) For the good of the order

V. Adjournment at 9:42 AM.

In attendance:

Gina Kicos

Wendy Doolittle

Steve Petticrew

Sarah Richards

Willard DeArmond

Allison Bennett





Olivia Parkinson

Thomas McGrath

Kelton Moore

Ernest Stockton

Maitland Roberts

Erin Deas

Erica Picklesimon

Aaron Roy

Brooke Wagner

