



Location: JFS, Building B, Reid Snyder Room



Date: May 16th



Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

## Meeting Minutes

### I. Meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM. 23 members present.

- a) Welcome and introductions.

### II. Old Business

- a) Reentry Month Updates- In April, we had a month of successful reentry-related events, including:

- i) Trauma Informed Care Training

- (1) Training occurred April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> virtually. There were 10 attendees, and 5 observers. The 10 attendees are now able to train others in trauma informed care.
- (2) If you or your organization is interested in being trained, please reach out to Chair Brooke Wagner.

- ii) Justice Involved Speaker

- (1) "Why Reentry Matters: One man's journey from incarceration to peace of mind."
- (2) April 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

- iii) Wallet Drive

- (1) The wallet drive was accepting donations the entire month of April, where donated wallets will be collected and given to returning citizens. More than 40 wallets were donated for justice-impacted citizens.

- iv) Fair Chance Wednesday: April 26<sup>th</sup>

- (1) On April 26<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm at 1101 E High Street, Springfield, OH) was our Fair Chance resource fair, where returning citizens got the chance to meet and link with local resource providers in their community to help them get a fresh start. 30 justice impacted citizens came, and 25 different providers attended.

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- (2) Upcoming Fair Chance Days include: May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, and July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Recovery X Gym at 1001 E High Street. To register your organization for attendance, please contact Chair.
  - (3) During our next full coalition meeting in August, we plan to assess how beneficial having a monthly fair chance day would be, and if we should scale back how often we put on this event.
- b) Legal Clinic Reminder – June 10<sup>th</sup> 11-2PM
    - i) Coalition members were reminded that the next legal clinic is June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11-2pm at the Clark County Public Library
    - ii) The registration link is on the Clark County website, and can be found here: <https://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/713/Record-Sealing-and-CQE-Clinics>
  - c) Homeless Court Update
    - i) Vice Chair gave the coalition a brief overview about Homeless Court and updates on its progress in Ohio. Homeless Court is a recognition court that addresses people who are or at risk of homelessness who face fees, fines, and charges related to their homelessness. The court can waive those fees, fines, and charges if the citizen is enrolled in community programs and showing that they are on the right track.
    - ii) The steering committee for Homeless Court is looking for members. If interested, please reach out to Gina Kicos or Brooke Wagner.
  - d) Services Inventory Survey
    - i) The SIS has been sent out to coalition members and organizations to complete. The survey is designed to gather information about what services organizations in the coalition provide. The goal is to share the data from this survey, promoting direct lines of communication between coalition members.
    - ii) Please reach out to Brooke Wagner to receive the survey, and if you have any questions.

### **III. New Business**

- a) 2024 Strategic Plan
    - i) Draft topics: Housing (mass leasing, ready to rent, property owners), Employment/Second Chance Employers, Transportation, Vocational Trade Options,
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0-1 Intercept/Crisis Response, Children of Incarcerated Parents/Programs in the community, Food Security/Clothing/Hygiene

- (1) The final list and Fall topic schedule will be shared at the Reentry Coalitions' July meeting
  - (2) Topic Area expertise is needed, Chair Brooke Wagner will be reaching out to coalition members who are experts on some of the above topics.
- ii) Next full meeting discussion: Employment for justice-impacted citizens within community provider and service agencies.
- (1) Members were asked to look into their own organization's policies and find out if they hire individuals with prior criminal records, and if so, if length of time since conviction or type of conviction impact the hiring decision.
  - (2) At the August meeting, the coalition members will share their findings.
- b) Relink.org
- i) The coalition welcomes speaker Bill Picha, the Data Project Manager at <https://relink.org/>. Email: [Info@relink.org](mailto:Info@relink.org) Contact information for Bill Picha- Email: [wpicha@relink.org](mailto:wpicha@relink.org) Phone: 216-682-5696
  - ii) Relink.org is a faith-based non-profit free directory website funded by the Dalton Foundation, featuring service providers and organizations in your area. Relink.org aids returning citizens by connecting them with these providers.
  - iii) Relink.org sends out monthly reminders to organizations to update their services. Relink.org routinely vets providers and updated services to make sure they are posting a verifiable organization.
  - iv) Members were encouraged to add their organization's resources and other providers they are aware of, if they hadn't already.

#### **IV. For the good of the order**

- a) Vice chair Gina Kicos mentioned that the Dayton VA is looking for volunteers for the Honor Guard. You do not have to be a veteran to take part. If interested, please reach out to Gina.
- b) St Vincent de Paul is hiring returning citizens.
- c) In July, there will be a Citizen's Circle- an opportunity for Justice impacted citizens to meet with other community members and build pro-social connections, networks, and



references. Volunteers are needed, reach out to Brooke if interested. Dinner will be provided, as will transportation vouchers such as bus passes and gas cards. We plan to bring in service providers to talk and meet with justice impacted community members.

- d) The Clark County Reentry website has been updated to include the Reentry Resource Guide which is a list of different resources in the community who aid returning citizens. The link to the guide is: <https://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/722/Reentry-Resource-Guide>

## **V. Adjournment at 9:21 AM.**

In attendance:

Baxter, Laura

Beckel, Robert

Cooper, Lynn

Cunningham, Brynn

DeArmond, Dan

Doolittle, Wendy

Glaser, Abigail

Haines, Sheri

Kempf, Adam

Kicos, Gina

Koumoutsos, Tina

Leach, Julie

McGrath, Thomas

Moore, Kelton

Moss, Clarence

Petticrew, Steve





Picklesimon, Erica

Roberts, Maitland

Rollins, Carly

Shearer, Merri

Stockton, Ernest

Van Zant, Kara

Wagner, Brooke

Webb, Sarah

Willoughby, Erin

