



Location: Family and Children Services Building D



Date: February 18th



Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

## Meeting Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:39 AM with 22 people in attendance.
- II. A motion by Gina Kicos was made to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Erica Picklesimon.
  - a. The approval of the January minutes passed unanimously.
- III. Updates
  - a. Haitian Coalition: No update.
  - b. PIP: No update.
  - c. Parole: No update.
  - d. Probation: No update.
  - e. Jail: The jail is currently in transition under the new sheriff. They are reviewing existing programming, and staff have completed trainings, including Thinking for a Change.
  - f. Transportation: The committee is moving forward with the proposed plan. An RFP has been accepted, and planning is currently in progress.
  - g. Reentry committees:
    - i. CAP: The committee completed the review of community reports. CAP is now working towards collecting data for the strategic plan. In the next phase, CAP's goal is to reach out to the jail, parole and police to collect data on needs and barriers and how the reentry coalition can better support these agencies.
    - ii. Education: This committee reviewed upcoming events, which are discussed more in section IV (New Business). The CQH training is on hold.
    - iii. Access to service: At the last meeting, we discussed additional ways to promote Fair Chance Wednesday and created a social media plan. We also discussed ways to assist with transportation for those where this is a barrier.
    - iv. Housing: The committee currently has 11 members and is seeking additional participants. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Brooke Wagner or Gina Kicos. The next meeting, scheduled for March 6, 2025, will feature a representative from Dayton Municipal Court discussing their eviction sealing process. If you would like to attend, please contact Gina. Additionally, the committee is exploring strategies to connect with property owners and considering data collection efforts within this group.
  - h. Legislative Update:
    - i. Access to Police and Jail Video Footage: In January 2025, Ohio enacted a law permitting police departments to charge up to \$750 for access to body-camera and other video footage.
    - ii. Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Eligibility for Justice-Involved Youth: Effective January 1, 2025, a federal statutory change allows Ohio to maintain Medicaid and CHIP coverage for pre-trial juveniles and



mandates that certain benefits begin up to 30 days before their release from incarceration.

- iii. Ohio House Bill 29 (HB29), introduced on January 28, 2025, aims to improve conditions for female inmates in municipal, county, and state correctional facilities by ensuring access to feminine hygiene products and adequate shower facilities.

#### IV. New Business

##### a. Reentry month

- i. Tentative: On April 3rd, from 1 to 3 PM, there will be a Resume Workshop at JFS to help JIC prepare for the upcoming job fair.
  - ii. On April 15th, from 10 AM to 12 PM, there will be a training session on "Working with Justice-Involved Veterans: Trauma, Moral Injury, Suicide Prevention, and Lethal Means Safety," which will include the distribution of gun locks.
    - 1. This will be located at the JFS Reid/Snyder room (directly after the April Coalition meeting).
  - iii. On April 15th, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM, the Clark County Community Based Family Forum will be held for family members of incarcerated individuals who are scheduled for release within the next year.
    - 1. This will be located at the Clark County Public Library, Gaier Room. This event is sponsored by CareSource.
  - iv. On April 15th, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM, the Clark County Job Fair will be held at the Hollenbeck-Bayley center.
  - v. Reentry Simulation: This is an interactive experience designed to help participants understand the challenges faced by justice-involved individuals as they reintegrate into society after incarceration. During the simulation, participants assume the roles of returning citizens and navigate real-life obstacles such as securing housing, finding employment, accessing transportation, meeting probation/parole requirements, managing financial responsibilities and more.
    - 1. The event is tentatively scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>.
    - 2. The event will be held at the Brinkman Center.
    - 3. Volunteers and participants are needed for this event, and the Department of Reentry will be sending out registrations for both activities at the beginning of March.
    - 4. This event is seeking sponsors to provide lunch and gift cards to the justice-impacted volunteers. If your agency is interested in sponsoring, please contact Brooke Wagner as soon as possible.
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- vi. Donation Drive: We are working to coordinate a donation drive with the Clark County Jail. As an alternative, we will organize a sock drive. More details will be shared at the March meeting.
  - b. The committee reviewed the agenda for the full committee meeting in March. We agreed to present 2024 updates, outline 2025 goals and committees, and share testimonials and case studies from reentry clients.
  - c. MHRB Landlord Mitigation: Melissa Walters shared information about the landlord incentive through MHRB, not mitigation. This is a financial incentive up to \$2000 for landlords to support housing for those with a mental health diagnosis. Candidates must have a criminal background and a mental illness, SUD or have been institutionalized. Funds can be used to hold an apartment, make repairs, pay a pet deposit or to improve credit score. Funds cannot be used for rental subsidies or repairs **after the tenant moves in**. Funds can only be used if there is a lease in place. If interested, reach out to Melissa Walters at MHRB. Brooke Wagner will share a flyer about this opportunity via email after the meeting.

V. Old business

- a. Partnership and Collaboration Index: this document is required by ODRC. All members completed the Partnership and Collaboration Index and turned in at the end of the meeting.
- b. The SIS was shared via email on 1/21/2025. Please note that this tool is intended for service providers to connect with other coalition agencies and is not for client use.
- c. The Record Sealing Clinic will take place on March 8th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Clark County Library. To register, visit the following link:  
<https://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/713/Record-Sealing-and-CQE-Clinics>
- d. Fair Chance Wednesday will take place on March 26th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Recovery X Gym. Vendors can register using the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fairchancewednesdaymarch2025>

VI. For the good of the order

- a. Gina Kicos from the VA shared that they were contacted by the VSC about creating a veteran's treatment court in Clark County. Gina will keep the reentry coalition updated.
- b. Ernest Stockton from ODRC announced the NRCC conference scheduled for April 10th and 11th. Scholarships are available to assist agencies with the cost. Brooke Wagner will provide more details via email after the meeting.

VII. Adjournment at 9:38 am.





**Attendees:**

Abby Glaser  
Amy Bracken  
Andrea Carter  
Andrew Ferguson  
Bonita Vangorden  
Brittany Burks  
Brooke Wagner  
Brynn Cunningham  
David Perks  
Emily Parsons  
Erica Picklesimon  
Ernest Stockton  
Gina Kicos  
Jacob Clark  
Jason Bond  
Jessica Neuerer  
Josie Kelley  
Melissa Walters  
Molly Cruz  
Thomas McGrath  
Tyeshie Orr  
Wendy Doolittle

