



Location: JFS 1345 Lagonda Ave, Springfield OH



Date: September 16, 2025



Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 with 19 people in attendance.
 - a. We went around the room, and everyone introduced themselves.
- II. Coalition reviewed the minutes from July and August. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Casey Rollins and seconded by Abby Glaser. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Updates
 - a. Community coalition: The “At The Table” event will be held on September 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., hosted by Think Tank. For questions, contact Andrea Carter at andrea@thinktank-inc.org. The Clark County Department of Reentry can help provide funding for this event, please contact Brooke Wagner at bwagner@clarkcountyohio.gov for more information on this.
 - b. Haitian Coalition: The next meeting is Wednesday, September 17th from 9-11AM at the Library Resource Center.
 - c. No update for Partners in Prevention.
 - d. No update for Parole.
 - e. Transportation council: The coalition reported that the new Field Trips transit program is going well overall. Some challenges identified by organizations include promo codes not always being honored when scheduling over the phone, confusion about how the transit system works, and the fact that riders are still required to walk to designated stops similar to a bus system. In addition, the Veterans Services Commission (VSC) is offering seventy-five free rides per month to veterans or widows of veterans, which can be accessed by calling the VSC office directly.
 - f. ODRC: It was reported that efforts are underway to simplify the Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) process. Samantha Green is currently restructuring the procedure to make it easier to obtain a CQE and is also ensuring that the Certificate of Qualification for Housing (CQH) process is adjusted to be less challenging. Additionally, the Ready to Rent program has been performing very well inside the institutions, showing strong engagement and growth. For anyone seeking more information on Ready to Rent, please reach out to Ernest Stockton at Ernest.Stockton@drc.ohio.gov.
 - g. Reentry Committees:
 - i. The CAP committee has completed the data analysis and will now be moving forward with the development of the Strategic Plan
 - ii. Education:
 1. The Greene County Gun Safety and Legal Education Training will take place on October 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Midwest Shooting Center in Beavercreek. The goal of this training is to provide participants with a clearer understanding of firearm rules and legislation so that staff and coalition members are better equipped to answer questions from clients and the people we serve.
 2. The Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Training is scheduled for November 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Emerge Institute in Xenia. This training is open to coalition members, community partners, and agencies from surrounding counties. It is being held in partnership with Emerge, with significant assistance from Ernest in helping to organize the event. Anyone in the coalition is welcome to attend, and registration can be completed by scanning the provided QR code.
 - iii. Access to Service:
 1. We are currently working on planning the next Fair Chance Wednesday, which will take place on September 24th. Vendor registration emails have already been sent



out, and we have received about 15 registrations so far. Our goal is to secure at least 20 vendors for this event.

2. We are also reviewing data from the Justice-Impacted Citizens Survey and using it to help inform strategies for improving access to services in the community.

iv. Housing:

1. We have made progress with the eviction documentary and panel, which we are planning to host in November. The event is expected to include Kathy Rowell, the creator of the documentary, along with several community leaders on the panel.

h. Legislative Update

- i. HB 296 proposes allowing individuals returning from incarceration a six-month grace period during which they would not be required to pay any fees or fines. This legislation is highly relevant to reentry efforts, as it would help alleviate financial burdens that often hinder job stability, housing, and successful reintegration. The bill was assigned to committee on June 18, 2025. We will continue to keep everyone updated on the progress of this bill as it moves through the legislative process.

IV. New Business

- a. Bylaws Update: The leadership committee made recommendations for updating the bylaws after recognizing that some of the original proposals from the first few years were not working as intended. The goal is to make the bylaws more consistent with current practice. Thomas McGrath made a motion to approve the changes, Casey Rollins seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The bylaws update will be effective as of today, September 16, 2025.
 - b. Reentry Coalition Nominations: Nominations are needed for both the Chair and Vice Chair roles. The coalition will accept nominations throughout October–November 2025, with elections to be held in January 2026. Self-nominations are welcome, as are nominations of others. Please send nominations to Brooke Wagner at bwagner@clarkcountyohio.gov or to Brittany Kidder at bnburks@clarkcountyohio.gov.
 - c. Relink
 - i. An annual reminder was given about Relink.org, a service and website that connects justice-impacted citizens with community resources. For individuals incarcerated in ODRC prisons, Relink is accessible on their tablets, allowing them to connect with organizations in their communities prior to release. Members are encouraged to review their organization's Relink profile each year to ensure accuracy, as services, names, locations, and phone numbers often change. Outdated information creates a disservice to justice-impacted individuals who rely on Relink to connect with needed services.
 - ii. From August 2024 to August 2025, 481 individuals in Clark County used Relink, generating a total of 2,864 resource views. This highlights the importance of keeping profiles up to date so that individuals can access accurate and reliable information. Organizations not currently listed on Relink can join by visiting relink.org and following the instructions to register. In addition to resources for justice-impacted citizens, Relink also provides connections for low-
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income families and survivors of human trafficking, making it a broad and valuable tool for the community.

V. Old Business:

- a. New Leaf House: The New Leaf house is progressing well and currently has one resident, leaving four bedrooms available. This space is ideal for someone ready to transition out of sober living/treatment, but not able to take on all the responsibilities of fully independent living. Referrals are encouraged for individuals who may be a good fit for this home. Rent is \$150 per week, with some rental assistance available, particularly for those who have been recently released. The rent includes all utilities- trash, water, electricity, and Wi-Fi- and the house is fully furnished.
- b. Clark County is still in need of a Continuum of Care (CoC) representative. Without a CoC representative, important housing-related information is not being fully disseminated, which can negatively affect funding and opportunities. Anyone interested in serving in this role should contact Brooke Wagner, who will connect them with Deanna. The position requires approximately four to six hours per week and primarily involves sharing information- receiving updates from Deanna to distribute to the community, and gathering community input to relay back to her

VI. For the good of the order:

- a. The next Legal Clinic will be held on November 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Clark County Public Library. Registration is now open. Participants should register online by completing the application, after which they will be emailed additional forms that must also be completed before they will be able to receive services. Participants should be advised to watch their email for these documents. The forms can be returned via email, picked up in person, or mailed.
 - b. We have begun planning for Citizen Circle's annual holiday party, which will take place on the first Tuesday in December. Donations are being requested to support the event, including small gift cards, home goods, laundry detergent, shampoo, blankets, and other similar items. Donations will be accepted up until the event date. We will also accept bulk items, and the goal is to have at least 20 of each bulk item. Donations can be brought to coalition meetings, or arrangements can be made with Brooke Wagner or Brittany Kidder for pickup.
 - c. A reminder was given that the next coalition meeting will be held on October 21st from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in person at CCDJFS, located at 1345 Lagonda Avenue, Springfield, OH 45503.
 - d. A Legal Support Clinic will be held on September 28th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church, located at 1504 Villa Road in Springfield.
 - e. Casey Rollins talked about the food initiative in Clark County becoming a significant concern. St. Vincent de Paul, which is one of more than 30 pantries in Springfield, served an additional 300 families last month beyond the usual numbers. It was proposed that organizations throughout the community explore ways to conduct food drives and collect resources to support families in need. All groups are encouraged to consider how they might contribute at any level to help address this growing challenge.
 - f. Social Services 101 will be held at the Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center on October 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This event brings together nearly every organization in Clark County. Participants will rotate between tables, spending about 20 minutes with two providers at a time on topics such as housing, recovery, and many other community resources. It is an efficient way to learn about available services and receive updates from community partners, as programs and resources often change. Registration is currently open.
 - g. The Dayton VA, in partnership with the Veteran Service Commission, will host an informational session on Veterans Treatment Court on November 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the
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Courtyard Marriott. The goal is to explore bringing a Veterans Treatment Court to Clark County. Those interested in attending should contact Sarah Richards at sarah.richards3@va.gov.

- h. The Health Expo 2025 will be held on October 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center.
- i. The Clark County “After Hours” Career Fair will be held on October 1st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center.
- j. An ODH Grants Training will be held on September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Clark ESC. The training will provide an overview of available grants, guidance on how to apply through the system, and enrollment into a weekly newsletter with updated grant information.
- k. The Silent Watch event will be held in downtown Springfield on September 20th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- l. The Veteran Service Commission (VSC) will be hosting a Resource Fair on October 25th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center. Vendors are still being sought for this event. Contact Annisa Younts at ayounts@clarkcountyohio.gov for more information.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.





Attendees:

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Brittany Kidder

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