

Clark County Reentry Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 20th 2026

Time: 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Location: 1345 Lagonda Ave, Springfield, Ohio

Room: Ried/Snyder Room

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM with 30 people in attendance. We went around the room, and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Coalition reviewed the minutes from November. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Wendy Doolittle and seconded by Casey Rollins. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Partner & Coalition Updates

Haitian Coalition

Casey Rollins reported that a virtual meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026, from 9:00–11:00 AM. The group is working on passports for immigrant children in Clark County and addressing guardianship issues for children displaced due to parental deportation. Commissioner Richard Lohnes noted he attended a meeting on January 20, 2026, with the governor and state children's services representatives, where discussions included passports, housing for children, and staffing needs.

Partners in Prevention

Meredith Carter shared that she will be hosting a family group called Guiding Good Choices at Lincoln Elementary on Thursday, January 22nd and 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Each session can accommodate up to 10 families. Families receive dinner, and children participate in crafts and take-home supplies. The program covers positive parenting, family meetings, expectations, and boundaries, and coalition members are encouraged to spread the word.

Criminal Justice

Scot Donley stated that Heather Davis is serving as the acting Reentry Coordinator. Brooke Wagner added that coalition members can reach her at heather.davis@drc.ohio.gov for any related inquiries.

Transportation Council

Brooke Wagner shared that the Transportation Council reported the Field Trips program is being used more than the old bus system and is cost-effective for long-term sustainability. The council is exploring extended hours and expanded coverage, pending funding. A new Go Bus system will soon operate twice daily to major cities, docking at the old bus station in Springfield. Brittany Kidder explained that organizations can purchase Field Trip promo codes via their online form to distribute to clients.

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC)

No update.

Other Community & Coalition Updates

Mary Osborne from the Dayton VA introduced herself and noted she is taking over for Gina Kicos. Eric Belle also introduced himself as a Peer Support Specialist with the Veteran's Justice Outreach team at the Dayton VA.

Dr. Raphael Allen from the Springfield Foundation shared that the foundation offers scholarships for anyone attending college, trade, or technical school, with no age requirement. The deadline is February 6th, and the single application automatically applies to over 150 scholarships. Most of the scholarships are for Springfield/Clark County residents, though some are available for neighboring counties. Applications are available at www.springfieldfoundation.org.

4. Featured Presentation

Brooke Wagner introduced Dr. Cameron Hay-Rollins from Miami University, who shared information about the R-Silience Project. Dr. Hay-Rollins shared that she and her community outreach partner, Abby Blackmire, developed a free, anonymous website and app that allows users to search for recovery houses by location without tracking personal information. Recovery house owners can list their homes at no cost, providing photos, fees, certification details, and general location. The project is funded by OneOhio for Region 14, with goals to increase listed recovery houses and raise awareness of the resource among community partners. Dr. Hay-Rollins noted that recovery house managers can contact the project team if there are delays in listings being posted.

5. Legislative Update

Brooke Wagner shared a legislative update on Andy's Law (Ohio House Bill 338), proposed legislation intended to increase safety for correctional staff through enhanced penalties, security measures, and ODRC policy changes. The bill also includes changes to visitation and programming and has raised concerns regarding reduced access to education and rehabilitative services for incarcerated individuals.

Artificial intelligence tools were used to assist in drafting this document. Final content was reviewed and approved by staff.

6. New Business

The coalition proceeded with the vote for coalition officers. Brooke Wagner was nominated for Chair and Erica Picklesimon for Vice Chair. Brooke expressed her commitment to the coalition, noting her enthusiasm for continuing the work, including the strategic and research plans. Erica shared her personal connection to reentry work and her desire to support the coalition's ongoing efforts. A motion to vote on coalition leadership was made by Dr. Raphael Allen and seconded by Abby Glaser. Brooke Wagner was unanimously elected Chair, and Erica Picklesimon was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Strategic Plan Review

Brooke Wagner discussed a review of the coalition's strategic plan. She introduced the plan and provided an overview of its goals and committee structure, noting that a formal vote to approve the strategic plan will take place at the next coalition meeting in February. The plan focuses on supporting justice-impacted individuals through stable housing, employment, service navigation, capacity building, and public engagement, with four standing committees: Housing, Reentry Navigation and Employment, Education and Capacity Building, and Mentorship, leading implementation through workshops, resource development, peer support, and community outreach. Brooke also encouraged coalition members to review the committees and consider joining those that align with their interests to support the coalition's goals for the upcoming year.

Fair Chance Month Events

Brooke Wagner shared the 2026 Fair Chance Wednesday dates and asked members to mark their calendars for planning and participation.

7. Old Business

Wendy Doolittle from McKinley Hall reported that the new E-RAAM program in Springfield is now open. The seven-bed facility offers 24/7 access to addiction medications and provides withdrawal management and residential addiction care. The program emphasizes immediate, judgment-free support and connects clients to stable housing and ongoing treatment.

Brooke Wagner shared that the upcoming legal clinic will be held on Thursday, March 5th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Interested participants must register by February 25th. Registration is completed online, with staff following up to have additional forms signed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31AM.

Attendees:

Abby Glaser
Amy Bracken
Andrew Ferguson
Annisa Younts
Bob Matthews
Bonita Sedora
Bonita Vangorden
Brittany Kidder
Brooke Wagner
Carolyn Crable
Casey Rollins
Doug Keeton
Dawn Mahaney
Eric Belle
Everett Davis
Emily Parsons
Erica Picklesimon
Hunter Judy
Jacob Clark
Mandy Adkins
Meredith Carter
Mary Osborne
Merri Shearer
Nyellah Raiff
Raphael Allen
Richard Lohnes
Scot Donley
Vince Carter
Vince Chase
Wendy Doolittle