

Reentry Roundtable Session (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

2:00 PM

Attendance:

Lou Grillo
Kelly Hundley
Desiree Brooks
Deborah Cozart
Monica Satterwhite
Jason Williams
Marcus Barrow
Tanya Weary
Dawn Michelle Tucker

Durwood Hunter
Jamie Cunningham
Anita Bennett
Melissa Elliott
Tenesha Kelly
John Mattocks
Jerry Edmonds
Kendrick Mann
Derrick Smith

Welcome:

Reentry partners were welcomed and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- The conversion of the Reentry Roundtable to the Reentry Council is a work in progress. A flyer was shared from another region as a marketing example for the Reentry Council. Submit names and contact information for resource partners in our region by this Friday and lists will be combined.
- Melissa Elliott and Family Resource Center are still in the process of gathering and organizing information for the asset map which is a living document. The list will be posted on the website ([kerrtarworks.com](http://www.kerrtarworks.com)). Being listed as a provider means your organization will commit to making connections for services to the reentry population.
- The website (<http://www.kerrtarworks.com>) houses all of the reentry information
- Tanya Weary with Vance-Granville Community College, provided information on the class for Production Technician. It is a 96 hour credit course and graduates can receive four certifications within 16 days. Also, upon completion, students are guaranteed a job interview. The first class began on Monday and is full. Scholarships are available for tuition. A flyer about the course was sent to all Reentry partners and the flyer will be shared on the VGCC website and the NCWorks Facebook page.

Expungement:

Durwood Hunter and Carolyn Perry attended the virtual expungement clinic. These clinics are held virtually on the first Tuesday of every month at 2:30 PM.

- Tenesha said that those persons with non-convictions need to get expunged and that just because you are not convicted, it does not mean it will not show up on your record. The contact for this area is anya@legallaidnc.org
- Sexual offenders can be petitioned to be removed from the sexual registry after 10 years as long as they do not have any more sexual crimes.

- Mike Waters, the local District Attorney of this area, supports expungement along with many of the county and city officials.
- The expungement clinic will need to be advertised well with flyers sent out and social media presence. It was suggested to have a link for the expungement clinic on the kerrtarworks.com website

Hiring Events:

- On January 26, 2021, there will be a hiring event and there are many open positions. Contact Jamie for more information send referrals to her.
- The virtual hiring events will take place every Tuesday. These events will be listed on the kerrtarworks.com web site along with information on how to register for the events.
- A tentative date for the virtual resource fair is sometime in April
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Additional Information:

- The Family Resource Center, Gang Free, and other agencies are giving away 100 boxes of food. The event will be held at 940 County Home Road on Friday, February 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Persons that register for the HIV test, will be given a box of food. Please share this information for anyone interested and to draw attention to the importance of providing community awareness for HIV testing.

NEXT MEETING

Meetings are held every third Wednesday of each month at 2 PM. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.