

## **Reentry Roundtable Session (Virtual)**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:00 PM**

### **Attendance:**

Lou Grillo  
Kelly Hundley  
Sharon Thomas  
Deborah Cozart  
Hal Mutzel  
Monica Satterwhite  
James Johnson  
Jamie Cunningham

Jason Williams  
Claire Nambordi  
Durwood Hunter  
Adonica Hampton  
John Mattocks  
Shamira Wright  
Anita Bennett

### **Welcome and Introductions of New Members & Guests:**

Reentry partners and guests were welcomed to the meeting. Shamira Wright, Behavior Specialist with the Granville-Vance District Health Department was welcomed as a new member.

### **Reentry Council Process Update:**

We are continuing to work diligently on getting our Reentry Roundtable designated as a council. Our state representative, Tanesha Kelly is providing guidance on completing this goal.

### **New Start Program**

- A solar company would like to train and employ reentry participants and contacted James Johnson about making that connection.
- A Fatherhood Breakfast will take place tomorrow at 8:00 am. A link will be provided to Lou and sent out to everyone.
- The Annual Fatherhood Conference will be held this Saturday virtually and it is free. It is from 9 AM until 1:30 PM. A link will be sent to Lou for this event and sent out to the group.
- Eric Owens, a Mentor with New Start Program holds monthly workshops for anyone who would like to attend and those interested may contact the Family Resource Center.

### **NC Works Career Center:**

- Durwood Hunter is the Reentry Specialist in the area and is at the Henderson Career Center Wednesdays through Fridays (252-438-6129) and at the Warren Career Center (housed at VGCC Warren Campus) on Mondays and Tuesdays (252-257-3230). Referral forms are located on the kerrtarworks site.
- Carolina Coops just moved to the area (Oxford). They build the “Cadillac Deville” of coops. They are interested in finding employees to assist with the clean-up process for their business and then later other jobs will be available. The owners are eager to work with reentry individuals. Melissa Elliott with the New Start Program, sent several referrals to them and two reentry participants were hired. The website for Carolina Coops is [carolinacoops.com](http://carolinacoops.com)

### **Local Updates:**

- The WDB was approved to add another position to the team and the position will be posted for advertisement on Monday. It is a Strategic Initiatives position. This position will involve grant writing and will assist with the reentry councils in the four counties. If anyone has a recommendation for this position, please inform Lou. News on the new hire will be shared with the roundtable.
- Adonica shared information about H.O.P.E. The Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions Program (HOPE) provides rent and utility assistance to low-income renters that are experiencing financial hardship due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. [www.hope.nc.gov](http://www.hope.nc.gov) or <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/hope-program>. It is also on the kerrtarworks site.
- Jamie shared information about the upcoming hiring event in partnership with VGCC will be held at the Henderson Drive In on July 25, 2021. Over 30 employers (5 counties) will be there along with food trucks and family resources. The flyer for the event is posted on the kerrtarworks site under “job fairs” tab. James said that if any volunteers were needed, to let him know.
- Anita Bennett is working with District Attorney Mike Waters, the sheriff of Vance County and the Police Chief of Henderson on reentry and they are all offering their support and assistance to reentry. One particular concern for reentry is the driver’s license restoration.

### **Questions and Comments:**

- James needs a connection with the Granville Detention Center to reach out to those with misdemeanors. Sharmia Wright said that she would provide James with that information.
- Sharmira needs a connection with someone in the school system to reach out to children with incarcerated parents because the family members are doing time along with them. James offered the assistance of Family Resource Center and mentioned that there are several programs available for example the Parenting Wisely program, anti-Bullying program, and Day to Day Dads program. The roundtable can be beneficial in providing resources for school age children of incarcerated parents.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 21 at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Hundley

