

Reentry Roundtable Session (Virtual)

Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 2:00 PM

Attendance:

Tenisha Kelly	Shamira Wright	Vincent Gaddy
Monica Satterwhite	Beth Melvin	Durwood Hunter
Carolyn Perry	Irene Johnson	Lou Grillo
Tony Tosh	Hal Muetzel	Kisha High
James Johnson	Karen Peterson	Sharon Thomas
Melissa Elliott	Durwood Hunter	Deborah Cozart
John Mattocks	Vincent Gaddy	Desiree Brooks
Dawn Michelle Tucker	Karen Peterson	Kelly Hundley

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS:

Reentry partners and guests were welcomed to the meeting. Vincent Gaddy with the Department of Health and Public Safety was welcomed by the group. Also, it was noted that Beth Melvin, Granville County Child Support Supervisor was attending in place of Adonica Hampton, Director of Granville County Social Services.

FROM "ROUNDTABLE TO COUNCIL" UPDATE:

- Vincent Gaddy with the NC Department of Public Safety provided information on how the Reentry Roundtable could become a state affiliated council. He suggested that we host a meeting and review the Local Reentry Council Guide to see where we are in this process. Mr. Gaddy provided his phone number to the group and offered his help with this. Kisha will provide copies of the guide to the roundtable.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Ms. Irene Johnson with KARTS Transportation in Henderson was nominated by James Johnson to be the Secretary/Treasurer of the Reentry Roundtable. The nomination was voted on and passed with Reentry Roundtable members.

SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES:

- There are now 14 active participants in the New Start Program. Melissa shared two success stories. One of the participants is working at Food Lion making \$19.33 an hour. Another participant, Mr. Valentine, (he spoke at the last Reentry meeting) is returning to school to finish his Associate's Degree. Vance-Granville and New Start are working together to help Mr. Valentine reach his goal.
- On November 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM there will be a virtual event geared towards individuals that are involved with the justice system. The Chief of Probation will be a speaker. Anyone is welcome to attend. James will provide the event information to Kisha so that she can send it out to everyone.
- John Mattocks with the Vance Recovery Services said that they are accepting referrals for individuals involved with the justice system and those with opioid addiction. They have many services available to help with opioid abuse.

HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

Shamira, chair of the Housing Subcommittee provided an update.

- A meeting for the Housing Subcommittee will be on the first Monday of each month at 3 PM to discuss housing issues. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Shamira or Kisha. Kisha will be sending out a link for the meeting each month. Carolyn Perry asked that her name be added to the subcommittee.
- Sharmira went to Raleigh and spoke with a representative from HUD about the COVID Relief funding. This will be added to their agenda to speak with other members of the US Department of Urban Housing Development and an update will be provided soon. This group will not be discussing/researching this subject until spring, 2022 but they will be involved in some small projects related to the issue.
- Shamira and Kisha are working on some grant funding. One is the “Surround Housing”. If there is anyone that is doing housing for Reentry and interested in partnering on this grant, please reach out to Shamira or Kisha.

LOCAL UPDATES:

Beth Melvin with Vance County DSS provided an update:

- Three referrals were provided to EDSI. Ms. Melvin has challenged her department to provide at least three referrals a month to the career center for possible employment.

Monica Satterwhite provided career center updates:

- There will be a job fair on October 29, 2021 from 10 AM until 2 PM at the Huck Sandbury Park in Roxboro.
- A Veteran Appreciation and Community Hiring Event will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 9 AM -1 PM at Vance-Granville Community College Civic Center.
- Boot camp training will be held on November 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 18.
- Working Smart will be held on November 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 18.
- A Basic Computer Skills will be held from December 13 – December 15, 2021.
- A Criminal Expungement Clinic will be held at the Gateway Center on November 2, 2021 from 2:30 PM until 5:00 PM. A flyer will be sent out to everyone. KARTS will be available to provide transportation to and from the event. There will be a small resource fair with several agencies present such as the Family Resource Center, KARTS, Infinite Possibilities, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Ms. Irene Johnson with KARTS provided an overview of the services available.

- Just recently, KARTS has partnered with Vance-Granville Community College to provide transportation to students. There are pick up points located on campus. For more information, contact VGCC or KARTS.

Hal Muetzel provided information on job openings through his staffing business:

- There are 109 job openings with 65 employers at Express Employment Professionals. Please contact Express Employment Professionals for more information at 919-693-1730 or go to their website:
- https://www.expresspros.com/oxfordnc/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Qiigo
- Tenisha Kelly said that the Reentry Training is postponed until further notice.

