

Reentry Roundtable Session (Virtual)

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

2:00 PM

Attendance:

Lou Grillo – Kerr-Tar WDB staff
Kelly Hundley – Kerr-Tar WDB staff
James Johnson – New Start Reentry Program
Melissa Elliott – New Start Reentry Program
Jamie Cunningham – EDSI, Oxford Career Center
Carolyn Perry – New Start Reentry Program
Hal Muetzel - Express Professionals
Monica Satterwhite – Oxford Career Center
Jerry Edmonds – Vance-Granville CC
Tanisha Kelly – State Reentry Specialist (for our area)
Claire Namboodri – Granville-Vance Public Health

OLD BUSINESS:

- The organizational chart, how the partners fit in and what partners need to add to the chart. Our partners include VGCC, NCWorks Career Centers, Department of Health and Human Services, Family Resource Center, Vance Recovery, Vocational Rehabilitation, and W.A.R. For Life.
- Having a point of contact person to handle phone calls/emails for resources.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Many housing agencies (including Section 8 Housing) prohibit sexual offenders, those with felonies and those with issues related to addiction to rent from them.
- There is transitional housing in Vance County. There are two Oxford Houses that temporarily house those coming out of incarceration after they are approved.
- Organization(s) are needed that provide housing such as the landlords that provide the actual housing. An example is the Rogers Group.
- A suggestion to contact Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunities. Anita will reach out to them.
- Additional employers are needed as partners. A suggestion to host a virtual event for local property management companies to share what they are doing and the Reentry Council can share information with them.
- The creation of a website to be used by reentry partners on a temporary basis. The website is <https://reentrykt.weekly.com>
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- Each organization represented in the Reentry Council to email Anita what services their organization provides for reentry customers.

ASSET MAPPING

- Melissa Elliott and Carolyn Perry, both with the New Start Reentry Program, are working on asset mapping. The asset map is an ongoing process but should be available for sharing by the first of the year.
- James Johnson, the City Manager of Henderson, and the Chief of Police of Henderson have worked together to create endorsements to present to employers for those coming out of incarceration.

CONTACT PERSON/AGENCY FOR RESOURCES

- Suggestion made to find out what other reentry councils are doing James will reach out to Edgemont county and other surrounding areas to see what they are doing and then report back to our council.
- Email address and/or Google number needed.
- Possibly utilize someone that has access to the asset map as the contact person.
- The website created can be a tool for a contact information page or where requests may be submitted by customers.
- Creation of a referral form for case managers within the correctional facilities to use when meeting with those about to be released. This referral form can then be forwarded to our council.
- Hire a social worker intern that will be trained for confidentiality and be the contact person for resources.

REMINDER:

Please email your titles of organizations and what resources are provided for our customers we serve by Friday, December 4, 2020 to Anita Bennett.

NEXT MEETING

Meetings are held every third Wednesday of each month at 2 PM. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 2 PM.