

Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition
Dayton Montgomery Pre-Release Center
February 16, 2012
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Attendees:

Directors/Designees:

Gary Mohr (ODRC)	Tom Dilling (Licensing Board)
Kimberly Hettel (GOFBI)	Harvey Reed (ODYS)
Tereasa Moorman-Jamison (ODMH)	Fletch Zimpher (ODOC)
Troy McCollister (DODD)	

Head Table

Tina Patrick, Regional Administrator Cincinnati Region APA
Edward Rhine, Deputy Director Office of Offender Reentry
Sara Andrews, Deputy Director DPCS
Director Gary Mohr
Honorable Walter H. Rice, United States District Court Judge
Commissioner Debbie Lieberman, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
John Theobald, Commissioner's Assistant to Debbie Lieberman
Jamie Gee, Manager-Montgomery County Office of Ex-Offender Reentry

Minutes

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions:

- **Director Mohr**, Director ODRC & Chairperson, Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition.

Director Mohr thanked the staff at Dayton-Montgomery Pre-Release Center for setting up the facility and how nice it looked and expressed his appreciation. He thanked Warden Mack and Director Harvey Reed for all their assistance as well. There have been three (3) statewide meetings regarding Collateral Sanctions. There are some Collateral Consequences that are affecting ex-offenders that are trying to do the right thing. A whole new approach should be taken to address this issue and the abrupt changes offenders experience when they leave the correctional system.

DRC needs a new mission statement that speaks to reducing crime in Ohio, and reducing recidivism amongst those we touch. Change should be for the right reasons. The local reentry coalitions were thanked for their help and informed that this is a great opportunity to create changes in the lives of those offenders they touch.

- **Commissioner Debbie Lieberman**, Ex-offender Policy Board.
Thanked Angi Lee and Ed Rhine for all they help and dedication.

The Montgomery County Office of Reentry has been opened with help from Jamie Gee, Amy Piner and Mike Ward. This was also accomplished through partnership with the Sheriff office.

- **Judge Walter Rice**
Stated that there are 3 components needed for successful reentry
 - 1) Criminal Justice System-Must realize that “Business as Usual” attitude will not work any longer.
 - 2) There must be support of and from local government.
 - 3) There must be strong support from ODRC.

Public is skeptical but there is something in reentry for everyone-helping people to help themselves, reducing the cost of the criminal justice system to better guarantee for public safety.

Jamie Gee - Reentry Administrator, Montgomery County - Introduction of the Best Practices Presentations

- **Erica Field** - Homeless Solution Staff-Social Enterprise

They address the challenges associated with employing homeless individuals. This project is chaired by Judge Walter Rice.

- **Jan-Lepore - Jentleson** - East End Community Services

Dayton Works Plus-Their current project is the deconstruction of properties and wholesaling the materials to Japan. They are partnered with Pathways out of Poverty. Workers are self-selected into the program. So far they have deconstructed 140 homes. They have a low termination rate with most dismissal due to drug usage.

- **Bob Pawlak** - Goodwill/Easter Seals

Their policy is to figure out how to serve ex-offenders well and how to work with their background.

- 1) Everyone is treated the same.
- 2) Their background is known on a need-to-know basis.
- 3) They prepare staff to work with ex-offenders by letting the staff know if the person is an offender.

- 4) They don't judge someone by their background, but how they work.
- 5) Ex-offenders are held by the same standards as everyone else.

- Testimonies given by participants/employees from St. Vincent's DePaul Woodshop:
Darryll Boyd and Corey Simmons

- A Panel Discussion Followed Including:

Mike Ward, Program Coordinator of Operations - Montgomery County Office of Ex-Offender Reentry

Joanna White, Reentry Case Management Administrator-Family Services Association

Quinnan Howard, Transitional Jobs & Employment Coordinator I - Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley

Ken Moss Jr., Mentoring Coordinator - Think Tank inc. /Dayton Circles

This group explained how their collaborative model allows a client to progress through their 'system' of services and how their partnership successfully achieves a wrap around effect in service delivery.

Report outs:

- **Darryl Graves-ODRC**

Darryl gave a briefing on HB86 and the Reentry Program Repository. The repository will consist of program information submitted from around state should be online in 3 months. The programs that are submitted will be screened mainly for their compliance with Evidence-Based Principles.

- **Sharon Schnelle** – OCJS - Co-Chair for Quality Assurance

Sharon gave a briefing on revisions to the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition's 5-Year Strategic Plan

- **Kysten Palmore** - Franklin County Reentry Task Force

Kysten offered a briefing on the formation of the Ohio Association of Local Reentry Coalitions. Kysten also reviewed the proposed structure of the Association and the process for the election of Association officers. The presentation was offered seeking final approval of the OERC.

- **Sara Andrews** referred to a letter that was composed announcing the renaming of the Montgomery Pre-Release and Education Center to The Bennett J. Cooper Reentry Center. The Bennett J. Cooper Reentry Center Advisory Collaborative is being convened under the direction of Sara

Andrews, Deputy Director of the Division of Parole and Community Services, and will be chaired by Tina Patrick, Cincinnati Regional Administrator of the Adult Parole Authority.

- Sara Andrews Introduced special guest Patricia Rickman.
- **Patricia Rickman** expressed that the National model is not just a DRC endeavor, but a community one as well. The community is behind all the work that DRC is attempting to do with and for all the ex-offenders returning to the area.