

# **BOONE COUNTY OFFENDER TRANSITION NETWORK MEETING 9-14-06**

## **ATTENDANCE**

- Boone County Community Partnership-Michael Harper, Maureen Baldwin
- Job Point-Sue Long
- Central Missouri Community Action- Brooke Reed, Elizabeth Stegemann
- Interfaith Council Boone County Jail Ministry-Mickey Havener
- Probation and Parole Client Representative-Steve Harris, Bill Doiron
- Columbia College-Stacy Ford
- UMC-Mo Restorative Justice Coalition-Wanda Hoffman
- Probation and Parole, District #6-Mike Webber, Jaime Strange
- Voluntary Action Center-Julia Fortune
- MO DOC DORS Division-Stan Landon
- DMH-Division of ADA-Debra McBaine
- Jacob's Well Inc-Keith Mitchell
- Boone County Community Partnership-Steve Tatlow
- McCambridge Center-Beth Berhorst
- VA Hospital-Denise Heet
- Booneville Correctional Center Parole Officers-Terri McNeal, Michelle Sumy
- MU Extension-Twillia Cross
- Imani Mission-Glenn Cobbins

\* The sign in sheet got stalled during the meeting therefore many attendees are not included on this list.

## **OPENING**

Mike Webber brought the meeting to order and introductions were made. Chris Egbert was introduced from the Department of Corrections Planning Section.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

Chris Egbert assumed role of facilitator and presenter of the meeting. Chris provided a background on the Department of Corrections Planning Section and the role it serves. Chris discussed the conception and transition of the Re-Entry process in Missouri and the objectives of this process. Chris presented a statewide regional breakdown of how different areas are approaching the Re-Entry process. The Missouri Re-Entry Process started with a proclamation issued by Governor Blunt which led to the formation of the MRP Steering Committee which oversees the different regions and their approaches to the MRP process. Chris stressed that state collaboration is key to this process and that questions/concerns/etc can always be taken up the chain of command.

Chris then discussed the process road map which included creating a charter, developing strategies, implementation, measurement, and monitoring. Stressed that the implementation stage is when the process can thrive or die out.

Chris then reviewed the charter development kit and the steps that would be taken during this meeting to progress through the kit so that a charter could be developed.

### Name

First step was to develop a name for our group. Suggested from the subcommittee that met to work on the mission statement was: Boone County Offender Transition Network, or BCOTN. Some discussion was held on this name and some expressed concern over the use of the word “offender”. In conclusion it was decided all parties could operate and live within this name and the name was officially taken on.

### Mission

Discussion then turned to the mission statement. All parties were provided the revised and proposed mission statement submitted by the subcommittee that met several weeks ago. Again, some discussion was held, however all parties reached an agreement that the mission statement was consistent with our objectives and it was formally accepted by the group. The mission statement reads as follows:

*“To promote a healthier and safer community, by creating and maintaining an effective network of services that addresses the needs of offenders, their families, and our community.”*

### Sponsor

It was advised that the sponsor of this committee is the Boone County Basic Needs Coalition. It was mentioned that this coalition has a website on the City of Columbia webpage.

### Current Situation

Discussion was conducted in regard to the current state of affairs in our county and how this can be presented in a brief format so that the community we are serving knows who we are and our purpose. State Tatlow, Twilla Cross, and Michael Harper volunteered to draft this item. The question posed was “what would be valuable to the decision makers “ Suggestions included were statistical data, housing, employment, medical needs, spiritual availability, mental health services, education, basic needs for survival (clothing, transportation, food), and proper identification concerns. It was felt by the group that all of the issues are important in the Re-Entry Process and should be included in regard to the current situation in Boone County. This item needs to include what Boone County has and what our needs are.

### Boundaries

Discussion was conducted as what our boundaries are in regard to the population we will serve. It was determined that all probation and parole clients within the District #6 catchment area, which includes all of Boone County, will be eligible. The wording deemed appropriate was, “Those individuals that may reside in Boone County that meet the intent of the BCOTN mission statement”.

### Desired Outcomes

The question discussed was if this was a successful effort it would result in what??? Much discussion was held to clearly state and define what our outcome objectives are and how we will measure them. It was determined that a successful committee effort will result in a healthier and safer community by:

1. Providing an effective network of services which includes providing access to resources necessary to allow for integration into the community.
2. Reducing recidivism rates
3. Giving the opportunity and direction to individuals identified in the charter scope to achieve self sufficient.
4. Establishing a greater community awareness of the issues involved in offender re-entry.

### Undesired Outcomes

Discussion was held regarding what are *NOT* desired outcomes of this process. The question posed was that if this were a successful effort it would not result in what?? Suggestions made were:

1. Duplication of existing committee initiatives.
2. Negative impact on Boone County because of a lack of capacity to deliver services.
3. Acceptance with the present re-entry system.

Steve mentioned local elected officials were concerned about outcomes being so successful it would lead to more individuals relocating to this area which, in their perception, would lead to ambivalence within the community and a net-widening effect.

#### Frequency and Duration

It was determined meetings will occur once a month on the second Thursday of the month and last approximately 2 hours.

#### Members

Include all stakeholders at the table and those willing to contribute to this process. Currently an e-mail/mail list is in place with all individuals who have expressed a desire to be a part of this process.

#### Chairperson/s

Steve Tatlow and Mike Webber assumed this position, although it was suggested by Chris that in the future there only be one chairperson.

#### Record Keeper

To be determined. Jaime Strange took notes this meeting. Tina Rowland previously took meeting notes, however she is transferring to another probation and parole office this month and will no longer be available to do so.

Chris briefly looked over the MRP starter kit packet with the group. Due to time constraints little time was spent on it, however it was determined that Step 4 in the packet was completed and that Step 5 would be the next task at hand. Step 5 includes identifying strategies to meet desired outcomes. Chris indicated the Planning Section can provide support and training on how to put together implementation plans. Software is also available to track implementation objectives.

It was determined Mike will e-mail the MRP started kit as not all pages in the kit were copied.

## **COMMITTEE CHARTER**

### **NAME**

Boone County Offender Transition Network (BCOTN)

### **MISSION**

To promote a healthier and safer community by creating and maintaining an effective network of services that addresses the needs of offenders, their families, and our community.

### **SPONSOR**

## Boone County Basic Needs Coalition

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- Statistical data of Offenders returning to Boone Co
- Housing needs (food, clothing and shelter)
- Recidivism rate
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse follow up and aftercare services (availability)
- Transportation
- Identification
- Mentoring (family, offender, community)
- Employment (livable wage)
- Medical Needs
- Education (skills training, academic, life skills)
- Spiritual Support
- System is un-navigable
- Consider community and family needs
- Effect on public safety

Steve Tatlow, Michael Harper and Twilla Cross will draft the current situation.

### **BOUNDARIES**

Those individuals that may reside in Boone County that meet the intent of the Boone County Offender Transition Network (BCOTN) mission statement.

### **SCOPE**

Offenders, families of offenders, community

**DESIRED OUTCOME** A successful committee effort will result in a healthier and safer community by:

1. An Effective network of services
  - Access to resources necessary to allow for successful integration into the community
2. A reduction in the recidivism rate
3. Giving the opportunity and direction to individuals identified in the charter scope to achieve self-sufficiency.
4. A greater community awareness of the issues of offender reentry

**UNDESIRED OUTCOME** A successful committee effort will not result in...

1. Duplication of existing committee initiatives
2. Negative impact on Boone County because of a lack of capacity to deliver services
3. Acceptance with the present reentry system.  
(a constant process improvement)

## **MEETING FREQUENCY**

Once a month

## **MEMBERS**

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (S)**

## **RECORD KEEPER**

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 8:30 A.M at the Probation and Parole Office located at 1512 Heriford Dr. Ste A, Columbia, Missouri. The meeting is expected to last approximately 2 hours.

***Boone County Offender Transition Network Agenda  
October 12, 2006  
8:30 – 10:30***

## **PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE**

1512 Heriford Drive Ste A, Columbia, MO

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Review September minutes
- 3) Technology Resources Working Group ~ Online “Case Staffing”
  - a. Focus Group
  - b. Sub Committee
- 4) Day Reporting Center
  - a. Update
  - b. Sub Committee
  - c. Best Practices Tour
- 5) Charter
  - a. Data Request ~ Boone Co. Offender Statistics
  - b. Sub Committee
- 6) Community Forum
  - a. Sub Committee
- 7) Announcements