

# BOONE COUNTY OFFENDER TRANSITION NETWORK MEETING

## August 16, 2007

### ATTENDANCE

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*Sign in sheet was not complete. 30 or more individuals in attendance*

- Penny Colmore                      Algoa
- Teddi Samuel                      Heartland Volunteers
- Sara Landberger                  Probation & Parole Office
- Brad McConnell                    Concerned member of Community
- John McClure                      Director of Adult Learning Center
- Stan Landon                        Department of Corrections
- Steven Tatlow                      Boone County Community Partnership
- Allen McCarter                    VISTA
- Jeffery Johnson                  VISTA
- Micheal Harper                    VISTA
- Antoinne Jones                    VISTA
- Sue Long
- Mike Webber
- Marta Nolin

#### **Challenge Survey-Veterans Administration**

Tatlow noted Denise Heet of the VA Hospital briefed Jones to discuss and present survey in her absence.

Jones explained VA & Project Challenge as a community homeless assessment group. The goal is to help the VA coordinate efforts of public services to better serve the homeless of our community. A report of survey findings will be accumulated into a report to congress. Jones further reviewed statistics provided.

#### **Strategic Plan-Review July Meeting**

Steve Tatlow presented draft of strategic planning. Steve reviewed provided attachment and noted:

- List of sponsors that have been a part of process will be included
- Steve Tatlow will organize a group to work on vision piece. Values needed to guide mission which is now done.
- A mini draft of the history also provided in attachment.
- SWOT items still needs refinement, looking for volunteers to work on it
- Information noted with bulleted points is the raw data from the last session; volunteers are needed to work with data as well.

#### **Values**

Samuel presented values refined. Samuel noted the values were pinpointed and broad statements of appropriate ideals as set by the group. Samuel further noted some of the presented values have the possibility to be in the Value, Mission or Goals/Strategies categories.

Suggestions & comments:

- Group discussion on the use of "ex-offender". Suggestions in place of ex-offender were "member", "consumer", "clients".
- Lorio suggested omit "children of ex-offenders" in the value statement as to not restrict group for potential grant opportunities.
- Value statements are not specific to population and that is a good thing.

- Recommended to utilize personal document vs. ID cards
- Perspective added for the need for resources and assistance for the families of the offenders. The need is more of relational need such as information on how to navigate through resources and emotional needs of offender and family.

### **Organizational Structure**

Samuel presented the options for organization structure:

- Association/Alliance
- 501 (c)
- Trust

Samuel noted this group presently is an informal network and of the three structure option, presently group most resembles that of an Alliance. Samuel further noted with Alliance option, staff still may be needed to coordinate services. Also, with this structure a memorandum of understanding would be provided to ensure all parties were on the same page. After further discussion group consensus was to explore alliance structure keeping in mind in the future a 501 (c) may be an option further down the road.

### Tatlow review Strategic Plan Process

Vision-work still in progress

Mission-completed

Core Values-Teddi Samuels and team are continuing work on those

Goals & Strategies- Dan, Marta, & Teddi will work on refining

### **ROC Advisory Group**

Tatlow explained this group will assist to get the ROC office, décor, atmosphere together and conducive for work and service.

Volunteers for group:

- Allen McCarter
- Jeff Johnson
- Julian Goodell
- Sue Long

### **Conference**

September 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms are available for those interested.

### **Model for social Justice**

Attachment provided:

### **Memorandums of Understanding**

Tatlow will hold until next meeting. Attachment provided as drafted example of what it would entail.

### **Updates:**

Focus Groups: IPO w/inmates, identified themes & issues & have written up conclusions

Mentoring: September 22<sup>nd</sup> the first mentor training will be held. Ground rules of process set and location is projected to be at the ROC 9AM- NOON.

ROC: Mike Webber has taken the lead on the ROC. Classes have started and groups are coming in. Job coaching is offered. Mike updates the furniture is on order and also introduces Sarah, Tracey & Vicky of the Probation & Parole office working with the ROC.

IN-Reach: First assessments will be done this week in Booneville. Volunteers that attended assessed own performance and individuals assessed performance of volunteers as well.

*Next IN-Reach Meeting will be August 23, 2007 @ 3:00 pm at the Community Partnership office in Parkade.*

**NEXT MEETING September 13<sup>TH</sup> @ 8:30 AM -10:30 AM**