

Meeting Review

Boone County Offender Transition Network

8:30 – 10:30 December 12, 2008
Columbia/Boone County Health Department

The Mission of the Boone County Offender Transition Network is:

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.

The following people were present:

Mike Webber / Department of Corrections / Probation & Parole
Clarence Palmer / Power House Ministries / Power of Hope
George Smith / Power House Ministries / Power of Hope
Pat Fowler / Missouri Office of Service-Learning
Lolita Lucas / Columbia Housing Authority
Dan Hanneken / Phoenix Programs
Sue Long / Job Point
David L Meyer / Missouri Probation and Parole
Sara Lemberger / Probation and Parole
Vicki Fessler / Probation and Parole
Maggie Perkins / Power House Ministries / Power of Hope
Karla Colbert / Power House ministries / Power of Hope
Charles Stephenson / Power House Comm. Development Corp.
Becky Markt / YC 2
Randall Robb / Department of Corrections
Claire Plott / Stepping Stones / New Living Hope

Terri McNeal / Probation and Parole / BCC Transitional Housing
Josef Carr / BCCP
Dan Ofarrell / BCCP
Ryan Doxley / BCCP
Carolyn Porter-Clay / BCCP
Dan Fite / Light House Ministries
Tony Lenci / Light House Ministries
David Mitchell / MU Law School Professor
Dianah Schlautman / CMCA AmeriCorps Vista
Eugene Elkin / Community Advocate
David Barnes / MO United Methodist / Parent of Offender
Julia Barnes / Missouri United Methodist Church
John McClure / The Adult Learning Center
Ted Solomon / Family Counseling Center
Pamela Johnson / Citizen Advocate

Mike Webber welcomed the group, and introductions around the table were made.

- There was a brief review held of the “Bringing Down the Walls” conference, which generated positive feedback from the group at large.
- Follow-up on post-conference activities:
 - Women’s Support Group: There is currently a group of interested parties looking to establish a Women’s Support Group, similar to Victory Circle. Several members expressed an interest in assisting in this area.
 - BCOTN website: Art Schneider continues to make updates
 - Ryan Doxley (BCOTN Vista) is currently working on the “Welcome Back Backpacks” to supply to offenders re-entering the community from prison, that will be comprised of local resource information, and general supplies (t-shirts, toothbrushes, etc). He will be sending out more information about a future meeting.
 - ROC: Re-Entry Opportunity Center:
 - Current programming includes Job Point, CMCA, GED, Pathways to Change, and Substance Abuse Assessments, provided by the Phoenix House. Phoenix also provides a weekly Transitional Assistance Group (TAG).
 - We are looking for assistance and input to decorate or “warm up” the ROC.
- A brief committee review was held, which was mostly comprised of a discussion of collapsing the “service delivery” and “community resources” committees into one entity, that would focus on housing, service delivery, and transitional support groups. The other two committees, YC2 and Education, are self sufficient and have clear goals and objectives.

- There was general discussion about the focus of BCOTN as a whole, and whether our goals are being met. As a result, it was determined to meet monthly beginning in January of 2009, until committees are firmly established, at which point bi-monthly meetings would be considered.

Next Meeting

***8:30 – 10:30, Tuesday January 20th
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