

## MEETING REVIEW

### BOONE COUNTY OFFENDER TRANSITION NETWORK

8:30 – 10:30 March 12, 2009

Columbia / Boone County Health Department

The following people were present:

Kim Crouch / Department of Corrections / CTCC  
Anita Salisbury / Department of Corrections / SAS  
Becky Markt / YC2 / CHA  
Ryan Doxley / BCCP  
Vickie Fessler / Probation and Parole  
David Barnes / Parent of Offender / United Methodist Church  
Sara Young / Ex-Offender  
Dan Hanneken / Phoenix Programs / The Crossing / CCRC  
Kandys Bleil / Division of Workforce Development  
Pam Phelps / SERVE Inc. / RSVP Fulton  
Allen Tucker / Family Counseling Center  
Al Schneider / University Extension  
Debbie Osburn / Prison Fellowship  
Pat Fowler / MU Office of Service Learning  
Chris Keller / BBBS  
Clare Plott / New Living Hope  
Karen Dungan / Probation and Parole / Fulton  
John McClure / Adult Learning Center  
Tereska Chatman / Volunteer Urban Empowerment / BCCP  
Dan Ofarrell / BCCP  
Steve Tatlow / BCCP

Steve Tatlow welcomed the group, and introductions were made around the table.

**GRANT NETWORKING** – Pat Fowler shared on the public communications funds:

The Governance and Decision Making Vision Statement reads: "Columbia's governance is a model of transparency, efficiency, and citizen participation that enjoys the strong confidence of its residents."

In that spirit, the City's Public Communications Resource Advisory Committee is seeking applicants for public communication funds that can be used to expand or enhance communication among citizens and City officials on issues of importance to the community.

A workshop for applicants will be held on Thursday, March 26, 4 -6 p.m., in the City Hall Mezzanine Conference Room, 701 E. Broadway.

Project funding, ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000, is available to the following types of eligible applicants:

- 1) single not-for-profit entities, government agencies or educational institutions;
- 2) a partnership of public communication-type entities; or
- 3) partnerships of a single public communications entity and other related entities such as schools, social service agencies, libraries, museums, etc.

This is not a grant, as all funds must be contracted for communication services.

The application package is available on the city's Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) and at the City Manager's Office, 5th floor, Daniel Boone Building, 701 W. Broadway. An application workshop will be held at 4 p.m., March 26, 2009 in the City Hall Mezzanine Conference Room, 701 E. Broadway.

The funds are generated through monthly fees paid by video service providers to the City of Columbia, as authorized by city ordinance. A seven-member Public Communications Resource Advisory Committee (PCRAC), which was appointed by the City Council, will coordinate an open, competitive process to solicit applications and recommend funding levels to the City Council. Completed applications must be received in the City Manager's Office by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2009. Communication services must be provided within the City's corporate limits during the project period October 1, 2009 - December 31, 2010.

Dan Hanneken discussed using offender panel and creating a video for community and family awareness and Pat Fowler gave more incite to Dan Hanneken on attaining grant money to further that project.

Pat Fowler also brought up a very good point about possibly attaining grant money to make the BCCP Simulation a much bigger scale event, she stated that if the simulation were done on a much bigger scale it would have much more impact on the people in our communities.

Claire Plott Discussed her transitional housing she privately owns and how a family counseling treatment center would be beneficial to all involved, from offender to family member so both sides would understand more of what the other goes through.

## **WEBSITE**

Al Schneider spoke about the BCOTN website and shared thoughts on what else to put on it, and spoke with Steve Tatlow (as well as the group) about possibly creating a blog and how it works for BCOTN and the offenders that go to it. There will be a meeting about this topic on Monday, March 23 at 2pm at the ROC.

Anita Salisbury brought up the topic of how this website and grant opportunities will work at the state level, Kandys Bleil also expressed interest in getting involved along with Steve Tatlow who will coordinate meeting and have a proposal ready in one month.

## ROC / PROJECTION REPORTS

- Job Point classes will continue as usual.
- GED classes are currently full
- Life skill classes are still in operation every Wednesday from 9 to 11 and are also open to the family as well
- The Welcome Home classes have been discontinued for the time being
- Phoenix programs is now implementing and developing Anger Management classes and hopes that they will be up and running soon.
- John McClure spoke about funding for his GED classes, unfortunately they may have to be discontinued due to funding issues, however the class's he is currently running are filled until July, he has found that there is an increase in class sizes due to employment cuts

## PROJECT REPORTS

- Welcome Home Backpack Project is moving along, and there are a few major companies involved and interested in donations for this effort, there is also a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March about it.
- Pat Fowler has offered the help of some of her students with this project doing a different number of tasks, some fund raising some phone solicitation and helping with the actual putting together of the back packs once we have all the initial items to fill them with.
- Dan Ofarrell is currently working on proof reading and getting ready to print the new Columbia Resource Guide that he has developed which has been a major request in Columbia for a long time, also the current multi-county resource guide has been updated again for February of this year with a few new items that will be helpful.

## AGENCY UPDATES

- RSVP from Callaway County is working on a written proposal to incorporate ex-offenders into their program, for more information, e-mail them at: [RSVP@socket.net](mailto:RSVP@socket.net)
- Callaway County is currently revitalizing their programs for re-entry
- YC2 is applying for funds to assist individuals from 12 to 17 years old if they are ex-offenders and prevention techniques as well
- Becky Markt spoke about Festapalooza which is a type of fair that will have a several kinds of events going on at once, but the main objective is to promote awareness of child abuse and alcoholism, put on in conjunction with YC2, Rainbow House, and Sol House, it will be held at Flat branch Park on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon till 3pm food will be free and there will be space available for booths
- Dan Hanneken reminded us about the faith based meeting on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon at the Center Point church on the corner of Van Diver and Providence at the Kelly Plaza office building, Toni Lenci will speak about the para-church transitional house that will be coming to Columbia soon
- George Norman will hold a Christian mentoring class on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon