



Promoting 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.

**Boone County Offender
Transition Network**

Meeting Review

Boone County Offender Transition Network

8:30 – 10:30 July 16, 2009

Columbia/Boone County Health Department

Present:

Steve Tatlow	Missouri Partnerships for Reentry	Lorenzo Lawson	Youth Empowerment Zone
Kandys Bleil	DWD	Sara Lemberger P&P	
David Meyer	P&P	Art Schneider	University Extension
Dan Hanneken	Phoenix Programs	Dan O'Farrell	VISTA
Chris Speckhous	P&P	Mike Webber	P&P
Damien Hegger	First Chance For Children	Heather Windham	Rainbow House / SOL House
Crysta Goslin	Reality House	Lawrence Allen	Tipton Correctional
John McClure	Columbia Public Schools	Daniel Easter	Veterans Administration
Katie Burnham	Veterans Administration	Lana Black	PFM—Interchange Freedom
Deb Wahl	BCCP	Mickey Havener	Columbia Interfaith Council & Boone County Jail Ministry

Opening of meeting & introductions

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am. Sign in sheet was passed around

Reentry Programming

Reentry Opportunity Center (ROC)

Mini Grants (April—August 31) Have allowed for Expansion of Phoenix Programs services and assessments, the extension of services by Job Point as well as bringing in Dan Ofarrell VISTA to the ROC, Family Counseling Center is doing assessments. A life skills classes with CMCA are on hold. GED classes have been scaled back due to funding while demand continues to increase. There is now a waiting list into October. John McClure is working as part of a committee to address the funding formula for 2010. There is still programming space available for those programs and agencies. Interested parties should contact Mike Webber—(573) 884-7016.

The Missouri Partnerships for Reentry VISTA project Boone County site has been moved and is no longer with the Boone County Community Partnership. VISTAs are now hosted by Job Point at the ROC.

ACTION REQUIRED - Steve Tatlow will coordinate a meeting with Dan Ofarrell and Art Schneider to identify a method to maintain a schedule of ROC activities on the website.

New Programming

Rainbow House/SOL House are accepting referrals for youth (16-25yrs.) for their Life Skills, Therapy & case management. In addition, they are accepting referrals for young adults (17- 21yrs) for housing opportunities.

Welcome Home Backpacks The BCCP has accepted responsibility for the Boone County reentry backpack project which was developed with the resources of the Missouri Partnerships for Reentry VISTA project. 28 backpacks were reported given out to date. The resources are being concentrated on parole/conditional releases. Mike Webber added that there are Federal and Boone County Jail released inmates who could benefit as well.

DOC Grants

BCOTN participants received 4 DOC mini-grants in the first round. Job Point, Rainbow House, Youth Empowerment Zone (YEZ) and Phoenix Programs. It is anticipated that an announcement will be made in the near future on the next opportunity. Members are encouraged to check the Missouri Department of Corrections website for announcements.

Homeless Count

The Columbia area point in time count will be held on July 29th. Interested volunteers should contact Bebecca Rosslett at the Columbia/Boone County Office of Community Services.

Homeless Resource Event

Homeless Connect, a community event for Homeless individuals/families to come and receive services (hair cuts, dental screenings, medical testing, employment & housing assistance, birth certificates, etc.) will be held at the Silverthorne Arena on Stephens College campus Friday August 7th from 10am—3pm.

For additional information, contact Katie Burnahm at 814-6244.

CHALENG

Katie Burnham with the Veterans Administration shared the CHALENG program. She distributed and collected a survey to meeting attendees.

BCOTN STATUS

The group discussed the future of BCOTN organizational structure. Art Schneider provided information on application for tax exempt status and formation of a not for profit organization. Mike Webber described the structure of Community Advisory Boards (CABs).

Sara Lemberger will research good examples of CABs and present information at September meeting.

Meeting Format

Discussion about meeting format was held. It was determined to keep a Bi-Monthly 3rd Thursday of the month format for the regular meetings. In addition, during the “off months”, a tour/open house will be hosted on the 3rd Thursdays by a different BCOTN organization. Our 9:00 am August 20 tour will feature SOL House.

It was also determined that we should continue to meet at the Columbia/Boone County Health Department as scheduling permits.

ACTION REQUIRED - Heather Windham will forward directions and August event information to BCOTN members.

Agendas

Future meeting agendas will be mailed out in advance. In addition, minutes of the most recent BCOTN meetings will be distributed when completed.

Case Reviews

An agenda item will be added to the meetings. A difficult to serve case will be shared with the group for assistance in determining solutions. It is believed this exercise will further our understanding of this community’s reentry resources while addressing the direct need of an ex-offender. Recommendations for cases to review at these meetings should be forwarded to Steve Tatlow for inclusion in the agenda.

Contact Information

It was determined that one contact email address be listed per BCOTN organization.

ACTION REQUIRED - Steve Tatlow will send request to members asking for designated email address.

Columbia Christian Reentry Coalition (CCRC)

Meets from 10—noon on the last Saturday of each month. They are starting an offender mentoring program be

gining pre-release. In addition, they coordinated to address the weekly transportation needs to and from Camp Sagrada for Columbia area children with incarcerated parents.

Upcoming Meetings

Open House/Tour for BCOTN - SOL House

9:00 am August 20, 2009

BCOTN—Regular Meeting

8:30 - 10:30 Thursday September 17th, 2009

Columbia/Boone County Health Department

1005 W. Worley, Columbia, MO

BCOTN - Regular Meeting

8:30 - 10:30 Thursday November 12th, 2009

(CHANGED TO 2nd Thursday THIS MONTH ONLY)

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