

# MEETING REVIEW

## BOONE COUNTY OFFENDER TRANSITION NETWORK

8:30 – 10:30 January 21, 2010

Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services

### **The following people were present:**

Steve Tatlow / The Family and Community Trust  
Dan O'Farrell / Missouri Partnerships for Reentry VISTA  
Dan Helling / Phoenix Programs  
Ted Bleil / Community  
Kandys Bleil / DWD  
Megan Jones / Community  
Marta Nolin / Department of Corrections  
David Meyer / Probation & Parole  
Jennifer Herborn / Probation & Parole  
Dana Thompson / Probation & Parole  
Kalei Holder / BCCP  
Autumn Horstman / BCCP

Danielle Easter / Veterans Administration  
Sue Long / Job Point  
Damien Hegger / First Chance for Children  
Misty Werkmeister/ROC – Job Point  
Chris Patrick / SOL House  
Steve Meyerhardt / VIC  
Steve Hollis/Columbia/Boone County Department of  
Public Health and Human Services  
Dan Hanneken/Phoenix Programs / The Crossing / CCRC  
Penny Coleman / Algoa Correctional Center  
Heather Windham/Rainbow House - SOL House  
Meg Roodhouse/ParentLink

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

### **Old Business**

#### **2010 Goals**

501c3 report – Committee members unavailable to present at this meeting.  
Report re-scheduled for March meeting.

### **Community Reentry Grants**

Phoenix Programs and Job Point shared information on their receipt of the DOC Community Reentry Grants

### **Housing Issues Review**

Heather Windham reported on a collaboration between Rainbow House, Oxford House, and the Columbia Christian Reentry Coalition to open and a supported reentry transitional house. Video Conferencing is being planned to interview potential residents who are serving time in Boonville Correctional Center. Dana Thompson volunteered resources to assist with the technical side.

### **New Business/Action Items**

#### **Meeting Surveys**

A survey was distributed to attendees for the purpose of gauging the effectiveness of our current meeting format.

### **Second Chance Act – Reentry Demonstration Grants**

Information was shared about two upcoming opportunities and a work group was formed to explore the opportunity for BCOTN.

### **Case Review**

Jennifer Herborn shared a case involving a 22 yr. old individual on supervision who was adopted into the U.S. as an infant, having been born in Columbia South America. The individual has a significant hearing impairment and has no identification or Birth Certificate. The L.E.A.D. institute and Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation were identified as resources. Fulton and Auxvasse were identified to have supportive deaf communities.

Danielle Easter sought resources for a registered sex offender in need of skilled nursing care.

## **Recognitions**

**Dan Hanneken** has accepted the position of Reentry Coordinator with the Missouri Department of Corrections in Jefferson City.

**Misty Werkmeister** has accepted the position of Reentry Opportunity Center Coordinator at the ROC.

**Dan Helling** has accepted a position as the Homeless Coordinator with Phoenix Programs.

**Steve Tatlow** has accepted the position of Parenting From Prison Coordinator with the Family And Community Trust.

## **Announcements**

GED classes have been restarted at the ROC.

A receptionist will now be available to greet people at the ROC during business hours.

The Columbia Christian Reentry Coalition is opening a staffed transitional housing facility for approximately 7 individuals in the next month. ParentLink will be placing parenting corner structures (brochure racks) in all MO correctional centers. These are available to incarcerated offenders. Anyone wanting to place brochures/resources in these should contact ParentLink.

## **Future Agenda Items**

Report on the state of the economy and reentry.