



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

8:30 – 10:30 March 18, 2010

Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services

Present:

Steve Tatlow	Missouri Partnerships for Reentry	Dana Thompson	District 6 P&P
Lorenzo Lawson	Youth Empowerment Zone	Kandys Bleil	DWD
Sue Long	Job Point	Art Schneider	University Extension
Dan Hanneken	DOC	Dan O'Farrell	VISTA
Daniel Easter	Veterans Administration	Stephen Harris	Encouragement House
Allen McCarter	Victory Circle Columbia	Steve Daniels	Victory Circle Columbia
Heather Windham	Rainbow House	Penny Coleman	DOC - Tipton Correctional
David Meyer	District 6 P&P	Sara Lemberger	District 6 P&P
Karl Anstine	Community	Carol King	E-House
Sophia Smith	Food Pantry	Robert Harrison	Reality House
Jane Young	Vocational Rehabilitation	Jerome Baker	Columbia Christian Reentry Coalition
Chris Patrick	Rainbow/SOL House	Julie Kempker	DOC

In addition, a large number of guests attended for the Awards Presentation

Opening of meeting & introductions

Meeting called to order at 8:35 am. Sign in sheet was passed around.

Recognitions

Presentations were made for the 2009 "Bringing Down the Walls"

Mike Webber - *Outstanding Professional* & Allen McCarter - *Outstanding Volunteer*

Presentation

Julie Kempker presented on the economy and its impact on reentry in Missouri.

Old Business

501c3 Report

Two different draft versions of bylaws for a 501 were distributed by Art Schneider on behalf of the committee researching the potential for incorporation as a not for profit. One draft was referred to at the simplified 4 page and the other a 10 page. There has been a renewed interest in pursuing non profit status to act as an umbrella for reentry efforts in the Boone County area. Pros & Cons were identified. Drafts of Bylaws will be sent out.

Pros

- Non-fragmentation of services
- Collaboration/Grants—Cohesive
- Representation at State Level
- Empower "Little Guys" (Smaller organizations)
- Admin fee on grants could support BCOTN future efforts
- Recognition at local level
- Accountability
- Close Gaps in services
- Sustainability

Cons

- Former Leadership - "Exclusivity"
- Behavior of individuals/organizations & impact on BCOTN
- Need F/T Staff
- Competing against each other

Discussions also included voluntary membership dues to offset the expense of filing.

ACTION REQUIRED

Each organization participating in BCOTN is asked to provide official feedback by their decision making author-

ity to these proposed bylaws and the formation of a not for profit. This feedback should be presented no later than the April 15th networking meeting at Parent Link. If a representative from your organization is unable to attend, please contact Steve Tatlow - statlow@centurytel.net or Dana Thompson – dana.thompson@doc.mo.gov in advance of the meeting with your feedback so that they may share it with the group on April 15th. With the feedback from this meeting, a task group will form to draft the final proposal.

New Business

Dana Thompson shared that April is Victim Awareness Month and that the local Prosecutors office is likely to host an event. He encouraged that BCOTN plan an event for April 2011.

ROC Report - Strategic Planning has been tabled until a decision on Bylaws has been made.

Case Review—No cases this month

Statewide Steering Team Report

Lorenzo Lawson shared that St. Louis & Kansas City have become very cohesive MRP groups and pull most of the state reentry resources. He said that BCOTN is in a good position to step up our efforts and be competitive at the state level.

Announcements

- There is a new national homeless hotline for resources - More information to be provided in the near future.
- Prosperous Journeys—Faith based reentry housing is now open.
- YEZ is holding a fundraiser April 23rd—Driving Youth to Success will feature celebrities providing “Full Service” style fill ups at Break Time Stations in Columbia.

Next Meeting—Networking & Brief Business Meeting

Parent Link 9:00am 4/15/10