



Governor's Re-entry Council, Steering Committee Minutes – Meeting #18 – February 3, 2010

Steering Committee Members Attending: Cindy D. Booth, Ginger Martin, Tom McClellan, Pegge McGuire, Fariborz Pakseresht, Heidi Steward, Scott Taylor, Patrick Vance

Guests: Paul Solomon, Craig Keyston, Debra Giard, Megan Churchill, Ted Swigart, Paula Bauer, Vicki Massey, Kimberly Allain

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Welcome and Introductions		
Review of Minutes from the January 6, 2010 Meeting	Copies were distributed for review. No changes were offered.	Minutes accepted as submitted and will be posted to the Re-entry Council webpage.
Announcements and Updates from Members	<p>Ginger Martin asked members to share those items that are being worked on in relation to re-entry outside the priorities of the steering committee and workgroups.</p> <p>Scott Taylor said there is a National Re-entry Resource Center website that is growing daily and open to adding documents and/or resources should anyone have anything to be added. This site is a good resource, as well. There are several committees working on different aspects of re-entry.</p> <p>Pegge McGuire said the Homeless Advisory Council worked with Patrick Bresette to change the perception of homelessness through messaging and Mr. Bresette is very interested in working with the Steering Committee to address the messaging of re-entry issues. He is coming to Oregon in March and would like to meet with Max Williams and other DOC people. Pegge asked if anyone knows of studies related to messaging the subject of re-entry to let her know so she can provide those to Mr. Bresette prior to his coming out. Mr. Taylor said the National Conference of State Legislators' website is a good resource for re-entry information.</p> <p>Heidi Steward followed up from our last meeting on the subject of 17 year olds releasing from OYA/DOC custody. A small group met to brainstorm and the decision was made to use the MDT process in place in OYA. They will be meeting again, bringing in additional players as needed and developing a formal recommendation for presenting to the Steering Committee at the April meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Fariborz Pakseresht said the grant funding the OYA Offender Re-entry Project requires a steering committee and originally the plan was to have the Re-entry Council act as the steering committee for that project. After further review and discussion, having the Re-entry Steering Committee take on that role seemed the more appropriate decision. A formal proposal will be written. Paula Bauer then briefly explained the role required of the steering committee. Ms. Bauer said OYA posted the solicitations for the grant coordinators and trainers and there was no response. The individual committee members agreed to take a brief description of the positions back to their agencies to advertise the positions to a more captive audience. A solicitation for the independent evaluator position was posted today.</p> <p>Paul Solomon reported that Sponsors, Inc. received a Veterans Administration Grant and Per Diem Award. Recently, 2 additional Notices of Funding Available for capitol grant per diem and a regular grant per diem that pays \$34/day for housing homeless veterans. One of the priority groups is released offenders. The applications are due in March.</p> <p>Ms. Martin read what she believes has a complete list of the federal dollars coming into Oregon supporting transition work. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OYA – Oregon Youth Offender Re-entry Project • Marion County 2nd Chance Act • Marion County Mentoring Grant • Byrne / JAG funded 3 re-entry centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multnomah County ~ ROAR partnership awarded United Way grant ○ Lane County – just awarded ○ Klamath County • Four older Byrne/JAG: Programs create a link between in-prison A & D treatment and community treatment in Multnomah County, Washington County, Jackson County and Josephine County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multnomah County uses a Re-entry Enhancement Coordination Team for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reach-in ▪ Case Management ▪ A & D Out-patient Treatment ▪ Transition Housing ▪ Peer Mentors ▪ Employment and Job Development ○ Jackson County has: Transition and Release Officer and Transition Treatment Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing ▪ Mental Health Treatment ▪ A & D Treatment ▪ Case Management ▪ Employment and Job Development 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Washington County has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reach-in ▪ Mentoring ▪ Employment ▪ A & D Treatment ○ Josephine County has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-entry Coordination ▪ Employment ▪ A & D Treatment <p>Ms. Martin reported that the 2nd Chance Act Demonstration Grant has been re-authorized; there is a solicitation open now. In discussing whether there is state-level role and she and Max Williams decided to put forward an inquiry to the 5 largest counties, excluding Marion County (received a 2nd Chance Act Demonstration Grant), to see if there is interest in applying for a grant which would support the Housing recommendation adopted by the Re-entry Council. Those counties are: Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Jackson and Lane. Multnomah and Washington counties have responded favorably; Lane County is still discussing their options and is also applying for a mentoring grant. Ms. Martin will write the grant, if there is interest and the legislature approves applying. Mr. Taylor said Multnomah County has just completed a study on the impact of housing for reducing recidivism. Most of Multnomah County's transition housing is occupied by high risk to re-offend people, such as those with health, mental health, predatory sex offender status. Ms. McGuire said the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) is interested in this study and as they are in the midst of searching for additional rent guarantee funds, it is especially timely. Ms. Martin reported that OHCS has offered some matching funds should this grant be awarded, which is appreciated.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-entry Performance Monitoring – Continue Review of Draft Report 	<p>Ms. Martin led the continued discussion from the last meeting of what should be included in the report. Will update the draft report for presentation to the Re-entry Council.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Items for February Council Meeting 	<p>Resource Centers Review Transition Coordinator Presentation Legislative Concept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment <p>Housing Workgroup Recommendation & Demonstration Grant Application</p>	
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Ms. Martin will prepare the updated draft report for the Re-entry Council meeting on February 24, 2010.</p>	

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Next Meeting	The next meeting will be April 7, 2010	