



Governor's Re-entry Council

Meeting Summary September 23, 2015

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)
Hall of Heroes
4190 Aumsville Highway
Salem, OR 97317

- CO-CHAIRS:** Heidi Steward and Jeremiah Stromberg, on behalf of Director Colette Peters, Chair
- NOTE TAKER:** Kellie Whiting
- ATTENDEES:** Heidi Steward, Jeremiah Stromberg, Kevin Cameron, Cameron Smith, Joe Glover, Rod Underhill, Tom McClellan, Bronson James, Courtland Geyer, Dick Withnell, Greg Hamann, Paul Solomon, Kristin Wings-Yanez, Margaret Van Vliet, Sandy Dugan, Kelly Raths, Seantel Heisel, Chris Hoy, Fariborz Pakseresht, Michael Schmidt, Jim Booker, Cindy Booth
- PRESENTERS:** Michael Schmidt, Kelly Raths and Sandy Dugan
- OBSERVERS:** Debra Giard, Scott Spencer-Wolf, Liv Jenssen, Mark Patterson, Marie Garcia, Kim Travis, Tony Joyce, Connie Kyle, Aimee Olin, Martha Duncan-Perez, Greg Ivers, Audrey DeCoursey, Eli Lopez, Mary Clark, Jen Jackson, Jody Patton, Steve Patton, Doug Bennett, Mindy Clark, Ken Hetsel, Whitney Vail, Monta Knudson, Shelley Mead

1. Introduction - Heidi Steward, Offender Management and Rehabilitation Assistant Director, DOC

INTRODUCTION:	Heidi Steward, DOC and Co-chair on behalf of Director Colette Peters, welcomed the Council. Expressed Director Peters' regrets for her absence, noting this is the first meeting of the Governor's Re-entry Council she has missed to date. Director Peters looks forward to seeing everyone at the December 2, 2015 Council meeting.
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2. Approval of Meeting Summary

DISCUSSION:	None.
ACTION:	The Council approved the June 3, 2015 meeting summary.
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3. New Recidivism Measures – Michael Schmidt, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Commission

DISCUSSION:	<p>Michael Schmidt, Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) Executive Director, walked the Council through a PowerPoint presentation on recidivism including new measures approved by the Legislature in 2013.</p> <p>Explained that with the adoption of HB 3194 (2013) the legislature redefined ‘recidivism’ as “An arrest, conviction, or incarceration for a new crime within three years of conviction or release from custody”. Enrolled HB 3194 (2013)</p> <p>Reported that the CJC worked with DOC, Oregon State Police (OSP), and the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) to pull data from each entity to, for the first time, compile data for each of the recidivism measures – arrest (finger-printed arrests); conviction (misdemeanor and felony convictions); and/or incarceration (felony sentences only). The report illustrates recidivism rates county by county over a ten year period. CJC 2015 Oregon Recidivism Analysis.</p> <p>Such information was matched to individuals using the same DOC cohorts. Parole-PPS: 6 month cohorts of those released from prison or felony local control sentence; and Probation: 6 months cohorts of those sentenced to felony probation.</p> <p>Prior to the new definition, recidivism data was measured by the Department of Corrections (DOC). DOC will continue to report 3-year felony conviction recidivism data for now as CJC’s data is not yet automated for distribution.</p> <p>Referenced the Bureau of Justice Statistics National Report on recidivism which encompasses 30 states from 2005 - 2010. BJS National Report</p> <p>CJC will update the analysis every 6 months and plans to break it out by demographics (age, gender, race etc.); recidivism rates by risk level; and also compile 1 and 2 year rates and possibly 10 year rates.</p> <p>Members of the Team acknowledged the ‘gap’ in the system in terms of persons involved in the criminal justice system between the ages of 18-26, noting that on the national level, this age group has the highest recidivism rate.</p>
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	<p>Mr. Pakseresht, OYA Director, offered that investment in such a population would alleviate a significant cost to society.</p> <p>Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney, believes it diligent to use the data to compare the effectiveness of programming against the reduction of recidivism.</p> <p>Paul Solomon, Sponsors Inc., added that to some degree, the counties do track such data as it relates to prison beds and recidivism. Added the counties report such information on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Mr. Schmidt stated the first step is to have the ability to capture the data and the intent is to mine the data/ information for more specific purposes such as the impact of programming on recidivism, etc.</p>
ATTACHMENTS:	 <p>Recidivism Overview for GRC 2015.pptx</p>

4. Focused Presentation from the Family & Community Connections & Engagement (FCC&E) Implementation Team - Kelly Rath, Sandy Dugan, Team Co-Leads; and Eli Lopez, Jen Jackson and Aimee Olin

PRESENTATION:	<p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>Executive Order 07-05, established the Governor’s Reentry Council as a statewide leadership group to work collaboratively on improving the success and safety of incarceration to community transition. The Council is responsible for planning, developing, implementing and overseeing an improved and multi-agency transition approach for Oregon. Based on a common vision for transition and reentry, the Council established seven subject-specific implementation Teams to work on the operational aspects of system reform, the procedures and practices that will require change in the many agencies involved in the reentry process. This includes a thorough review of policies relating to institutional case planning, transition planning and preparation, information sharing, continuum of services post release, identifying and connecting the reentry population to social services with the communities (housing, employment etc.) as well as removing or minimizing barriers to such.</p> <p>The Governor’s Reentry Council previously agreed to focus on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased engagement with local communities; • Increased engagement with families and children of AICs and former AICs;
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- Expanding the statewide plan to include special populations, especially those who may have access to benefits;
- Consider how to identify offender strengths in addition to risks and needs through assessment and re-assessment processes;
- Create a separate but consistent reentry framework/plan for Oregon’s juvenile justice system.

Each Implementation Team is charged with developing recommendations as well as identifying and removing barriers to successful reentry. Upon the Council’s approval to move forward with any or all of the Team’s recommendations, the Implementation Teams will then develop budget proposals and implementation strategies, which may require changes in the Team memberships. Each Implementation Team is hopeful that the recommendations will complement one another and provide the necessary tools for successful reentry.

FCC/E Team

The Family & Community Connections/Engagement (FCC/E) Implementation Team was established in part to address the low visitation rate for persons in custody and to increase family and community connections/engagement both pre- and post-release with the understanding that visitation while incarcerated contributes to lower recidivism and victimization, reduced costs, and safer prisons for both those incarcerated and for correctional staff.

Presentation of Recommendations:

The Family & Community Connections/Engagement Implementation Team presented four strategies/recommendations the Team believes adheres to the Council’s focus areas while supporting increased visitation, lower recidivism and victimization, and safer institutions.

To begin, Kelly Rath and Sandy Dugan, Co-Leads, expressed gratitude for the generous time and expertise provided by each member of the Team.

Ms. Rath explained the Team’s charge to increase family and community connections/engagement both pre- and post-release. Further, to improve connections with and supports for family engagement pre- and post-release using a strengths-based approach that identifies individuals and organizations that can help the person in custody address challenges and access available resources.

Ms. Rath walked the Council through the progression of an AIC’s social network throughout incarceration. Pointed out that at the time of incarceration, the social network is “ruptured.” The Team realized the social circle the

individual may have had upon intake will change during incarceration as children grow older, people experience divorce, deaths within their family/network of friends, as people's needs change, as new relationships are built, etc.

The Team's work and recommendations focused on ways in which to preserve, support or strengthen healthy connections/supports.

Through the recommendations, the Team's goal is to identify and serve not only the person incarcerated, but the support networks (i.e., family, care providers, children) impacted by incarceration. The Team strongly believes that incarceration can allow for opportunities to strengthen and/or connect with healthy support systems, and build new support networks through mentors and service providers. All of whom can be supportive throughout incarceration and, when appropriate, be part of release planning and/or post-release connections.

Ms. Rath offered that the recommendations suggest frameworks and systems that encourage a person to know the importance of a healthy social network, to invest in forming that network, and to take responsibility for being a healthy part of such a network.

Recommendation 1: Dynamic Family and Support System Survey

Ms. Rath reported that the current family survey provided at the DOC Intake Center is a one-time self-report tool that is predictably unreliable as a measure of social support systems due to its narrow definition of 'family,' coupled with an incarcerated person's hesitation to share information about children and loved ones with professionals with whom they do not yet have a working relationship (especially true at Intake). Such data collected at Intake grows inaccurate due to the passage of time and the ever changing status of relationships for the incarcerated.

To accurately understand and engage the incarcerated person's social network, the Team recommends an ongoing dynamic survey, to be built into primary case planning tools like the LS/CMI, which is reviewed and discussed regularly throughout incarceration and community supervision. This mechanism can facilitate future collaborations between state agencies and community resources by identifying 'cross-over clients.' The Team also feels this recommendation speaks to the Council's area of focus around considering how to identify offender strengths in addition to risks and needs through assessment and re-assessment processes.

Eli Lopez, Transition PO with Washington County, spoke to the value of having identified support systems to assist in the release planning, reach-ins, etc. Believes that healthy support networks are critical to successful reentry.

Strategy:

- Provide opportunity for justice-involved individuals to broadly define who their supportive family and community networks are and to address the changing needs both they and their networks have throughout incarceration and supervision;
- Make data from visiting, phone, video-enhanced phone and electronic messaging records available so case managers can accurately discuss the strengths and challenges of existing social connections;
- Individuals showing few to no identified support systems would be flagged and strengths-based interventions such as mentoring or support system assessment tools could be used;
- Case management can target relational resources like reading, packets, and programming based on the individual’s needs, i.e.: co-parenting, romantic relationships, grief, child development, etc.;
- Encourage and/or require involvement of family and support systems when case planning both in and out of prison.

Measure: Number of adults releasing to the community with sufficient support systems.

Recommendation 2: Statewide Resource Inventory

Ms. Dugan offered that justice involved adults often lack resource rich social capital and the focus group research affirmed it is difficult for them to find help or ask for it. Resources that do exist are often fluid and sometimes unknown to those who qualify for them. Reminded that the Governor’s Reentry Council recognized this dilemma 6 years ago, and subsequently created the Reentry Wiki. Unfortunately, the Reentry Wiki was never funded or staffed and is not used in its full capacity.

Suggested a need still exists for an easy to use and timely resource inventory for all of Oregon’s communities. Such will allow justice involved adults, their families and resource providers to connect with one another. To create and sustain such a resource, the Team recommends entering into an agreement with 2-1-1. This recommendation recognizes the integral role each agency has in successful reentry and asks that each agency support, utilize and contribute to the 2-1-1 inventory.

Aimee Olin, 2-1-1 noted that not unlike her own specialty position and

expertise assisting 2-1-1 customers specifically with access to food related resources/benefits, a 2-1-1 specialist whom can work specially with persons/families involved in the justice system can be created. This specialty position would connect persons to resources, provide one-on-one guidance and navigational services, seek out resources available in the various counties, and keep up-to-date information on such. Understanding that no two counties in Oregon are alike, available resources can be inventoried for all 36 counties and easily utilized by the reentry population and families affected by incarceration. Reported that 2-1-1 is available online, by phone, texts and email with 406,945 contacts made in 2014. Presently, the top needs of 2-1-1 callers include housing/rent assistance, energy assistance, SNAP (food stamps), information on food pantries, shelters, and health/dental clinics.

Strategy:

- 2-1-1 will integrate and elevate criminal justice involvement into their ‘core questions’ asked of each 2-1-1 users, resulting in increased statewide understanding of the scope and needs of those impacted by incarceration;
- Governor’s Reentry Council and represented agencies will contribute information to the 2-1-1 database and ask community partners to populate the database with their resources;
- 2-1-1 will hire a specialty staff with expertise in issues of reentry and incarceration for justice-involved adults and their families to track trends, seek and maintain resource information, and work with agencies and community resources;
- Provide data related to services by geographic areas, revealing gaps and informing resource deployment.

Measures: Number of 2-1-1 users indicating history of or connection to incarceration; and number of services based on geography of individuals with a history of or connection to incarceration.

Recommendation 3: Mentoring of Justice Involved Adults

Ms. Rath explained that the Team established a sub-committee on Mentoring, chaired by Jen Jackson, Sponsors, Inc. Offered that there is a great deal of mentoring going on throughout the state of Oregon, but held there is not a statewide coordinating body to promote mentoring best practices, collaborate with existing resources, or leverage funding in support of criminal justice involved adults. While preparing this recommendation, the Team learned Multnomah County has as many as 50 separate organizations involved in mentoring adults post-prison while other counties reported zero mentoring resources. Ms. Rath stated that without coordination we cannot realize or

measure the full positive impact of mentoring. Due to incarceration or previous criminal behavior, many justice involved adults have eroded healthy support systems and seek new footholds into pro-social communities. Focus Group and DOC polling affirmed that justice involved adults want more opportunities to learn about and practice healthy relationships through mentorships, and visitation studies make clear mentor contact (done well) is influential in successful transition to the community.

Jen Jackson, Sponsors, Inc., and the Mentoring Subcommittee Chair, provided information as to her background as a mentor, her experience teaching a course on mentoring at the University of Oregon, and her current role as the Mentorship Program Director at Sponsors, Inc.

Offered there is an abundance of best practices and research regarding mentoring of youth, but that is not the case for adult mentoring. Over 500 mentor matches have been made at Sponsors, Inc. Feels that mentoring plays a crucial part in reentry success - in part, to help navigate through real-life situations such as budgeting, paying bills, grocery shopping, making required appointments, job seeking, etc., but also as healthy pro-social supports and role-models as many cannot return to social circles they once had before entering the corrections system.

Strategy:

- Create a statewide resource hub for mentor services. This hub would conduct regular statewide needs and resource assessments and network existing programs. It would be responsible for researching and providing best practice guidelines and statewide minimum standards for mentors and could certify mentor programs. A hub would network shared resources for things like mentor training, leveraging of funding, and assistance with research on the effectiveness of mentoring;
- Increase state funding for mentoring programs to ensure staffing and programmatic support is operating at a minimum standard as emphasized in the Public/Private Ventures report, “Mentoring Formerly Incarcerated Adults,” January 2009;
- Minimize DOC and OYA barriers for mentors, allowing them to more easily access their incarcerated mentee through changes in visiting and facility access practices, and adapt video conferencing policies for mentor/mentee use.
- Reduce barriers to mentors with criminal histories by being more accepting of them as a resource. Allow mentors to participate in reentry planning and work with corrections staff, and reframe the ‘professional barriers’ with mentors (i.e. mentor someone while incarcerated, then can’t talk to them

once released).

Measures: Number of releasing adults with a mentor; and number of adults on supervision with a mentor.

Recommendation 4: Multi-Agency Team Reach-Ins

Ms. Dugan explained that by considering this dynamic evolution of support networks and pivoting on the previous recommendations of dynamic family surveys conducted during incarceration, statewide resource inventories, and mentoring of justice involved adults, a multi-agency team approach offers a holistic approach to transition from incarceration to community release. Feels this is in keeping with the Council’s charge to establish regular and continuing communication among stakeholders; remove or minimize barriers that impede successful transition, and creates a common vision among service providers and agencies for successful transition and reentry. This multi-agency transition approach for Oregon can be well measured and recognizes that successful reintegration of offenders requires the efforts of multiple state and local agencies as well as the community.

Strategy:

- Establish Multi-Agency Team (MAT) protocols and expectations for DHS involved families,
 - Utilize a goal action plan and continuum executive functioning assessment tool similar to the Minnesota ‘My Bridges’ model;
- Solicit from the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) pilot sites in releasing counties across Oregon;
- Provide cross-training for leaders and practitioners from state and community agencies (ODOC, OYA, Child Welfare, non-profits and community corrections).

Measures: Number of MAT’s held by pilot county sites; number of state and community agencies involved in MAT’s; and period of time to reunification of pilot site participants versus non-pilot releases.

In closing, the co-leads mentioned that each recommendation can stand alone, but also illustrated the interconnectivity of the four recommendations. Reiterated that through the Dynamic Family Survey, a person in custody will engage with staff throughout their incarceration, developing a level of trust and rapport with staff, and prioritize their investment in and contribution to a healthy support network. As a contributor to that network, an adult in custody

can respond to the needs of their loved ones such as financial assistance to cover heating costs, trustworthy child care, or referrals for an elderly family member, by referring them to 2-1-1 and working with a '2-1-1 Justice Involved Specialist' who has expertise in assisting persons (and their families) involved in the justice system. And as an example of cross-team connections, when the Education Implementation Team realizes their recommendation of controlled, secure web access within correctional institutions, AICs can search the web along with their loved ones to help contribute to their own well-being.

Moreover, the Dynamic Family Survey allows a case manager the ability to identify those on their caseloads with little or no social supports. The case manager and the person in custody can connect with a mentor or use the resource hub to seek out mentors related to the clients' interests and needs such as those helping with mental illness, Veterans status, cultural background, or vocational interests.

Multi-Agency Team (MAT) Reach-Ins allow a mentor to play an active role in supporting the coordinated release plan for their adult mentee. The mentor, family, and agencies like DHS, Community Corrections, and Mercy Corp create transparency and collaboratively develop action plans to reduce reentry conflicts and increase buy-in for all parties.

Council Discussion/Questions/Answers:

Fariborz Pakseresht, OYA Director asked where the recommendations go from here and what does the Council expect to gain from implementation of these recommendations?

Ms. Booth answered that like those recommendations the Council received from the Education Implementation Team in June 2015, the Family & Community Connections/Engagement Team is presenting recommendations for the Council's consideration so work can move ahead. Membership of the Family & Community Connections/Engagement Team will change during the implementation phase to include specific subject matter experts and relevant partners. Using FCC/E's recommendation #2 (Statewide Resource Inventory) as an example, Ms. Booth pointed out that recommendations that any team's recommendation that requires funding is a topic the Council can take forward through legislative representation of the Council for future non-agency-specific budget discussions (if it is the will of the Council and agencies involved to have that resource funded and available). Added that the goal is to have all Team recommendations the Council approves be fully developed, cross-team impacts identified, and implementation strategies and requirements solidified.

Further explained that should the Council wish to move forward with any or all of the seven Team's recommendations, the Teams will attach measures,

develop a cost-analysis, as well as identify any barriers to implementation (legislative, federal, technology, and/or policies and rule).

Commissioner Cameron agreed that such information would be helpful to take to the local re-entry efforts and identify where HB 3194 funds can be utilized.

Ms. Rath reiterated the intent of the Family and Community Connections/Engagement Teams' recommendations is to build an infrastructure in order to support the plethora of existing programs. Offered that the State always needs a robust, accurate resource list and feels 2-1-1 can best provide that type of up-to-date inventory. Held that persons who have healthy social supports are more likely to succeed – and noted the need to help stand that idea up to a larger degree.

It was pointed out that the Council's legislative representation for both the House and Senate are currently vacant. Fulfilment of such vacancies is at the attention of the Governor's Office. Hopeful to have full representation by the December 2, 2015 meeting.

Greg Hamann, President, LBCC and Education Implementation Team Lead suggested that each of the seven Implementation Teams' recommendations will likely complement one another and some may 'fold' into one another's recommendations along the way.

Ms. Booth concurred, and added it is difficult to identify the interdependencies until all the recommendations are developed. Illustrated how the mentoring conversation clearly crosses over to the Juvenile Reentry Team, the Business Team, as well as the Veterans' Team. Although the Council has asked those Teams to allow the Family & Community Connections/Engagement Implementation Team to focus on Mentoring, they are very invested in knowing the outcomes of such conversations.

Kristin Wings-Yanez, BOPPPS Chair posed that having recidivism data drive the recommendations will help when it comes to finding funding.

Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney added Multnomah County is soon to conduct a Best Practices Mentoring Study based on recidivism data.

Ms. Steward received a consensus from the Council to move forward with the recommendations. The Team will further flesh-out the recommendations (what resources are available, etc.) and develop a cost-analysis for such. The recommendations will identify barriers to implementation and include measures. Ultimately, the Council will prioritize the recommendations from each seven of the implementation teams.

ATTACHMENTS:	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  FCCE- Reentry Recommendations to </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  FCCE_Quarterly_Cou ncil_Report_9-23-15. </div> </div>
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5. Updates and discussion concerning the work of the Implementation Teams

DISCUSSION:	<p><u>Aging Populations</u></p> <p>Cindy Booth, on behalf of Ashley Carson-Cottingham, DHS/APD Deputy Director and Team Lead, provided a Quarterly Report and Measures Scorecard (<i>See attachments</i>).</p> <p>Reported the Team welcomed new member Kim Travis, Oregon Housing and Community Services and is also seeking representation from Vocational Rehabilitation and the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs.</p> <p>Reminded the Council that this Team is looking at individuals ages 50 and older who are releasing from DOC. The Team is working to ensure community-based and other placement options are available for high-need releasing populations requiring physical and/or mental health care services and supports, and uninterrupted service-delivery to meet all basic needs.</p> <p>DHS, DOC, OHA and their community-based partners (AAA, DHS/APD, Community Corrections, Licensing Division, etc.) have set up a steering committee to create a proposal that includes direction, procedures and processes around formalized “Care Conference Teams” to better address the complex needs of this re-entry population. The steering committee will create a proposal addressing and recommending responsibility for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility determinations • Proposed staffing needs • Notice to appropriate staff/organizations/agencies • Timing of medical/functional assessment • Responsibility to locate appropriate placement options in the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Including any licensure issues that need to be addressed ▪ Education to providers about risk • Transport plan • Medical equipment plan • Primary health care plan • Community Corrections Plan • Proposed legislative or rule changes needing to be addressed; will know ‘outcomes’ and/or needs not met from 2015 Legislative Session.
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Business Community Implementation Team

Kevin Cameron, Team Co-Lead, referred to the Team Quarterly Report and Measures Scorecard (*See attachments*).

Commissioner Cameron pointed out the Oregon Employment Department (OED) finalized a letter to be included in an individual's release packet that informs employers of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, the individuals' eligibility status, and how to apply. DOC and OED are collaborating to automate the process. During 2012 and 2013, 859 WOTC applications were processed, for a total of \$2,061,600 distributed to Oregon employers. In 2014, 661 applications were certified for a total of \$1,586,400 in tax credits to Oregon employers. And, as of mid-June 2015, OED had already certified 275 applications for a total of \$660,000 (so far) in potential tax credits to Oregon employers should Congress reauthorize the WOTC Act.

Currently, DOC is working with the Oregon Employment Department to develop processes to ensure employment data is tracked beyond the first 180 days on supervision and also to provide the releasing individual with verification that they qualify for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) as part as their release packet.

The next step is to work with OED to automate a process for persons on felony probation supervision with Community Corrections or local control PPS who could benefit based on conviction for a felony.

Commissioner Cameron added the Team plans to collaborate with the Local Workforce Investment Boards throughout the state to strategize how to best engage and educate employers about the benefits of hiring persons with criminal histories.

Goals for 2015 include:

1. Identify local networks of businesses and determine their needs
2. Measure the culture shift/attitude of the same businesses
3. Assess each community and develop a strategy based on unique and individual needs of the community for the reentry population.
4. Determine what encompasses the community measure of 'employment'

The Team next meets on November 3, 2015.

Education Implementation Team

Greg Hamann, Team Lead, provided a Quarterly Report and Measures Scorecard (*See attachments*).

Following the Team's June 3 presentation of recommendations to the Governor's Reentry Council, a small group convened to discuss next steps; identify barriers to the recommendations; develop strategies for their mitigation; and to further develop recommendations into implementation proposals.

A second strategy meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2015 to discuss educational pathways pre- and post-release, as well as the PELL Grant pilot announced late July.

New membership is likely as some members of the original Team have retired or accepted new positions. Future work and next steps include possible focus groups discussions with pre- and post-release AICs and corrections staff to test the plausibility, feasibility, and potential effectiveness and desirability of these recommendations.

Mr. Hamann believes the ideal goal is to create a transferable, stackable, portable education pathway that works both pre and post-release.

Ms. Booth offered information on Oregon Promise (*see attachments*). [Senate Bill 81 \(2015\)](#)

Juvenile Re-Entry Implementation Team

Seantel Heisel, Oregon Youth Authority and Team Lead, referred to the Team Quarterly Report and Measures Scorecard (*See attachments*). The Team continues work on priorities set for 2015:

1. Identify components needed in a community-based juvenile mentoring model that supports the special needs of DOC youth transitioning to post-prison supervision from an OYA youth correctional facility. The Juvenile Implementation Team proposes to work on this goal in conjunction with the Family and Community Connections/Engagement Implementation Team.
2. Develop a model for an individualized youth portfolio that includes documentation and information that supports youth in transition and showcases a youth's skills, strengths and talents.
3. Develop post-prison supervision and treatment assessment standards for the transition of youth who have been convicted of a sexual offense.

Expressed interest in virtual and peer mentoring for adolescents or young adults transitioning out of correctional facilities.

Explained that focus continues on developing a model of transition services for the special needs of incarcerated youth preparing for transition back into the community.

Reported OYA and DOC have partnered in assisting youth obtain Social Security Cards and Birth certificates as part of their release packets. Hopeful to put in place an agreement with DMV to furnish releasing youth with Oregon DMV-issued identification.

Explained that mechanisms and processes for capturing data on the remaining measures continue to be explored. Efforts continue within subgroups to standardize practices in line with best practices case planning and re-entry services for youth.

The Team meets next on October 5, 2015.

Sex Offender Level (Classification) System Implementation Team

Kristin Wings-Yanez, Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision Chair and Team Lead, provided the Team Quarterly Report and Measures Scorecard (*See attachments*).

The Team met in August to review the 2015 legislative changes made to HB 2549 (2013) during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Explained that [HB 2320 \(2015\)](#) did pass with changes to the Sex Offender Level Classification System facilitating implementation of the laws. The Board was funded for additional staff for the undertaking of classifying and re-classifying persons with sex offenses.

Reported the Team is currently working to develop educational materials to better explain the classification levels and develop communication plans to educate the sex offender populations impacted by the new law, as well as family members, employers, other agencies and organizations providing supervision and services to impacted persons.

Hopeful to have draft educational materials to share with the Council at the December 2nd meeting. Seeking approval as soon as possible to ensure information is accessible and timely.

Noted Ken Nolley, President of Oregon Voices, joined the Implementation Team. Bronson James, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, expressed interest in serving on the Implementation Team as well. Multnomah County District Attorney's Office has been asked to help with representation from the Victim's Assistance Board.

Added that 2015 Legislation increased from three to five the number of Board members as of January, 2016. The Governor's Office is accepting Board Member applications through the middle of October.

The Team will meet again October 27, 2015.

Veterans Re-entry Implementation Team

Cameron Smith, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and Team Lead provided the Team Quarterly Report and Measures Scorecard (*See attachments*).

Director Smith explained the agency's current efforts to develop strategies that create leverage across all outcome areas such as housing, education, health care, etc., for veterans throughout the state. Hopeful to build strategies that mobilize private and public partnerships.

Reported the 2015 Legislative Assembly established a Task Force on Incarcerated Veterans to further study the challenges incarcerated veterans face accessing benefits pre-release. Members of the Task Force include Sen. Winters, Sen. Olsen, Rep. Evans and Rep. Whisnant. Over the next year, Director Smith suggested this Task Force's work will compliment and provide focus to the Governor's Reentry Council's Implementation Team on Veterans. [Enrolled HB 2838 \(2015\)](#).

Believes a position for a Veteran Benefits Reentry Specialist could be created to share best-practices, engage stakeholders, as well as provide awareness and education about the various Veterans benefits/resources.

Mr. Solomon asked for an update on the process to better identify persons in custody with Veteran status.

DOC and ODVA continue their outreach for better accounting of adults in custody with Veteran status. ODVA provided DOC with specific questions to ask persons in custody in order to encourage more accurate self-reporting of Veteran status. By asking these questions, it also prompts a conversation about what Veteran resources are available and why DOC is inquiring about Veteran status. Historically, self-reporting has not proven to be accurate. That being said, DOC continues its work to access and use information from the National Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) in order to verify Veteran status.

Ms. Steward expressed appreciation to Director Smith for the partnership between ODVA and ODOC.

Director Smith noted that DOC participates in the SERVe (Study for Employment Retention of Veterans) study through Portland State University to better support DOC staff with Veteran status through supervisor training. DOC has confirmed 10% of DOC staff are themselves Veterans with an honorable discharge, and that percentage will likely grow as honorable discharge paperwork is verified.

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6. Measures – CORE Map and Scorecard DRAFT – Cindy Booth

DISCUSSION:	<p>Cindy Booth, DOC/Council Support, presented the Council Measures Scorecard and reported on the number of adults in custody who released with a birth certificate, Social Security Card, and an Oregon DMV issued Identification Card (<i>See attachments</i>). Explained that the goal is to maximize the Valid with Previous Photo process for those who already have an Oregon DMV record, and expand options for the DMV trips process for those needing issuance of an original identification card. Hopeful that continued conversations will remove barriers and allow women at CCCF to also participate in a monthly DMV trip process as currently offered men at Deer Ridge Correctional Institution in Madras and the Santiam Correctional Institution in Salem.</p> <p>Ms. Booth expressed appreciation for the partnership with DMV to allow this process to move forward and the number of persons releasing with Oregon issued identification to grow.</p> <p>Ms. Booth also mentioned the Council will measure the number of Council members who attend the quarterly meetings or send a designee. This will be reported on a quarterly basis.</p>
ATTACHMENTS:	 9-23-15 Full Presentation.pptx

7. Request for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT:	None.
ATTACHMENTS:	None.

8. Good of the Order

DISCUSSION:	Heidi Steward thanked Council members for their time and attendance.
NEXT MEETING:	Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 Time: 2:30 to 4:30 PM Location: DPSST, Hall of Heroes 4190 Aumsville Highway

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<p>FUTURE MEETINGS - AGENDA ITEMS:</p>	<p>Standing Agenda Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused presentations and discussion concerning the work of one of the seven Implementation Teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aging Populations ○ Business Community ○ Education ○ Family and Community Connections/Engagement ○ Juvenile Re-Entry ○ Sex Offender Level System ○ Veterans • Implementation Team Quarterly Target Reviews • Council Member Agency and Organization Reports • Requests for Public Comment • Requests for Future Agenda Items