



Governor's Re-Entry Council, Steering Committee Minutes – Meeting #2 – January 24, 2008

Steering Committee Members Attending: Todd Anderson, Val Conley, Ron Chase, Ross Shepard, Michael McShane, Patty Katz, Kevin Cameron, Phil Lemman, Nancy, Sellers, Mark Royal, Martin Burrows, Mattie Day, Scott Taylor, Walt Beglau, Tom McClellan, Pegge McGuire, Clyde Saiki, Jerry Moore, Ginger Martin, Heidi Steward, Mark Cadotte, Cindy Booth

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Welcome and Introductions		
Review of Minutes from the December 20, 2007 Meeting	No changes.	
Presentation of Information Previously Requested	<p>Ginger Martin, Steering Committee Chairperson, presented notebooks for members to organize meeting materials. The notebooks contained copies of information members requested during the December, 2007 meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Martin and Heidi Steward, DOC Transition and Release Administrator, shared specifics about the information placed behind the "Resource Info" tab in the notebooks and responded to member questions.</p>	<p>Steering Committee Notebook Materials – Resource Tab Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demographics of Offenders – DOC "Quick Facts" (reference www.oregon.gov/doc) ▪ Alternative Incarceration Program (AIP) ▪ Children of Incarcerated Parents – Family Survey ▪ Work Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) 2007 Annual Report • DOC Work Programs ▪ Incarcerated Veterans – Inmate Incarceration Survey ▪ Criminal Risk Factor Assessments ▪ Oregon Corrections Plan (OCP) - example ▪ Release Plan - example

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<p>Update: Changes to Oregon Drivers Licenses and Identification Cards – Effective February 4, 2008</p>	<p>Tom McClellan, Steering Committee member representing the Oregon Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles Services, provided copies of a January 17, 2008 memo outlining changes to DMV's identity verification standards for original, replacement, and renewal transactions for driver licenses, permits, and identification cards. The changes are effective Monday, February 4, 2008 in response to Executive Order No. 07-22 signed by Governor Ted Kulongoski.</p> <p>The new standards require applicants have a verifiable Social Security number in addition to at least one acceptable proof of identity and date of birth. Lists of accepted proof of ID and date of birth in handouts, pamphlets and on DMV's website.</p> <p>Beginning February 4, 2008, DMV is authorized to 'verify' Social Security numbers; however, not all inmates releasing from prison have at least one other proof of identification and date of birth. Since July, 2007, the DOC has assisted inmates nearing release, apply for certified copies of their birth certificates (those born in the United States). Birth certificates are one of the proof of ID and date of birth documents accepted by DMV. While this is a new service, close to 4,000 applications were processed by the DOC Birth Certificate Coordinator in her first six months of work.</p> <p>Ron Chase remarked that, combined with a birth certificate, the 'verified' ID Card from DOC is critical for offenders released from prison. Heidi Steward explained that DOC cannot issue releasing inmates a "verified" ID Card without a birth certificate or a verified Social Security Number. DOC does not have authority to verify SSN's.</p> <p>Nancy Sellers asked if DMV and DOC could</p>	<p>Handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 17, 2008 DMV memorandum to agencies/organizations ▪ Pamphlet: Oregon Identification Requirements 735-7318 (2-08) ▪ Additional information available through www.OregonDMV.com <p>Heidi Steward is scheduled to meet with DMV officials on Monday, January 28, 2008 to identify the issues surrounding the driver's license and identification needs of inmates at release. Ms. Steward will report back during future committee meetings.</p>

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	<p>develop an agreement to have the DMV provide Social Security Number confirmation.</p> <p>Walt Beglau and Ron Chase echoed concerns that offenders cannot obtain employment without picture ID, and are at increased risk to reoffend without stable employment.</p>	
Review and Further Development of Prioritized Items	<p>Members were asked to review the four top issues identified at the December 20th meeting to recommend as priorities to the Re-entry Council, and identify key components critical to achieving each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment ▪ Housing ▪ One-Stop Supervision Support ▪ Continuity of Care 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Employment – Desired State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stable housing: the foundation, necessary for employment ➤ Identify champions in the private sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Job developers – establish relationships ➤ Assess skill-sets in prison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ certify in some way ➤ Develop incentives for employers ➤ Resource Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Phones ~ Copy machine ~ Phone books ~ Message center ➤ Tie to “One-Stop”? ➤ Problem-solving service for work problems ➤ Drug-free workers/UA issues 	<p>Handouts – Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Synopsis of employment studies concerning persons released from incarceration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacles faced by parolees • Role of the Parole Officer • Ideas for System Improvement • Resources for Employers ▪ National Offender Workforce Development Partnership – www.ncic.org/NOWDP ▪ Appropriate Uses of the Work Readiness Credential (WRC) and Work Readiness Credential Profile information – www.workreadiness.com ▪ Federal Probation June 2005 Newsletter: Improving the Employment Rates of Ex-Prisoners Under Parole

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commitments from local governments to hire offenders ➤ Motivation and support to stay employed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Address attitudes ~ Soft skills ~ Some external structure for those who need it ➤ DOC partnership w/private employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Model: Welfare to Work ~ Other State models? ➤ Public jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Obtain experience (Model: WPA) ➤ Commitments from local government to hire offenders <p><u>Suggested work group members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Institute of Corrections (NIC) ➤ Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP) Stands ready to help us ➤ Employment/Labor (Market forecasting) ➤ Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) ➤ Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development ➤ Chambers of Commerce ➤ Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) in Marion & Polk Counties ➤ Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) ➤ Oregon Employer Council ➤ Oregon Youthbuilders Program (a model) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Steps to Success Program 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Housing – Desired State 	<p>Level 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Operating capital needed– not bricks and mortar ➤ Staffed transitional housing options – Sponsors is a model for other counties <p>Time to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- find a job -- save money -- help find a permanent home <p>Locally based providers, specialize services</p> <p>Wrap-around services w/housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ “Housing Plus” ~ “Foster” subsidy home <p>Support family connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Center for Family Success <p>Level 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Oxford Houses <p><u>Suggested work group members:</u></p> <p>Model programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Plus Sponsors <p>Working with community members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridges to Change – Chuck Simpson Resources for sex offenders 	<p>Handouts – Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Synopsis of studies on housing, community-based recovery homes, and shelters for parolees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacles • Ideas for System Improvement ▪ Idaho News article: Explosive Growth of Transitional Homes Prompts New Rules ▪ Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA): Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and Prisoner Re-Entry – www.reentrypolicy.org ▪ BJA – Homelessness and Prisoner Re-entry ▪ Policy Brief, November 2001: Community Resources for Justice – No Place Like Home; Housing and the Ex-Prisoner www.crjustice.org/hmbrief.htm

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	Parole supervision Rick McKenna	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ “One Stop” for Supervision Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expand day-reporting-center-integrated service center ➤ Wrap-around services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service coordinator Financial literacy Treatment: alcohol and drug, mental health Employment Legal issues DMV ➤ Transition success center <p>Other resources: senior citizens, faith-based community</p> <p>Offenders develop relationships w/staff</p> <p>Higher accountability</p> <p>DHS model: White City: multi-funded by federal, state, county and private</p> <p>New Columbia in Portland;</p> <p>Partnerships with other state and local agencies including community action agencies</p> <p><u>Suggested work group members:</u></p> <p>Drug courts</p> <p>New Columbia</p> <p>White City</p> <p>Day reporting centers</p> <p>Judge Aiken – Lane County/Eugene</p> <p>Parole and probation</p>	<p>Handout – “One-Stop” for Supervision Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perspectives article – Fall 2003: Community Strategies for Successful Reentry

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	Center for Family Success Faith Community	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Continuity of Care (Medical and Mental Health) – Desired State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mental Health medication and appointment at release ➤ Link to provider/prescriber ➤ Reach-in by treatment provider prior to release ➤ Identification: Birth certificate in hand at release to access DHS services & Title XIX ➤ Similar treatment model inside and outside ➤ Electronic medical records to facilitate info sharing ➤ Build relationships with dentists ➤ Improve dental care inside and outside ➤ Develop pro bono work ➤ Create tax credits <p><u>Suggested work group members:</u></p> <p>Health care providers Advocate to assist w/SSI disability assistance Medical and dental associations DOC health care records NAMI Senior services: state and county SSI Lane County advocate</p>	<p>Handouts – Continuity of Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Synopsis of studies confirming the importance of continuing care in the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacles • Ideas for System Improvement ■ Association of State Correctional Administrators – Proposed Resolution on Entitlements
Next Steps		Take recommended priorities to Council meeting in February.

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<p>Next Steering Committee Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on DMV changes ▪ Workforce Development and Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) will be invited to give a presentation to the committee on current prison-based activities related to job training. ▪ Employment programs should take into account the actual job market. Martin Burrows will arrange for a presentation on job market trends and employment forecasting in Oregon. 	<p>To be scheduled.</p>