



Governor's Reentry Council, Steering Committee Minutes – Meeting # 39 – November 7, 2012

Steering Committee Members Attending: Chair: Jeremiah Stromberg, Tom McClellan, Paul Solomon, Pegge McGuire, Paula Bauer, Debra Giard, Adalberto Rubio, Tim Moore, Patrick Vance, Jay Scroggin, Scott Taylor, Greg Hamann, Cindy Booth, Shirley Didier

Guests: Amy Cook, Matt Meier, Commissioner Janet Carlson

Minutes: Manette Emra

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Welcome and Introductions	<p>Jeremiah Stromberg introduced himself as the new Chair of the Reentry Council Steering Committee.</p> <p>Member introductions.</p> <p>Announced Governor Kitzhaber is scheduled to be at the next Council Meeting on November 27, 2012.</p>	
Review of Minutes from the September 5, 2012 Meeting	<p>Copies of the draft minutes were distributed via e-mail to the members. The minutes were accepted as submitted and will be posted to the Reentry Council website.</p>	
Review Action Item Log	<p>Action Item:</p> <p>#1. <i>Reentry Pilots (2011 Budget Note)</i> – Director's office will provide information to Representative Kevin Cameron on Work Release Statute for legislative action:</p> <p>Representative Cameron has offered one of his bills to amend statutes that prohibit ODOC from implementing the budget note as written. ODOC will provide information to the Representative on statutes that need revision to meet legal sufficiency for contracting. If legislation passes with emergency clause, any Reentry Pilot contracts already in place can be amended to include revised authority which will allow for more robust reentry models to be piloted, and future partnerships with other counties can be explored.</p> <p>#3. State Issued Identification (ID) or Driver License (DL) After Release:</p> <p>Birth Certificates: ODOC's information system does not yet allow the department to track the number of birth certificates that have been ordered, the number received, and the number in process; so the department is using spreadsheets to track by. Inmate Services reports 1,400 birth certificates have been ordered year to date</p>	

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	<p>(for inmates releasing during 2012). Current focus is on inmates that are 9 to 12 months to release since these documents assist in various ways during release planning, including: pre-qualification for benefits.</p> <p>DOC has submitted a request to use Inmate Welfare Funds for DMV fees associated with Identification Cards and ODL's, as well as to help pay for birth certificates.</p> <p>VWPP (Valid with Previous Photo): In partnership with ODOT/DMV, ODOC is poised to implement the VWPP process authorized by DMV. Both agencies are adopting administrative rules to be effective the first of the New Year (2013), and DMV has developed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to govern the process. The rules are out for public comment and will close November 13, 2012. The DMV rule will then go to the Transportation Commission who meets on December 19, 2012. This VWPP process further highlights the importance of having birth certificates, social security cards, and/or other identification documents in each inmate's file.</p> <p>Update on monthly DMV trips: Currently, DOC transports inmates from the Santiam Correctional Institution (SCI) in Salem, and the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution (DRCI) in Madras, facilities to a local DMV office once a month so eligible inmates (up to 10 per monthly trip) can obtain their state-issued Identification Card. Since the pilot began in 2009, 481 inmates have received an ID card through this process. If they are eligible for a DL, they must wait and obtain after release from prison.</p> <p>In support of offenders obtaining state-issued identification post-release, the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) authorized use of funds between October 1, 2010 and June 30, 2012 so county community corrections agencies could be reimbursed the costs of helping offenders with DMV identification or ODL fees. Nine counties used the funds, as did the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA). CJC reports reimbursements totaling around \$22,000.</p> <p>#4. GED Acquired in Prison and Recidivism:</p> <p>The Steering Committee would like to consider this topic more broadly to include those inmates who obtain their GED while incarcerated, as well as those who make 'educational gains' while incarcerated but are not able to obtain their GED prior to release. In addition, there are inmates who obtain a high school diploma, AA degree, etc., during incarceration not to mention those inmates working on college requisites while incarcerated – data that would not be included in this specific GED data measurement.</p> <p>ODOC records indicate 1,474 inmates entering prison in 2011 needed at least a GED. Of those releasing</p>	<p>Cindy and Jeremiah will work with research to collect data to analyze different demographics that impact these</p>

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	<p>in 2011, 774 had obtain a GED while incarcerated. <u>(Please note, however, that these releasing inmates are not the same individuals counted as 2011 intakes. These 774 would have varying 'intake to DOC' dates.)</u></p> <p>ODOC has long documented the need GED and other educational supports including special programs and vocational training opportunities. The Steering Committee is interested to understand the types and location of educational, vocational, apprenticeship and other such programs, and help determine how to bring them in line with the types of employment opportunities inmates face upon release.</p> <p>ODOC will share information already provided the Governor's Commission on Public Safety regarding certification and apprenticeship programs that are offered through ODOC and/or OCE (Oregon Corrections Enterprises).</p>	<p>inmate populations.</p>
<p>Set Targets Based on Data Trends and Develop a Proposal to Achieve the Targets</p>	<p>Steering Committee Discussions:</p> <p><u>ID Process:</u> Continue efforts in place to ensure identification documents inmates might have at intake to DOC are retained in their file, and help inmates obtain missing documents (birth certificates, SS Cards, etc.).</p> <p>Determine how many inmates leave prison without state-issued identification by category: did not qualify for VWPP (e.g., no photo on file with DMV); did not have necessary documents (and why); owed fees/fines, etc., to DMV; suspended; revoked; etc.</p> <p>Future Discussions: Need to implement a monthly DMV trip process for females at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility since the current SCI and DRCI processes serve only male inmates. In addition, Paula Bauer has been working with Kelly from DMV on a parallel process for OYA juveniles and DOC youth housed at OYA.</p> <p><u>GED:</u> Seen as a continuum of education. Need to review as two categories: 1) Monitor the GED program (who comes into prison without a GED, and who leaves prison with a GED). 2) Monitor those inmates who acquire specialized skills, vocation or secondary education. Need to establish the connection from release to the community and how offenders continue their progress once released.</p>	

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<p>Develop Plan to Achieve the Four Priority Recommendations to Improve Youth Reentry</p>	<p>1. Age-Appropriate Services Post-Release Should Be Available to Youth Sentenced in the Adult and Juvenile System: Youth sentenced as adults cannot access OYA community resources, even when those services might be most developmentally appropriate during transition.</p> <p>Cases of DOC youth housed at OYA who are under the age of 18 and without resources at time of release (usually due to Second Look Conditional Release having been granted), are staffed at a multi-disciplinary team called SMAC (Statewide Multidisciplinary Assistance Committee) DOC, OYA, and the county community corrections agency who will be responsible for supervising the offender on Conditional Release and/or PPS present and discuss the case and the youth's needs with the committee. The committee seeks to assist however possible, including attempts to engage DHS (homeless youth) services when and where possible to bridge housing and other services from the date of release to at least the point in time when the offender turns age 18.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to both engage partner agencies and organizations in the challenge, as well as be responsive to juvenile advocates.</p>	<p>Review priorities 2 through 4 at a future Steering Committee meeting.</p> <p>Requested data on number or Measure 11 and Second Look inmates who release per year while still under the age of 18.</p>
<p>UPDATES</p>		
<p>Juvenile Reentry Grant Update – Paula Bauer</p>	<p>Grant and cohort are closing, and requested a 3 month extension to collect, finalize and report the data. Would like to report the findings to this group and use it as a learning tool. Requests that the Governor's Reentry Steering Committee continue to advise and work on the four OYA Priorities rather than continue as an advisory committee for the grant.</p>	<p>Paula will develop a summary (<i>before grant, during grant, after grant and future goals</i>) once the data has been processed. She will bring the summary to a future steering committee meeting.</p>

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<p>Photo Process/Photo ID Update -Tom McClellan and Mary Liedtke</p>	<p>DMV Update:</p> <p>Tom McClellan reports the DMV and DOC are very close to implementing a process in which DMV will qualify inmates for ID or driver's license if they already have a photo on file with DMV. The ID or DL will be issued and held in their file until the day of release. Details are noted above as to required administrative rules and IGA timelines</p> <p>DMV estimates approximately 30% of the releasing inmate population will qualify for this process.</p>	
<p>Governor's Commission on Public Safety – Update</p> <p>Incentive Model and Reentry – Scott Taylor</p>	<p>Scott Taylor serves on the Governor's Commission on Public Safety and shared the following information on the two commission groups working through details:</p> <p>1) Corrections – Discussions pertain to institutions, length of stay, reentry, and how communities put together plans to bring people out earlier.</p> <p>2) Sentencing – Discussions pertain to initial charges and sentencing.</p> <p>In the Corrections group, there has been discussion about the reduction of daily bed cost for the institutions which directly relates to the number of offenders entering prison and the number releasing from prison.</p> <p>Future discussions are scheduled regarding reentry and 'early release' options from prisons which are designed to reduce prison costs. There are also conversations about incentive monies as they relate to early release. Mr. Taylor indicates there is opportunity to provide standard services necessary for successful reentry. The Commission's report is due in December, 2012 after which legislative concepts may be developed for the 2013 legislative session.</p>	<p>Would like the next meeting focus on recommendations regarding this initiative. Would like to establish a list of concepts or new ideas that are affective. Focus on concepts that support offender's reentry into the community and their long-term success and prepare a plan for the offenders that fail.</p>

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<p>Workgroup Updates</p>	<p>Pegge McGuire – Housing workgroup has developed a recommendation to host a conference in May 2013.</p> <p>Reentry Conference Concept</p> <p>The Reentry Housing Work Group proposes to bring together a network of individuals from around the Pacific Northwest who will utilize engaged dialogue processes to learn from one another about innovations in reentry housing. Our goal is to ensure that ideas, activities, and solutions being developed throughout our region are shared, making new solutions possible and furthering the implementation of existing best practices. We believe that actions that are borne of a collective clarity will be sustainable. We will chronicle the discussions and potentially use the information obtained as a basis for a possible future conference with a broader targeted audience.</p> <p>We envision an interactive, world café-style model for the dialogue, perhaps interspersed with several plenary sessions. We plan to hold this event in late May of 2013 at a Multnomah County location, such as Camp Collins. We could reasonable expect 50-100 attendees. Our targeted audience are those individuals who are currently engaged in reentry housing and post institutional transition counseling and support. We will target known leaders in these areas to provide subject matter expertise as the conversation initiators on each table topic or to initiate discussion at through plenary presentations.</p> <p>Non-profits: Fair Housing Council of Oregon, Sponsors, Inc., Metro Multi-family Housing, and Central City Concern have all offered to provide the seed-funds necessary to provide the infrastructure for this activity. We may need to charge a minimal registration fee to cover any food or materials provided to attendees. Assistance from Reentry Council members will be requested in the form of in-kind contributions of minimal staff time for promotion, planning, and logistics. If registration fees are charged, one of the named non-profits will act as the fiscal agent for the event. The group may seek a corporate sponsor to donate any food costs for attendees to minimize registration fees.</p> <p>Proposed topics could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tool box for Landlords <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Including a sentencing glossary/dictionary • LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits) and vouchers to support housing options • Messaging tools for advocates • Best practices in screening criteria • Supportive legislation • Non-traditional partnerships that work • Funding resources <p>We request the support of the Steering Council in moving this concept forward to the Reentry Council for permission to begin this effort.</p>	<p>The Housing Committee requests formal permission from the full Reentry Council to move forward with this concept.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 6 November 7, 2012 Reentry Steering Council Committee Meeting Minutes</p>

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Reentry Roundtable	None	
Next Meeting	The next meeting is January 2, 2013, 1:30 to 3:30, DPSST – Board Room. ***DPSST has a strict dress code of no blue denim.***	Update: December 5 meeting cancelled. Next meeting January 2, 2013.

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