



Governor's Re-Entry Council, Steering Committee Minutes – December 20, 2007

Steering Committee Members Attending: Clyde Saiki, Tom McClellan, Patty Katz, Mattie Day, Pat Schreiner for Scott Taylor, Camille Preus, Nancy Sellers, Faye Fagel, Jerry Moore, Walt Beglau, Val Conley, Max Williams, Pegge McGuire, Michael McShane, Ron Chase, Ross Shepard, Phil Lemman, Martin Burrows, Ginger Martin, Heidi Steward, Mark Cadotte, Cindy Booth

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Welcome and Introductions	Max Williams, Director of the Oregon Department of Corrections, welcomed members and gave opening remarks including an overview of the Governor's Re-Entry Council, and the role and responsibilities of this Steering Committee.	Members were given copies of Executive Order No. 07-05 establishing the Governor's Re-Entry Council, and the May 25, 2007 Press Release announcing the Re-Entry Council to Reduce Criminal Recidivism.
Re-entry Initiatives, Past and Present	<p>Ginger Martin, Steering Committee Chairperson, provided handouts and gave an overview of the early transition efforts championed by the Department of Corrections.</p> <p>Ms. Martin highlighted those topics that have become core components of inmate transition including the: Offender Debit Card; Smart Start; Criminogenic Assessment; Transition Focused Staff Training; Automated Release Packets; among others.</p> <p>Members asked questions about the typical release process – do inmates have transportation? Are they issued clothing? Are AIP (Alternative Incarceration Program) releases different?</p> <p>Additional questions were asked about inmates with special needs including mental health issues, those with physical disabilities or health-related concerns. Do they receive individualized attention</p>	<p>Handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Background on ODOC's Transition Project (1999 - 2003): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODOC Transition Steering Committee – overview • 2001-03 Transition Efforts • 2003 Transition Project Deliverables ▪ Recommendations from the "Community Safety through Successful Offender Re-Entry" Conference held May 1-3, 2007 ▪ Executive Summary from the "Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council" – copies of the full report available through ODOC or at www.reentrypolicy.org ▪ "Access Denied in Oregon; Report on the Barriers Faced by People with a Past Felony

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	<p>for release planning? What about sex offenders?</p> <p>Members asked if inmates can apply for food stamps prior to release so they qualify upon release. Can DHS pend their eligibility? Mr. Williams stated that the ODOC is committed to helping inmates complete as much of the application process as possible – concerning food stamps and other benefit programs – prior to release.</p> <p>Difficulties in obtaining identification such as birth certificates and social security cards to apply for Oregon Identification Cards or drivers licenses through DMV were highlighted. Concerns were raised that the Federal ID Act will further negatively impact an offender’s ability to get valid identification once released from prison.</p>	<p>Conviction” – a report from the Partnership for Safety and Justice.</p>
<p>Transition and Release: An Overview of the Current Process</p>	<p>Ginger Martin provided an overview of the department’s current transition and release process as a foundation for the steering committee’s future discussions and deliberations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Population Flow ▪ Releasing Institutions ▪ Intake ▪ Transition Preparation ▪ Community Supervision ▪ Community Services and Supports <p>During a review of the document, members asked about the following issues/concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How many inmates have children under the age of 18? ▪ Has the state identified the barriers to family structures and crossover to DHS, OYA and juvenile department caseloads (other social supports to families impacted by 	<p>Handout: December 20, 2007 Re-Entry Steering Committee (PowerPoint slides)</p> <p>Information will be shared at future steering committee meetings to respond to questions and provide background for informed decision making.</p>

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	<p>incarceration)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What family reunification efforts are underway? ▪ Are inmates asked if they are veterans? Can ODVA get a list from Intake? 	
<p>Identifying Components of the Transition Process</p>	<p>Members reviewed the high-level categories posted on flipchart pages around the meeting room, and were asked to recommend additions to each list for the upcoming 'prioritization exercise.' The categories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessment ▪ Corrections Plan ▪ Programming ▪ Release ▪ Community Living ▪ Community Supervision ▪ Organizational Support <p>Members recommended additions and clarifications.</p>	
<p>Developing Priorities to Recommend to the Re-Entry Council</p>	<p>Members were asked to select their top issues to recommend as priorities for the Re-Entry Council's work. The top four recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Employment (<i>including pre-employment assistance</i>) (13) ✓ Housing (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Needs • Geriatric/Assisted • Drug Free • Sex Offenders 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ "One-stop" for supervision supports (8) ✓ Continuity of Care (7) 	
Next Steps	ODOC will prepare the top issue recommendations for further development at the next steering committee meeting.	
Next Steering Committee Meeting		Thursday, January 24, 2007 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)