

BOONE COUNTY OFFENDER TRANSITION NETWORK MEETING

June 14, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Boone County Community Partnership-*Steve Tatlow, Julio Lorio*
Boone County Community Partnership, AmeriCorps Vista-*Joe Carr, Michael Harper, Antoinne Jones*
Probation and Parole, District #6 Columbia-*Jaime Strange, Mike Webber*
Booneville Correctional Center-*Terri McNeal, Michelle Sumy*
Health Department-*Betsy Smith*
Boone County Reintegration Court-*Mike Princivalli*
Phoenix House Programs - ?
Victory Circle-*Dan Hanneken*
Community -*Brad McConnell*
Voluntary Action Center-*Julia Fortune*
Division of Workforce Development-*Craig Morton*
JobPoint-*Nicole Gerdemann*
Community Representative-*Dave Perkins*
Job Corps-*Cathy Filipowicz*
Columbia College-*Stacy Ford*
MU Extension-*Art Schneider*
DED/DWD-*Craig Morton*
MO Veteran's Commission-*Gerry Hodge*
Boone County Reintegration Court-*Blair Campmier*
Heartland Volunteers-*Teddi Samuel*
Family Counseling Center-*Ted Solomon*
VA Hospital-*Denise Heet*
MU-*Jennifer Schlossor*
Several attendees did not sign in

OPENING

Steve Tatlow opened the meeting and introductions were made. May meeting minutes were passed around for review. No changes were noted. A sign-in sheet was passed around and everyone was asked to update his or her e-mail address if not receiving the minutes.

AGENDA ITEMS

Sub-Committee Updates:

Focus Groups: Betsy Smith reported she and Dave Perkins went to Booneville Correctional Center last month and conducted a focus group with several offenders. Betsy reported that focus groups still need to be conducted with female offenders and long-term parolees. A detailed report will be provided once all the groups are completed.

Mentoring: Joe Carr reported George Norman has agreed to provide mentoring training to all interested mentors. This training will help provide direction and broad-based training to help facilitate the mentoring process.

ROC: Mike Webber gave a brief history of the ROC and what the purpose of it is. Mike indicated that the carpet is being laid and that the hope is to be in the building by July 1, 2007. All office items have been ordered and will start being placed at the center by the end of the month. Mike reported he is still trying to get approval for a security door for the hallway, so classes can be conducted after hours without security concerns. If all goes well it is possible that an open house tour will be set up for sometime in July.

Conference Planning: Steve reported that the conference has been scheduled for September 21, 2007 at the Resource Center and that the Department of Corrections is still offering to offset some of the expenses of the conference. Anyone that wants to be involved or offer assistance should let Steve know.

In-Reach Project: Steve reported that a group of individuals is currently looking at offenders who are coming to the Boone County area and hoping to conduct needs assessment interview with them up to 6 months prior to release to assess the needs of each individual. It is hoped that this will allow appointments to get scheduled prior to release and assist the offender in having a plan of action prior to release. Steve mentioned achieving this in several phases, such as doing an initial meeting 6 months prior to release, returning 2 months later, and finally returning the week of release to go over the release plan again and provide informational materials. This is a more proactive approach to identifying and addressing needs on the front end. Steve briefly reviewed the assessment guide and indicated that at this time it is a volunteer position. Some expressed concern about this effort duplicating what is already being done by correctional staff, however the premise of this project is to add more information, not duplicate existing efforts.

MU Research Project

Jennifer Schlosser from the University of Missouri is currently conducting research on the formation of BCOTN and what the objectives of the group are. If anyone has questions or concerns they can contact her for more information.

Newsletter

Antoinne Jones indicated that he is developing a newsletter to include current events, announcements, organization listing, news and events, etc. Suggesting for inclusion included information for veterans, job readiness information, and grant information. The newsletter could also be accessed through the website.

Resource Guide

Antwone Jones indicated that he is in the process of making a complete resource guide to give to offenders upon their release. A ROUGH DRAFT copy was passed around for review and feedback. The information included was obtained from the a variety of resources. Some suggestions were made including the guide only having information on Boone County resources. It was also mentioned that several copies be made in Spanish so that it can be utilized by the Spanish speaking community. Antwoinne encouraged everyone to e-mail him their thoughts, ideas, corrections, feedback, etc. Please remember this is a ROUGH DRAFT therefore it is requested that it not be distributed to outside parties.

Vision/Strategic Planning

Steve reported that Mike developed a strategic planning handout for each member and their respective agency so that feedback can be obtained regarding the future of BCOTN. Mike also mentioned thinking about developing an executive committee to oversee the group and the various subgroups. An executive committee could also make decisions about requests or endorsements from other people or agencies. It is obvious that more structural organization is needed, however how are we going to get there? Mike and Steve requested that everyone fill out the surveys provided and turn them in to Steve no later than July 10, 2007 so that everyone's feedback can be heard and considered. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2007 and will serve as an in-depth strategic planning meeting. The meeting will probably run from 8:30-12:30 P.M and the location is still pending. Roughly 10 members indicated that they would like to participate in the planning process conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve reported that Geoffrey Canada from the Harlem Children's Zone will be in Columbia on 6-18-07 from 11:00 A.M-1:00 P.M for a luncheon. Information flyers were passed out about the event.

Denise Heet reported that the VA signed a lease for a house on Pershing to serve as a transitional residence for veteran's working in the Compensation Work Program. It is hoped that the house will be open by November 1, 2007 and that the men will be able to stay there for up to a year.

Cathy Filipowicz reported that JobCorps holds information sessions on Wednesdays at the Resource Center Office from 10-12pm and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

Blair Campmier reported that on Thursday June 21, 2007 there will be an informational meeting at the Boone County Commission Chamber from 3:00-4:00 P.M. advising the public about the Reintegration Court Pilot Project that is starting in July 2007. All are welcome to attend.

Art Schneider brought in an article from the Columbia Missourian, which detailed the fact that a school bus driver in Columbia was terminated from his position after years due to a background check disclosing an arrest for Stealing. There was some discussion on whether BCOTN should take a position on the termination however, many members were opposed to BCOTN offering support due to not knowing all of the circumstances or who the individual is.

NEXT MEETING

The regular BCOTN meeting will not be held in July. On Thursday July 12, 2007 from 8:30-12:30 P.M. there will be a strategic planning meeting. All are welcome to attend. The location will be determined.

Strategic Planning Worksheet

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHEET

Please complete & bring to the July BCOTN meeting or return to Steve Tatlow by July 10, 2007

The mission of the Boone County Offender Transition Network is to promote a healthier and safer community, by creating and maintaining an effective network of services that addresses the needs of the offenders, their families and our community.

In keeping with the mission statement, what could BCOTN look like in three years.

I will consider BCOTN to be successful achieving its mission in July of 2010 if it _____ has happened.

(list at least 2)

By 2010 BCOTN should be actively doing_____.

(Example ~ Serving youth populations in prevention of criminal involvement through evening programs, supported safe housing, mentoring.)

Please list at least 2

Organizational Structure

Please share your ideas to enhance the effectiveness of BCOTN.

How could the BCOTN meetings be most effective?

Should BCOTN create a formal structure with a Board of Directors or Steering Committee?

YES ____ NO ____ Not Sure ____

What might their role be?

Getting It Done

In the next year, I/my agency may be able to commit between ____ & ____ hours per month of my time to promoting/participating in development of new project areas such as...

If BCOTN did not meet monthly, but bi-monthly, I could commit at least two hours per month working with a project sub-committee. YES ____ NO ____ Not Sure ____

I or a representative from my organization would be willing to serve on a BCOTN Board or Steering Committee of BCOTN. YES ____ NO ____ Not Sure ____

BCOTN should be aware of...

Name	Organization or who you represent	Contact
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GOAL 1

TO DECREASE RECIDIVISM AMONG OFFENDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE REENTRY INITIATIVE IN BOONE COUNTY.

(SAMPLE CATAGORIES/TOPICS FOR WHICH OBJECTIVES COULD BE WRITTEN)

- **Staffing “Re-entry Opportunity Center” (ROC)**
- **Mentoring**
- **Special Offender Services**

Goal 2

TO DECREASE SYSTEMIC BARRIERS THAT HINDER OFFENDER ATTACHMENT TO THE COMMUNITY THEY ARE RE-ENTERING.

(SAMPLE CATAGORIES/TOPICS FOR WHICH OBJECTIVES COULD BE WRITTEN)

- **Housing**
- **Healthcare**
- **Employment**
- **Transportation**
- **Citizens Awareness Board**

GOAL 3

TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS ENTERING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR THE FIRST TIME.

(SAMPLE CATAGORIES/TOPICS FOR WHICH OBJECTIVES COULD BE WRITTEN)

- **Mentoring**
- **Special Offender Services**

GOAL 4

TO INCREASE THE WELL-BEING OF BOONE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOODS TO WHICH OFFENDERS RETURN.

(SAMPLE CATAGORIES/TOPICS FOR WHICH OBJECTIVES COULD BE WRITTEN)

- **Day Care Services**

GOAL 5

TO INCREASE THE COMMUNITY'S (BOONE COUNTY) SUPPORT FOR PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFENDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(SAMPLE CATAGORIES/TOPICS FOR WHICH OBJECTIVES COULD BE WRITTEN)

- **Employment Services**
- **Re-entry Resource Guide**
- **Community Citizen Education Program**

GOAL 6

TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FAMILIES OF OFFENDERS IN THEIR RE-ENTRY PROCESS.

(SAMPLE CATAGORIES/TOPICS FOR WHICH OBJECTIVES COULD BE WRITTEN)

- **Day Care Services**
- **Mentoring**