Re-Entry Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Committee Members and Guests

Scott Ball	Probation Department	Present
Linda Romero-Soles	Superior Court	Present
Jeff Kettering	Probation Department	
Jim Bucknell	Probation Department	Present
Christopher Henn	Probation Department	Present
Eric Dumars	Public Defender	
Chris Loethen	Deputy Public Defender	Present
Rob Carroll	District Attorney's Office	Present
James Buttrey	Sheriff's Department	
Erin Ristine	Sheriff's Department	
Gregory Contreras	TSI	
Frank Fontes	CPMP	
Rev. Felix Jenkins	Pastor - New Canaan Baptist	Present
Janice Rector	Human Services Agency	Present
Jon Masuda	Mental Health Department	
Monika Grasley	Life Line, Inc.	
Dave Lockridge	ACE Over-comers	Present
Darren Hughes	CSA – Veterans and Fatherhood	
Nancy Havens	Workforce Investment	Present
Loretta Spencer	BET/BHC Steering Committee	Present
Beth Smith	MCOE	Present
Linda McMurray	Potter's Place	Present
Jerry C. Huey	A New Way	Present
Pam White	Potter's Place	Present

I. Meeting called to order – 1:30 p.m.

II. Introductions

III. Public Comment – None

IV. Open Forum – What is "Re-Entry"?

Attendees shared key components to successful inmate re-entry, including:

- Jail Efforts
- Addressing Addiction
- Life Skills
- Family Counseling
- Attaining California ID through DMV
- Education / GED
- Vocational
- Faith Based v. Secular Programming

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V. Custodial
- Attendees agreed re-entry efforts should begin prior to release.
- Sheriff personnel not available for this meeting. Scott Ball to follow up with Sheriff Pazin to see what options are available for efforts within the two jail facilities.
- Current Barriers: long wait time to see offenders and lack of space to meet with offenders.
- Current Services: unknown – may be limited to religious services.

VI. Services Available in the Community
- **"Love, Faith, Hope"** Re-entry Program (Loretta Spencer). Includes employment and work-force efforts.
- **ACE Over-comers** (Dave Lockridge). Curriculum to help clients overcome adverse child experiences. Currently working with First 5, Head Start, and MCOE.
- **MCOE Adult ROP** (Beth Smith)
- **Potter's Place** (Linda McMurray). Literacy program and "First Step" for parolees.
- **Empowered:** Collaboration between Work Force Investment and MCOE.
- **Human Services Agency** (Janice Rector): options for offenders to receive benefits upon release.
- **PACT:** Program held at Gateway Community Church and sponsored by LifeLine, Inc. County and local CBOs provide offenders recently released from CDCR with information on services available in the community. Program is being transitioned from State Parole to the Probation Department.

VII. Other Members ID for Committee
- Boys and Girls Club
- All Dads Matter (HSA)
- ComVIP members
- Business Community
- Transitional Housing providers.
- Veteran Affairs
- Merced PD
- Child Support

VIII. Timeline
- Re-entry Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

IX. Next Meeting – CCP Re-Entry Subgroup Meeting
March 20, 2012, @ 1:30 p.m.
2222 M Street, Room 310