

# The Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition

## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2012 9:00AM – 12:00PM

ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER

TYPE OF MEETING	Reentry Coalition
NOTE TAKER	Laura Gardner, Assistant Regional Administrator
ATTENDEES	See sign in sheets

### Agenda topics

9:00AM-9:25AM WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS GARY MOHR, DIRECTOR, ODRC

DISCUSSION	Director Mohr discussed the budget deficit, the new 3 Tier Prison System and how it will help with safety and security in the institutions as well as require inmates to take on responsibility for their actions and receive structured programming and incentives; SB337 Legislative update.
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9:00AM-9:25AM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES HARVEY REED, DIRECTOR, DYS & KIM HUMPHREY  
PROPOSAL

DISCUSSION	Director Reed explained that DYS provides an opportunity for offenders, giving them a second chance. DYS is changing how they do business, getting in a mind-set that offenders can achieve and be successful. DYS is covering the gaps by increasing medical services and programming. Kim presented a large number of facts and statistics regarding the DYS population and proposed a juvenile branch which was presented to the board and approved by all.
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9:25AM-9:45AM SCA GRANT AWARDS ED RHINE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF REENTRY SERVICES

DISCUSSION	Discussed the 2 <sup>nd</sup> chance act which provides funding support to many Ohio counties. He stated that we are very fortunate to have received this grant and indicated that we have received 15 million dollars within the last 3 years.
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9:45AM-11:15AM LOCAL UPDATES LOCAL IMPACT OF 3-TIER SYSTEM TERI MINNEY, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
DAVE PORTER, JUSTICE REINVESTMENT OFFICER  
NORM ROBINSON, WARDEN, CCI  
TIM BUCHANAN, WARDEN, RCI

DISCUSSION	Regional Administrator Minney spoke about the new Terry Collins Reentry Center located in the old RCI Honor Camp. She indicated that this is the first in the nation and houses the APA, JRO, Sheriff's Day Reporting Program, the Exit Program and soon to be the Alvis House. JRO Porter then explained how the JRO positions came to be and that the main purpose is to keep open communication with the courts. JRO Porter has traveled to all of the counties in his territory, he conducts comprehensive reports, works on judicial releases, provides requested info to judges/courts and much more. He also briefly touched on HB86. Wardens Robinson and Buchanan presented a PowerPoint presentation that identified how many inmates and employees are in each institution. They also spoke of all the new programming and changes being done within the institutions at this time such as the reactivation of OPI furniture, reintegration dorm, dog program, back to school program, new faith based program and community service projects. They also discussed the blurring of the lines between the institutions and the APA stating that their intention is to keep communities safe and treating people as individuals. Their focus is on stability and order, service delivery, programming and an easy transition to the community. Both wardens also briefly touched on HB337 – lifting collateral sanctions and giving offenders more opportunities.
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JACK FRECH, ATHENS COUNTY REENTRY TASK FORCE  
EXISTING PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS LUANN WINKLE, TURNING POINT APPLIED LEARNING CENTER

DISCUSSION	Mr. Frech discussed poverty as a big issue. He put together a task force meeting regularly to identify problems such as travel, unemployment, financial issues, etc. He has done a lot of research, attended conferences and collaborated with other agencies to deal with these challenges. He said that we need to educate people on poverty and identify how we can support them. Ms. Winkle spoke about Turning Point Applied Learning Center. She said they have been in existence for
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	15 years. They are contracted with 7 manufacturing companies. They are a state certified reentry program and they help offenders with technical training. They offer on-site counseling, chemical dependency, employment, job coaching and GED services. Luann then introduced a past offender who talked about how Turning Point changed her life for the good.	
	RURAL CHALLENGES	TERI MINNEY, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
DISCUSSION	Regional Administrator Minney spoke about the rural challenges facing offenders such as lack of employment opportunities, transportation, funding, lack of services and the limited administrative personnel in county agencies.	
	OHIO ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL REENTRY COALITIONS	KYSTEN PALMORE, PRESIDENT OALRC
DISCUSSION	President Palmore discussed the importance of local reentry coalitions by emphasizing the need to stay positive, make solid plans, stay engaged and connected, continue to collaborate, sustainability and continued training.	
	OHIO RURAL RECIDIVISM REDUCTION PROJECT	DARRYL GRAVES, REENTRY ADMINISTRATOR
DISCUSSION	Mr. Graves confirmed that we received a 1.3 million grant that will cover ten counties in rural Ohio. He said that 400 male and female offenders will be served. Long term goal is to make it successful in southern Ohio so it can be replicated throughout the state.	
	WELCOME HOME VIDEOS	CHRIS YANAI, ODRC
DISCUSSION	Mr. Yanai showed two video clips as examples of what inmates will be watching before being released from prison. These videos are welcoming inmates back into the community and offering support and services to get them back on their feet. The goal is to transition the inmate back to the community and make them feel welcome.	
11:50AM-12:30PM	'ADVANCING THE MISSION' WORKGROUPS	DARRYL GRAVES, REENTRY ADMINISTRATOR
DISCUSSION	The audience was divided into 4 groups to come up with ideas that we can do as a community to help with reentry given 3, 6 and 12 month timeframes.	