

BY-LAWS of Stark County Reentry Coalition
As amended

ARTICLE I: Name

Section 1- Name: The name of this organization shall be the Stark County Reentry Coalition (hereinafter “SCRC”)

Section 2- Mailing Address: The mailing address of the SCRC shall be the Stark County Reentry Coalition c/o SCRC Secretary, Stark County Reentry Court, 200 West Tuscarawas Street, Suite B, Canton, OH 44702

ARTICLE II: Purpose

Section 1- Purpose: The purpose of SCRC shall be:

- A. To provide a catalyst to break the cycle of crime by strengthening community participation and facilitating cooperative service delivery.
- B. To provide an organizational framework to support the reentry efforts of Stark County.
- C. To provide a mechanism for coordinating funding efforts related to reentry in Stark County.
- D. To provide a database outlining key reentry issues related to Stark County.
- E. To support collaboration and partnerships that strengthen the capacity of Stark County to provide quality programs and services that are culturally competent and responsive to the needs of returning offenders and their families based upon funding at the time services are needed.
- F. To increase community awareness of reentry needs and develop visibility for the mission.

ARTICLE III: Membership and Donations

Section 1- Eligibility for Membership:

- A. In order to be a member in good standing, an agency must complete and sign the SCRC Affiliation Agreement and file it with the Secretary of the SCRC. The agreement should be completed explaining ACTUAL services the agency offers to the returning offender population. The agency must update its agreement annually to indicate changes in the organization. Member agencies must designate a representative to attend a minimum of 75% of the quarterly meetings.

- B. Attendance waivers or joint participation may be requested from the systems team by outlying area agencies, to more easily accommodate attendance.
- C. Any representative of a faith-based, social or community service agency may attend meetings and have a voice but not vote until an Affiliation Agreement is completed and signed.
- D. In order to obtain and retain membership in the SCRC, an agency must have a completed Affiliation Agreement on file with the Secretary of the SCRC.

Section 2- Donations: Donations will be accepted at SCRC meetings to defray the costs of SCRC operations.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

Section 1- Officers: The officers of the SCRC shall include two Co-chairs and a Secretary, each of whom shall be responsible to the SCRC.

Section 2- Term of Office: Each officer shall be elected for a two-year term for all offices.

Section 3- Election of Officers: Nominations shall be accepted at the general meeting in October. These nominations shall be published in the minutes and distributed to the mailing list. In October, nominations are confirmed.

At the general meeting in July, Officers shall be elected from nominated candidates, who must meet eligibility requirements of one year regular attendance and holding office within the coalition as a committee head. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be elected.

Section 4- Vacancies: Vacancies in the position of any office shall be filled by a majority of votes for the remainder of that term.

Section 5- Removal: An Office may be removed by an agreement from the Planning Committee succeeded by two-thirds vote from the membership.

Section 6- Duties: The Co-chairs' duties shall be to preside at meetings of the Planning Committee and the SCRC and to act as the official spokesperson for the SCRC.

Section 7- Secretary: The Secretary's duties shall be to keep the minutes of the SCRC meetings, to keep records of attendance at Planning and SCRC meetings, to keep Affiliation Agreements current, to keep the membership roster up-to-date and to remind members of upcoming meetings. The Secretary distributes minutes via e-mail to the SCRC members.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

Section 1- Meeting Date: Meetings shall be held quarterly.

Section 2- Place and Time of Meetings: Meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of each quarter at 10 AM at the Goodwill on 9th Street. An alternate date and/or meeting place and/or time may be designated by motion of the SCRC.

Section 3- Quorum: A quorum is made up of 50% of members holding current Affiliation Agreements.

Section 4- Special Meetings: Additional meetings may be called by the Co-chairs or by petition from any three members of the SCRC.

Section 5- Minutes and Resolutions: Action of the SCRC shall be by Resolution or Motion. On passage of each motion or resolution, the vote shall be entered in the minutes. With respect to each meeting, the minutes shall demonstrate the date and place at which the meeting was held, the names of the members present and a summary of matters said and done.

Section 6- Rules and Procedures: Until otherwise provided, the meetings of the SCRC shall be run in a timely and orderly manner and shall concern themselves with affairs pertaining to the mission of the SCRC as written in the Affiliation Agreement.

ARTICLE VI: Committees

Section 1- Standing Committees: The Co-chairs shall, from time to time, appoint such standing or special committees as are authorized by the SCRC. Each committee shall consist of such number of persons, as the SCRC deems desirable. All acts of such committees shall be subject to approval, by motion or resolution, of the SCRC.

Section 2- Committee Meetings: In the absence of the Co-chairs, a temporary Chairperson will be selected by a majority vote of the members present. Each committee may establish a procedure to calling and giving notice of committee meetings, the conduct of such meetings and any other matters pertinent to said committee.

ARTICLE VII: Construction and Amendment:

Section 1- Construction and Severability: Each Article and Section herein set forth shall be construed if possible in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Ohio. If and to the extent that any provision shall be deemed in conflict with any such law, such provision shall be void but each provision shall be deemed separable from every other provision and its invalidity shall not affect any other.

Section 2- Amending of By-Laws: By-Laws may be changed by majority vote.