Durham Local Reentry Council Minutes

January 17, 2024

Ontario Joyner, LRC Coordinator, starts the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Introductions from everyone in attendance.

Ontario introduces the house rules and the purpose of the LRC. He explains that LRC aims to make positive connections with community members to serve and provide opportunities and resources for people returning from incarceration. The LRC’s main goal is to reduce recidivism and provide ample support for justice-involved individuals in Durham. He introduces the subcommittee structure of housing, employment, and other supportive services.

**Partner Presentation**

***Nora Dicker, Meals on Wheels*** – Meals on Wheels Durham delivers daily meals to homebound seniors in need in Durham County—and has done so for over 45 years. Our operations have grown considerably from our first 12 clients in 1975, and we remain diligent to meet the needs of our growing senior population. With the help from generous supporters, we continue to curb the rise in hunger and social isolation experienced by seniors. She discussed referrals process, delivery process, and the current wait time and additional changes. She also discussed who qualifies for services.

***Angel Alveraz, Vocational Rehabilitation Services*** – The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) helps people with disabilities achieve their goals for employment and independence. If you have a disability that prevents you from achieving career success or independence in the community of your choice, DVRS can connect you to services and resources to help you meet your goals. He discussed referrals process, delivery process, and the current wait time and additional changes. He also discussed who qualifies for services.

**LRC Client Update**: Discussed by Ontario Joyner

38Referrals, 41 Intakes, 20 employed clients, $14.26 Average Salary, 26 Received Housing Assistance.

**Sub-Committee Updates**

Housing – No updates provided at this time.

Supportive Service -Provided an update about the desire to develop a county wide resource database.

Employment subcommittee- provided a list of jobs that are looking to aggressively hire in the upcoming summer season

**Partner Update**

Multiple partners provided updates about the respective programs

**Subcommittee Information**

Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

Employment Subcommittee Meeting Dates: March 20th, May 9th, July 11th, Sept. 12th, Nov. 14th

Housing Subcommittee Meeting Dates: March 13th May 8th, July 10th, Sep. 11th, Nov. 13th

Supportive Service Subcommittee Meeting Dates: March 12th May 9th, July 11th, Sept. 12th, Nov. 14th

**Meeting Adjourn** – Ontario Joyner

Ontario thanked all for attending the meeting and for their services to the community.