



Durham County

LOCAL REENTRY COUNCIL MEETING

19, July 2017

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

MINUTES

Attendance: Kim Richter, O’Mar Taylor, Derrick Byrd, Connie Ragland, Tieshia Young, Bill Dunlap, Anthony Rogers, Laylon Williams, Elvert Dorsey, Wanda Parker, Bradley Richards, Keyanna Terry, Kina McKiney, Bonnie McDonald, Lorraine Taylor, Don Crispell, Valaria Brown, Ben Haas, Torrey Green, Alesha Jones Garrett

Staff: Roshanna Parker, Celia Jefferson, Lourdes Garcia, Karen Shaw, Peter Baker, Gudrun Parmer

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Introductions	Roshanna Parker, opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Karen Shaw, the new coordinator introduced herself and gave a brief overview of her background. Roshanna asked everyone for a moment of silence in remembrance of Umar Muhammad who served on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. He passed on July 17, 2017.
Meeting Purpose/Overview	<p>Roshanna shared why we are here. She noted that in September of 2016, NCDPS put out a RFP to identify entities that would service as the intermediary agencies to oversee the work of the LRC. Intermediary agencies are responsible for convening Council meetings, bringing new partners to the Council and hiring staff to support the work of the LRC. The contract includes two positions: a full time LRC Coordinator and a part time Job Placement Specialist. They will be working hand and hand with NCDPS preparing individuals coming back to Durham. NCDPS is still in the process of changing some of their existing facilities into transition facilities. Both LRC Coordinator and possibly Job Placement Specialist will work with the case managers inside those transition facilities. LRC staff and partner agencies will be able to begin work with individuals prior to release in order to facilitate a much smoother transition back into the community.</p> <p>Roshanna introduced Karen and Lourdes as the presenters for today’s meeting with a brief overview of the CART system. She explained that the NCDPS has created a database called Community Automated Reentry Tool System (CART). All LRC’s will have to enter data into the CART system.</p>
CART Overview	The PowerPoint presentation is attached with notes for your review. Roshanna stated that we will return to partner agency presentations next month. Each LRC member will have the opportunity to present his or her agency or program so that the Council can become more familiar with the services available in our community. We will hear from a representative from Vocational Rehabilitation at the August meeting.
LRC Kick-Off Event	The purpose of the LRC Kick Off event is to let the community know that Durham has a LRC that’s up and running and has a coordinator in position. The event will be held on Monday August 7 th from 4-6 pm at the Human Services Building on the

	<p>second floor. Roshanna asked if everyone had received an invitation and whether they sent an RSVP. She noted that we will need volunteers and emphasized that we are expecting the event to be big and very nice.</p> <p>During the event, guests will have the opportunity to network from 4:00pm to 4:30pm followed by a formal panel from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. We tentatively have six people scheduled to be on the panel. They will be speaking about the importance of the Council for the Durham community. After the panel, guest will have an additional opportunity to network from 5:30pm – 6:00pm. LRC members will serve as table ambassadors telling guests about the LRC and inviting them to be a part. They will have a badges that say “ASK ME About the LRC”. LRC members are also asked to serve as Greeters, work the Registration table, set-up and help breakdown after the even. Roshanna encouraged LRC members to not only come to the event but to also spread the word and invite others out. She emphasized the purpose of growing the Council from some of the people who attend the event. Ms. Parker advised the group that it is the goal to preview the website on August 7th as well. It will show upcoming events and how to access resources. There were approximately 180 invitations sent. The event will also be advertised on the county website and through social media. Assignments will be emailed before the event.</p>
<p>Intermediary Update</p>	<p>LRC part time Job Placement Specialist Position Update Roshanna advised that the information has been sent to Human Resource though she has not heard anything as of yet but should hear something within the next 30 days. The part time job placement specialist and full time coordinator will be the staff for the LRC.</p> <p>Subcommittees – Housing and Employment The individuals working on the two subcommittees are not here today. Courtney McCollum and Candace Rashada will co-chair the employment subcommittee. They are working to develop a schedule as well as a format on how to better serve this population on issues related to employment. Lao Rubert will be working with Karen and Roshanna on developing a housing committee. Roshanna noted that as the council starts to form more subcommittees they will be mindful of everyone’s time in regards to meeting; we may scale back on the monthly LRC meetings in order to allow time for the subcommittees to meet.</p>
<p>Next Steps – Kick-Off Event (Monday, August 7th)</p>	<p><u>Next Steps – Kick-Off Event (Monday, August 7th)</u> Roshanna noted that we have two weeks to formalize the Kick-Off Event. They will need assistance with donations, door prizes, and refreshments. LRC members were asked to see Karen and Lourdes after meeting to volunteer and get invitations.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Ben Haas – The Religious Coalition holds a luncheon every 4th Thursday from 12PM to 1PM, at the Shepherds House Church, 107 North Driver Street, on the corner of Driver and East Main Street. On Thursday, July 27th they are dedicating that space to a conversation among a couple of different agencies who are trying to develop surprising friendships and relationships across barriers and incarcerations. They will be talking about their faith team model. Durham School for Conversion’s Church beyond the Walls program initiative will share from their experiences fostering beloved community among returning citizens and people of faith.</p> <p>Derrick Byrd – Day 2 Day promotes the Dads program, just started a 24-7 network shops and they held a Fatherhood Conference in June which included Keynote speaker, performing artist Common and Presenter Mathew Knowles.</p> <p>Wanda Parker – advised council they will be relocating to Fayetteville St. in an area where substance abuse services are really needed.</p>

	<p>Gudrun Parmer – advised council of the court date reminder program. She stated that as of June 19th they had around 160 people to sign up. They are exploring alternative ways to spread the word on social media, people who ride the bus etc. A part time person was hired at the court house to share information and to assist in signing people up.</p> <p>Anthony Rogers– They have a few career positions coming up hopefully tomorrow from the Liberty Group for maintenance and technicians. They also have funding for training opportunities for individuals.</p> <p>Tieshia Young – works with the Training to Work grant/ Eckerd. Their program is fairly new. They are having their first orientation inside a Department of Public Safety facility on tomorrow. They will service individuals inside the prison prior to release. Their grant specifies nine months of contact prior to releasing back to the community. They are excited about building partnerships, and relationships with individuals prior to being released back into their local area so that they can make an impact before they even touch the surface. Currently they are looking to partner up to form a mentoring component. They are also looking for a women mentor program that can go into the prisons and start a curriculum mentoring program.</p> <p>Lorraine Taylor – At the last meeting, Lorraine mentioned that NCCU Juvenile Justice Institute has just received a three year grant and are prepared to hire a part time temporary research associate. Applicants should have knowledge of basic data analysis. That position is posted at NCCU. If anyone is interested, contact her ASAP. Over the next couple of months, they will be reaching out to people who are interested in Misdemeanor issues, especially diversion.</p> <p>Laylon William – Laylon gave an update on the LEAD Program, (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion). He noted that at their meeting, they talked about making sure that Law Enforcement has a buy in on what they are doing. LEAD is a pre-booking diversion program developed with the community to address people with low-level drug abuse helping to divert them from getting into the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Roshanna distributed a draft of the LRC brochures for feedback from the committee; invitations were also distributed to anyone that did not get one. She advised members to expect another email as a reminder of the event.</p>
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	<p>Next LRC Meeting: Wednesday, August 16th @ 2:30pm</p>