



DURHAM LOCAL REENTRY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2017

Attendance: Shaneha Burris, Halley Hunt, Valaria Brown, Tieshia Young, Jouaneau Crooms, Evan Ashkin, Courtney McCollum, Bill Dunlap, Nicky Fletcher, Candace Rashada, Natasha Downey, Dwight Chandler, Dave Crispell, Whitney Williams, Curtis Richardson, Bessie Elmore, Theodore Laperro, Gudrun Parmer, Michael Bishop, Alesha Jones-Garrett, Natasha Downey, Blair Mujtahid, Pretty Praha, Lao Robert, Ben Haas

Staff: Demetrius Lynn, Lourdes Garcia, Celia Jefferson

Welcome/Introductions	Karen Shaw, LRC Coordinator, opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
Meeting Purpose/Overview	<p>Karen gave a brief meeting purpose/overview for new members at the table. In December 2016, CJRC received a contract to serve as the Intermediary Agency to coordinate the creation of the LRC. CJRC was a natural pick to further this role due to the relationship with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the reentry work they have done over the past 10 years. The contract included two positions: a full time LRC Coordinator and a part time Job Placement Specialist and both positions have been filled. Lourdes Garcia is a loaner from CJRC, and she works part time as a case manager for the LRC. They have received their training in the CART system which is a community reentry tool that have allowed them to track services provided by the LRC.</p> <p>Karen reiterated from the last meeting that at monthly meetings, a partner agency will give a presentation regarding their agency and/or program so that the LRC can become more familiar with the services available in the community.</p>
Partner Presentation	Karen informed the subcommittee that Juan Nelson of StepUp Durham was not able to present at this meeting but has plans to present at next meeting. She also noted that Roshanna Parker would not be present.

<p>Sub-Committee Updates</p>	<p>Housing: Lao Rupert is the subcommittee chair. Dave Crispell reported that the committee is working on developing a reentry housing continuum similar to the homeless model. They are in the process of creating a flow chart for housing options in Durham. Lao asked if anyone knew of any housing options available to please let Karen know. She stated that slowly but surely they are getting organized.</p> <p>Employment: Courtney McCollum and Candace Rashada stated they are working on figuring out the role of the employment specialist and how to build from that. They have created a short form gathering information on everyone around the table regarding what services they provide. Rashada shared they are being very intentional about how they connect with partnering agencies and how they create processes so that consumers are not bounced around and services are intentional and expeditious.</p> <p>Supportive Services: Lourdes noted that they had six people in the committee meeting. The group talked about what agencies were at the table and what they had to offer as well as referral requirements. They are also creating a list of things they want to see happen within the LRC/sub-committee.</p>
<p>Intermediary Update</p>	<p>Karen noted that the LRC website domain has been changed and can be accessed through the link below. www.DurhamReentryCouncil.org</p> <p>Karen shared that to date they have received 27 referrals and 5 of which are active in the CART system. The majority of the referrals were made by probation; several referrals are pending and have follow-up appointments though some were deemed ineligible for services.</p> <p>Karen stated she and Demetrius will be speaking to all of the probation officers and chiefs next week and letting them know what the LRC is about and how to make referrals.</p> <p>Karen advised the Council that all of the LRCs will be having a convening meeting with the governor in November. She also informed the Council that they met</p>

	<p>with the DPS last month. The meeting was informative and provided feedback on what is working in other counties and what didn't work well. They were afforded the opportunity to network as well as identify additional resources.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Tieshia Young shared that Eckerd is looking to hire a manager for new youth program. Apply online at Eckerd.org, go to the job section. She asked the committee to spread the word and to refer people.</p> <p>Candace Rashada shared that she has flyers for ongoing classes being offered at DTCC to include resume writing, online applications and short term training if interested. She advised the council of two fellowship pathways grants available.</p> <p>Natasha Downey from NCDPS informed the committee that if anyone has any information that needs to get out into the community, she is willing to pass it on to her officers to be given to offenders being supervised by the DCC.</p> <p>Michael Bishop reminded the committee about the Raleigh Stand Down event where they will have all resources in one place at one time on the 27th of November; veterans specifically. There will be an expungement clinic available as well.</p> <p>Sherry Holmes shared that Legal Aide workshop on expungements is October 21st at the Holton Career. The new law will take effect on December 1st.</p> <p>Gudrun Parmer shared that in addition to expungements workshop, there will also be workshops available to help people with driver's license restoration. She explained the new initiative where they are waiving fees and fines to aid in restoration.</p> <p>Ivan Parra shared that Durham CAN is hosting a Major's Forum on Thursday, October 26, from 7pm to 8:30pm at Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church. They are expecting over 600 people to attend.</p> <p>Ben Haas shared that the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham's monthly luncheon is on Thursday October 26th.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourn</p>
	<p>Next Subcommittee Meetings on 11/15 @ 2:00pm</p>
	<p>Next LRC Meeting Wednesday 11/15 @ 3:15</p>