

Milwaukee Reentry Council

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees: Conor Williams, Robert Thibault, Dr. Shawna Whitehead, Elianne Alvarez, Ken Gales, Timothy Schindler, Bro Hogan Bey, Patricia Gorence, Charlie Ray, William Lipscomb, Joan Plumley, Anthony Dodd Sr., Carol Maria, Vincent Noth, Deborah Beuttler, Dionna Clemmons, Ruben Gaona, Nicole Wooters, Eli Rivera, Frederick Nelson, Hakim Crampton, Janice Yenter, Jennifer Priebe, Jordan Villegas, Jose Hernandez, Kaelin Rapport, Krystina Kohler, LaKesha Reid, Joseph Ellwanger, Joyce Ellwanger, Shar-Ron Buie, Judge Nancy Joseph, Erin Perkins, Deacon Jim Matties, Adrena Lockett, Adam Procell, Paul Truess, Luann Anderson, Shanyeill McCloud, Niki Wilichowski, Terrece, Tom Moore, Jesse Rosales, Carl Wesley, Lenard Simpson, Constance Alberts, Dale Darrow, David Rebey, Gwendolyn Lockett, Jamie DeJesus Sr., Karen Gaylord, Kim Malone, Laura Hawks, Sylvester Jackson, Sonya, Yameen, Shannon Ross, Katie Lynch, Dashal Young, Claire Hackett, Christine Apple, Kofi James Ali, Rick Barricelli, Jackson Bubolz, Vaun Mayes, Milwaukee Fatherhood, Shae, Edwin Aleman, Lisa Vlach, Mary Balchunas, Amanda Smit, R. Diaz

Staff Present: Jarvell Williams, Alyssa Doman, Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins

Total Attendees: 78

01.	Welcome – Meeting facilitator, Conor Williams, called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. First time attendees were asked to introduce themselves to the group.
02.	Networking and Dialogue – Attendees were divided into breakout groups for 10 minutes of networking and dialogue. Conor encouraged attendees to discuss matters related to the upcoming presentations – housing and financial wellness. Mentimeter was used to record takeaways from the group discussions.
03.	Presentation: <u>Disrupting You</u> – Charlie Ray, charlie@charlieraythehealer.com - provided a brief overview of the services he can provide through a neurolinguistic programming (NLP) technique he has been trained in. Charlie indicated that NLP has been proven effective at healing emotional trauma, and he is passionate about supporting individuals who are returning from incarceration. NLP is focused on reprogramming negative habits, behaviors, and belief systems by identifying the emotional traumas and triggers to then identify, released, and interrupt the behaviors and beliefs causing the unwanted behavior.
04.	Presentation by <u>ACTS Housing</u> – Pursuing Home Ownership in Milwaukee – Jordan Villegas, Homebuying Counselor, provided an overview of the services offered through Acts Housing. Acts supports individuals seeking to create an opportunity to build equity, stable monthly, payments, and build credit among other benefits for wealth building. Acts provides homebuyer counseling, real estate brokerage, lending, and rehab counseling as part of its services. Counseling is aimed to help families with barriers to homeownership become mortgage-ready through financial education and counseling. Jordan can be reached at: (414) 635-1551, Jordan@actshousing.org
05.	Presentation on Services Through Bank on Greater Milwaukee & Alliance for Economic Inclusion – Carol Maria, FDIC, and Constance Alberts from Greater Bank on Milwaukee provided an overview of their national program. Approximately 31% of individuals in Milwaukee County are unbanked or underbanked, compared to 25% nationally. Unbanked people spend 5% of net income on unnecessary fees for alternative financial services which costs \$40,000 in a lifetime. Bank On Greater Milwaukee is part of a national program to provide safe and affordable banking accounts through a collaboration of local organizations and nation-wide financial institutions. <i>Constance Alberts - Director, Bank on Greater Milwaukee, (414) 562-9904, constance@uedawi.org</i> <i>Carol N. Maria, FDIC - Ph: 414-379-7506, cmaria@fdic.gov</i>
06.	Update on Thrive for Life and the Ignacio House – Sha’Ron Buie, from Marquette University had to depart before providing an update. Bill Lipscomb shared an update that Dr. Theresa Tobin had provided him via email. Marquette

	current has thirty-five students enrolled in coursework who are currently incarcerated. There are twelve additional “returnee” students enrolled.
07.	Update on Circles of Support – Conor Williams provided a flyer via email before the meeting. Conor encouraged anybody to reach out to learn more or send a referral to Project Return. (Circles of Support Flyer)
08.	<p>Updates on Task Forces and Aligned Initiatives:</p> <p>Reentry Health Care – Dr. Christine Apple provided an update on behalf of the Reentry Healthcare Task Force. The task force met last week and discussed several updates related to COVID-19 and its impact on operations. COVID cases remain high within the jail, and in State DOC; however, cases are decreasing and there haven’t been any reports of severe illness. Dr. Apple mentioned there was noted turnover among the Transition Clinic Network staff, and a need to fill those positions. Additional planning conversations will occur to formulate goals and objectives for the task force in the year ahead. WCS’s staff working on the Hub and Spoke model will present at the next meeting on <u>Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 9:30am.</u></p> <p>Housing – Conor Williams indicated that Project Return is currently working to advance a housing development for returning citizens. This project is in its visioning stage and the Council will be updated regularly on its progress.</p> <p>Reentry Employment Efforts – Fair Chance Thursdays, MKE Reentry Network - No update provided.</p> <p>Central DOOR – Adam Procell, Partners in Hope provided a brief update on the Central DOOR project. Adam indicated he is currently working with DOC to determine if they would be willing to allow for the usage of virtual reality as part of reentry programming within the DOC. Adam has secured funding to purchase the virtual reality devices. Adam indicated that Partners in Hope continues to see housing as a critical need/barrier, particularly for those who are on the sex offender registry. Adam asked members to reach out if they know of any landlords outside the city of Milwaukee who would be willing to rent to an individual on the registry.</p>
09.	Public Comment and any Other Business – Shannon Ross provided an overview of a number of projects he is currently working on. Shannon noted that he will share a flyer for an online film screening and panel focused on individuals on the sex offense registry and addressing misconceptions.
10.	<p>One-Word Evaluation in Chat and Adjourn – Conor Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:34pm. Participants were encouraged to leave a single-word meeting evaluation in the chat.</p> <p>The next CJC Reentry Council is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022, from 2:00 to 3:30pm via Zoom.</p>