



## Milwaukee Reentry Council

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

01.	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Conor Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. First-time attendees were encouraged to unmute and introduce themselves.</p>
02.	<p><b>Guest presentation: Overdose Prevention – Vital Strategies</b></p> <p>Adrienne Hurst, Overdose Prevention Program, Vital Strategies. Vital Strategies works to prevent overdoses to achieve an equitable and sustainable reduction in overdose deaths. Its priority interventions are to make medications accessible, including maximizing naloxone distribution, engaging communities, and supporting the mobilization of marginalized communities, and support without punishing, including the prevention of criminalization of people who use drugs. In addition, vital Strategies assists with reentry projects to assist with recovery support, providing medications and support for other essentials, transit cards, and other needed resources.</p>
03.	<p><b>Update on Home to Stay</b></p> <p>The Home to Stay monthly reentry resource fairs are restarting and will occur in person on the first Wednesday of each month. The first in-person program will be on April 6 from 10am to 2 pm at Partners in Hope. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
04.	<p><b>Reentry Resource Fair at Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility – May 11, 2022</b></p> <p>Twice a year, RYOC hosts a reentry resource fair to help individuals meet community partners and to support connections to important resources upon release. The next resource fair is on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 3pm at the Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility. Interested vendors or participants can reach out to <a href="#">Deborah B.</a></p>
05.	<p><b>Networking and Dialogue</b></p> <p>Break out rooms discussed sharing developments that give hope in the reentry space, and areas of continued challenges.</p>
06.	<p><b>Updates on Task Forces and Aligned Initiatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reentry Health Care</b> – Artis Landon provided an update on behalf of the Task Force. At the last monthly meeting, the Task force discussed potential future goals for the year ahead and discussed the current challenges, including how to better tackle social determinants of health even if clinics are available and accessible. Hiring more community healthcare workers is an ongoing challenge. One of the goals is to do more reach-in for healthcare reentry and potentially making another connection with area institutions. A Reentry Data Dashboard was suggested.</li> <li>• <b>Reentry Housing</b> – Conor Williams provided an update on the Housing task force. They continue to work on expanding housing resources and identifying landlords who will rent to reentering individuals and work with landlords to accept certificates. There is a growing list of housing resources posted on Project Return’s <a href="#">website</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Reentry Employment</b> – There is an upcoming RPP Job Fair on March 24; Milwaukee currently has a large quantity of construction jobs available with employment opportunities.</li> </ul>



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	Lead Abatement Training & Jobs – <u>SDC Absolute Advantage Construction Program</u>
<b>07.</b>	<p><b>Public Comment and any Other Business</b></p> <p>The HOC will be increasing its partnership with Employ Milwaukee as a result of recent ARPA funding.</p> <p>There are two open reentry related grants for organizations.</p> <p>The Joseph Project trains and guarantees interviews with employers and provides transportation to the jobs.</p> <p>The way Out will be hosting a technology course to help teach individuals the basics of using technology. The training will be in June and will cover basics.</p>
<b>08.</b>	<p><b>One-Word Evaluation in Chat and Adjourn</b></p> <p>Conor Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm and requested all attendees leave a one-word evaluation in the chat.</p> <p>The next CJC Reentry Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 2:00-3:30pm via Zoom.</p>

**Meeting Attendees:** Conor Williams, Karen Coy-Romano, Deborah Beuttler, Dasha Young, Joan Plumley, Niel Thoreson, Eli Rivera, Tom Reed, Ruben Gaona, Patricia Gorence, LaTonya Baker (Generation of Excellence), Katie Lynch, Krystina Kohler, Anthony Dodd Sr., Laura Vuchetich, Laura Hawks, Amanda Smit, Christine Apple, Janice Yenter, Frederick Nelson, Natraj Shanker, Ken Gales, Peggy West-Schroder, Sylvester Jackson, David Rebey, Lavansa Jackson, William Lipscomb, Gwendolyn Lockett, Quentella Perry, Lenard Simpson, Shanyeill McCloud, Steve Sand, Jamie DeJesus Sr., Edwin Aleman, Joseph Ellwanger, Joyce Ellwanger, Diana Kumar, David Goines (Progressive), Artis Landon, Claire Hackett, Catresa McGhee, Kate Boulton (Vital Strategies), Tom Moore, Deacon Jim, Constance, Adrienne Hurst (Vital Strategies), PO B Ellis, Booker Thomas, Sonya Psuik (UMOS), Stephen McMillan, Tamra Oman, Trevor Morris, C Maria, Joseph Project, Shar-Ron Buie, Joni Theobald, Eve Lopez, Adam Procell, Jose Hernandez, Julie Thoms, Silvia Jackson

**Staff Present:** Mandy Potapenko, Alyssa Doman

**Total Attendees:** 62