

Milwaukee Reentry Council

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

<p>01.</p>	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Conor Williams called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. First time attendees were encouraged to unmute and introduce themselves. Conor began the meeting with a poem from Mary Oliver.</p>
<p>02.</p>	<p>Paid Training & Employment Opportunities – Jovo Potkonjak, Employ Milwaukee</p> <p>Employ Milwaukee is offering construction and lead abatement paid training, as well as other good employment opportunities through itself and its partners. Classes are split in mornings and afternoons and are paid at the rate of \$15 an hour, Monday through Thursday with occasional Fridays over twelve weeks. Additional information can be found here.</p>
<p>03.</p>	<p>Home to Stay</p> <p>Conor Williams asked meeting participants to spread the word on the Home to Stay monthly resources fairs. The first Home to Stay event occurred earlier this month. There were many vendors but fewer attendees than the group hoped for. For more information contact hometostay@milwaukeeecjc.org or check out the website here. A Facebook event has been created, as well.</p>
<p>04.</p>	<p>Developing a Reentry Dashboard and Measures of Collective Success</p> <p>Conversation around a reentry dashboard started last month to advance conversations around data and trends associated with reentry in Milwaukee. The CJC Data Committee will discuss readily available data points and what are available to report monthly and quarterly to the Reentry Council. Unfortunately, the CJC Data Committee was unable to accommodate this discussion last month, as the agenda was already full.</p> <p>Meeting attendees provided additional input.</p>
<p>05.</p>	<p>Networking and Dialogue</p> <p>Attendees broke out into small groups to network and dialogue.</p>
<p>06.</p>	<p>Updates on Task Forces and Aligned Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Reentry Health Care – Dr. Christine Apple provided an update on behalf of the task force. This month’s Task Force had a presentation by Janetta Walker from Divine Services. She shared how her organization assists individuals with SSI/SSDI continuation once they turn eighteen, which can often be a difficult process, especially for those at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake. Divine Services also assists in finding employment opportunities that stay within the limits of keeping their benefits.</p> <p>The hiring of community health workers for the TCNs is ongoing – any interested parties can reach out for updated job listings. The Task Force invited Adrienne Hurst from Vital Strategies to provide an overview of the Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Project, which is a five-year prevention project focused within the State of Wisconsin and will make investments to decrease drug overdoses in the state.</p> <p>Dr Apple indicated they are always open to new members/participants. Interested persons should email info@milwaukeeecjc.org to be added to the distribution list.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reentry Housing – Conor Williams provided a brief overview and indicated the next meeting is Friday, May 27, 2022, at 10 am. Conor invited Sylvester Jackson to provide an update on the Project RETURN Housing Initiative, as well as Artis Landon to provide an update on Swigert House. Organizations that can offer services to individuals at Swigert House are invited to contact Artis to arrange a meeting. • Reentry Employment – Ventae Parrow Bey shared that All of Us or None are hiring directly impacted persons to support event operations and do other duties as assigned. Pay is \$15-\$20/hour. Ventae also indicate 414Life is also hiring. Eduardo from UMOS indicated they have a Tech Hire and Tech Stars, programs that help individuals obtain jobs in web development and medical billing and coding. They also assist with resume building and mock interviews. Eduardo can be reached at • Central DOOR – Adam Procell shared that a group of dedicated partners came together to apply to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for a federal grant to fund the Central Door. A decision is expected in mid-September. • Wisconsin Decarceration Platform – Tim Ehlinger provided an update.
<p>07. Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Jennifer Priebe indicated The Milwaukee Justice Center, a free legal clinic, has an upcoming Run for Justice event on June 15, 2022. The run is a fundraiser to support their free mobile legal clinic.</p> <p>Sylvester Jackson shared they continue to host a vigil at the Felmer’s Chaney Center every Tuesday from 12-12:30pm in advocacy to keep the Center open.</p> <p>Gwendolyn Lockett shared there will be a free Father’s Day celebration at the Pfister Hotel. She will share additional information with Conor to distribute to the group.</p> <p>Show the Love will be having their annual Hot Dogs for Hope at 2034 W Center on June 11, 2022, from 1-4pm. Deborah will provide Conor with the flyer for distribution.</p>
<p>09. One-Word Evaluation in Chat and Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:30 with a single-word evaluation. The next CJC Reentry Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2022, at 2:00pm via Zoom.</p>

Meeting Attendees: Conor Williams, Karen Coy-Romano, Tim Schindler, William Lipscomb, Marianne Rosen, Tahira Malik, Lenard Simpson, Ryan Clevenger, Eduardo Diaz, Ruben Gaona, Amy Rivera, Eli Rivera, Wylbur Holloway, Najee Ahmad, Claire Hackett, Deanna Kloster, Joan Plumley, Niel Thoreson, Hannah, Clarke Sinclair, Timothy Ehlinger, Jane Howell, Adam Procell, Nicole Wooters, Gwendolyn Lockett, Servant Ventae Parrow Bae, Jennifer Priebe, Amanda Smit, Kyle Ashley, Sharon Redic, Catresa McGhee, Joyce Ellwanger, Joseph Ellwanger, Jackson, Deacon Jim, Jovo Potkonjak, Janice Yenter, Paul Truess, Dashal Young, Crystal Coates, Steve Sand, Sylvester Jackson, Krystina Kohler, Christine Apple, Veronica Stanton, Dionna Clemmons, David Rebey, Michael, John Thomas, Maya Thomas, Natraj Shanker, Pearly, Artis Landon, Lavansa Jackson, Stephen McMillan

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