

**Milwaukee Reentry Council**

Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 pm via Zoom

**Meeting Minutes**

<p><b>01. Welcome</b></p>	<p>Conor Williams called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. First time attendees were encouraged to unmute and introduce themselves. Returning attendees were encouraged to share their name and organization in the chat.</p>
<p><b>02. Presentation: Literacy Services of Wisconsin</b></p>	<p>Charles Bradford of Literacy Services of Wisconsin presented an overview of education programs available through Literacy Services of Wisconsin. Persons interested in learning more are encouraged to reach out to Charles via <a href="#">email</a>. (<a href="#">website</a>)</p>
<p><b>03. Presentation: UW-Madison Division of Extension Milwaukee County</b></p>	<p>Tahnee Aguirre (<a href="#">email</a>) presented information on the UW-Madison Division of Extension Milwaukee County’s financial programs and a Reentry Ready curriculum. The Division of Extension connects people with the University of Wisconsin and engages the communities. The Division of Extension helps individuals learn their rights as tenants and the program is available year-round through its Rent Smart program. Individuals receive a certificate that can be provided to landlords. A Financial Conversations program helps people learn how to manage their money. One-on-one financial coaching is also available for individuals to establish progress toward their financial goals. The recently released Reentry Ready curriculum helps people with financial literacy by learning how to manage bills, read credit reports, save and budget money, and many other resources.</p>
<p><b>04. Job Opportunity: Odyssey Beyond Bars, University of Wisconsin-Madison</b></p>	<p>Pearly Wong (<a href="#">email</a>) provided information on an open “Project Coordinator” position with Odyssey Beyond Bars. Individuals with lived justice system experience are encouraged to apply. The deadline is February 26. (<a href="#">Position Description</a>)</p>
<p><b>05. Job Opportunity: Hiring at the Alma Center</b></p>	<p>The Alma Center is currently recruiting to hire up to 8 positions focused on reentry and trauma healing work. Terri Strodthoff, Executive Director of the Alma Center, shared additional details about each of the positions. People with lived experience are encouraged to apply. (<a href="#">Flyer</a>)</p>
<p><b>06. Presentation and Invitation: Tour of Milwaukee Community Service Corps</b></p>	<p>Craig Sadur organized an invitation to tour the Milwaukee Community Service Corps (<a href="#">website</a>) on Wednesday, March 15 at 2:30 PM. MCSC is located at 9600 W Flagg Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53225. MCSC provides education, skills, and job training opportunities for Milwaukee’s young adults and unemployed/underemployed adults. People need to be enrolled in Food Share. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Craig to confirm attendance. (<a href="#">Email Address</a>)</p>
<p><b>07. Updates on Task Forces and Aligned Initiatives:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Reentry Employment</b> – Advocate Aurora has an upcoming job fair in May and will be doing on the spot interviews.</li> <li>● <b>Home To Stay</b> – The next Home to Stay event is on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 12 – 2 PM at Community Warehouse, 324 W North Ave., Milwaukee – All are welcome. (<a href="#">website</a>)</li> <li>● <b>Milwaukee Reentry Network</b> – Mandy Potapenko shared the MRN had two strategic planning sessions recently and developed new priorities and subcommittees for the year ahead. All revolve around the intersection of reentry and</li> </ul>

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	<p>employment. The next MRN meeting will be held in mid-March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Reentry Housing Task Force</b> – The next meeting is this Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Anybody interested in joining should contact Conor Williams.</li> </ul>
<b>08.</b>	<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p>Conor Williams noted the First Step documentary will be screened on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee and March 7<sup>th</sup> in Madison. The event is free and will include a panel. Partners In Hope is hosting a leadership training March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Just Leadership USA.</p> <p>The NAACP is hosting its first annual event for Black and Brown businesses on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 in Bayshore. The event is free and will be televised and upcoming grants will be discussed by staff from the Office of Tony Evers.</p>
<b>09.</b>	<p><b>Public Comment and Any Other Business</b></p> <p>One participant noted that March is Women’s History Month, and the Department of Labor has a grant available to women.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>One-Word Evaluation in Chat and Adjourn</b></p> <p>Conor Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:19 pm. Attendees were asked to leave a one-word evaluation in the chat. The next CJC Reentry Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, from 2:00-3:30 pm via Zoom.</p>

**February 22, 2023 – Milwaukee Reentry Council Meeting Attendees:**

Conor Williams, Tahnee Aguirre, Charles Bradford, Craig Sadur, Sam Farrington, Jose Cruz, Karen Coy-Romano, Dionna Clemmons, Michael Levandoski, William Lipscomb, Claire Hackett, Ken Ryback, Amy Rivera, Constance Alberts, Stephan McMillan, Bard Meier, Ruben Gaona, Adam Procell, Natraj Shanker, Barb Duffy, Bryan W, Frederick Nelson, Ken Gales, Toni White, Robert Thibault, Dasha Young, Cassandra Robinson, Jenni Sevenich, Christine Apple, Bernadette Anderson, LaToya Bates, Amanda Smit, Mike Exum, Maya Thomas, Joni Theobald, Darryl Jackson, Bank On Greater Milwaukee, Niel Thoreson, Patricia Wilson, Adrena Lockett, Sondaya, Dick Buschmann, Dr. Shawna Whitehead Starks, Chandra Staples for Sequanna Taylor, Grisel Delgado, Shannon, Pearly Wong, Terri Strodthoff

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

**Total Attendees:** 46