

PFR Leadership Team Agenda
Monday, June 1, 2015
Msla Org. of Realtors, 1610 S. 3rd St. West (Upstairs)
4:00 - 5:30

Agenda Items

Review of DOC 2015-2016 Re-Entry Initiative - Handout

Review of 2014-15 Year - Progress Achievements

What PFR has done this year? PFR Accomplishments

Update on current projects:

MIC Social Enterprise/Jobs Group collaboration

Behavioral Health Forum - joint PO/Provider training, support groups, ACA

Primary Reentry Need: Housing

Returning Citizen Housing Status in Missoula

Achievable plans and objectives for 2015-1

Point of contact for Returning Citizens and Missoula Reentry Efforts

How do we engage the community?

Forums

Media

Advocacy with local, state officials

Other Suggestions up for discussion?

Identify Needs to sustain progress:

Volunteer help to manage website content weekly/monthly

Leadership planning topic-focused meetings, forums: Housing, Jobs/Enterprise,

Relationships

Internal/external communication schedule

Next Meeting

PFR Accomplishments April 2014-April 2015

Community Education on Re-Entry Gaps & Barriers

- 250 people attended community meetings in June 2014 and October 2015, including a major address by Director Mike Batista, Department of Corrections on Re-entry Initiative.
- City Council approved a Resolution supporting PFR re-entry efforts in November 2014.
- Website developed, maintained by volunteers: pfrmt.org; 1858 visits in first 3 months.
- Coverage of re-entry issues in the Missoulian, Independent and KPAX.
- Active mailing list of 150 advocates--stakeholders, community volunteers, returning citizens.
- Re-Entry Brochure created for those released from state or county facilities, identifying immediate resources for housing, jobs, food, social services, treatment, and transition support. All county detention center inmates will receive it as well as PFR partner organizations.

Legislative Advocacy

- PFR advocates travelled to Helena to testify on re-entry needs at 2 Law and Justice Interim Committee hearings in 2014.
- PFR Advocates testified before 2015 Legislature House and Senate Committees on housing vouchers, employment, and mental health needs.
- Plans to attend Commission on Criminal Justice Reform (SB224) and Law & Justice Interim Committee public hearings during 2015.

Employment

- Identified and gathered inclusive group of community employment partners aware of and concerned about reintegrating returning citizens with felony records.
- Increased awareness, access to a working list of employers willing to hire those with records
- Missoula Job Service developing sequence of training programs and certificate for those using their services, to help validate prospective employee's motivation, competence, employability.
- Public re-entry presentations 2014-2015 for key employment and business groups: Job Service Employee Council, Society of Human Resource Managers, Sunrise Rotary, Southside Lions Club.
- New social enterprises committed to hiring those with felony records is being formed and launched by Missoula Interfaith Collaborative.

Housing

- The MIC Homeless Advocates Network -- 15 trained advocates drawn from 20 MIC faith communities -- helped 40 individuals and families find stable housing, include a number with felony records.
- Connecting with At-Risk Housing Coalition and Missoula 10-Year Plan as PFR partners.
- County-wide survey of available, affordable housing options completed by 10-Year Plan.
- Several rental companies are in discussions about significant efforts to provide safe, stable housing options for persons recently released from incarceration.
- PFR and MIC are working to develop a private landlord model for immediate "safe, sober" houses for those being released, integrated into local neighborhoods.

Mentoring

- Homeless Advocates Network(Missoula Interfaith Collaborative) established relationships with 40 individuals to assist with housing, employment & reintegration, including 8 released from incarceration.

Integrated Behavioral Health

- First Missoula Forum on mental health and addiction treatment assets, barriers, gaps & community solutions on April 25 at Partnership Health Center. The Forum identified action items to increase access, coordination and training among providers and agencies. 35 participants included providers, agencies, law enforcement, faith community, state & local corrections officials, and returning citizens.
- Connecting with Partnership Health Center ACA navigators to assist with ACA enrollment for those who qualify now, and with Medicaid enrollment in 2016.

Transition Support

- *A Way Home*, the first weekly transition support group for returning citizens, began in January 2015.
- Plans for family support groups, and ways to connect families who have a member in prison with information and resources.