

PFR Leadership Team Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, Mar. 3, 2016, 4:30-6:00

Action Notes

Jana Staton, Co-Chair
 Leadership Team

Present: Landee Holloway, P&PO & PFR co-chair; Jana Staton, PFR co-chair , Darwin Corn, PFR Website Manager; Jen Barile, Missoula Interfaith Collaborative; Robert Howe, Good Neighbors Inc. & Returning Citizen
 Michael Moore, Msla 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness; Shari Rigg, Steppingstone Counseling Ctr.; Steve Zellmer, A Way Home Transition Group; Andre Walker, Returning Citizen; David Wiltfong, Pre-Release, Msla Correctional Services; Brenda Erdelyi, MSOTA; Kathleen Beccari, P&PO Supervisor; Mark Drury, Returning Citizen; Amy Chesebro, Western MT Mental Health Mark Kittelson, P&PO.

Relationship/Mentoring Public Meeting 12-1:00, Tues. Mar. 22, 2016

City Council Chambers, 140 E. Pine, Missoula.

Panel: Jen Barile, Missoula Interfaith Collaborative - role of faith communities

Kathleen Beccari, DOC P&PO - DOC support for relationships & mentoring

Dale Nickerson, Homeless Advocate mentor

John Donald, LAC, LCSW, Western MT Addiction Services - importance of supportive relationship for recovery

Returning citizen to speak to the value of mentoring relationship

Faith Leader- training for congregations to become 'healing communities'

Missoulian will do news story, Community of Faith column on Healing Communities and MCAT will videotape and broadcast, archive meeting.

PFR is following up on February **presentation to Missoula property managers** at monthly luncheon -- several property management companies have expressed more willingness to consider individuals with felony records. We are providing contacts and resources information available from P&PO, Missoula 10-Year Plan, P.A.T.H. to encourage communication, collaboration.

Peer Support Training — Winds of Change has a grant with 2 paid trainee slots for returning citizens who want to become peer recovery support coaches, in order to lead PFR transition groups or provide mentoring. PFR Committee is taking applications from those interested.

COSA- Circle of Support and Accountability, is a new model for helping those with sex offense records reintegrate into the community by training community volunteers as chaperone/mentors (from New Zealand, other

countries). Brenda Erdelyi, MSOTA, is working toward arranging for education, training, to implement in Missoula, other Montana cities.

New monthly PFR Information sessions for returning citizens at Salvation Army Center, led by returning citizen and transition group mentor, with focus on importance of networking and making connections, finding support groups, managing money, reconnecting with local culture, church, organizations, relationship with PO...straight talk about succeeding. and brochures, information for those new to Missoula. Flyer attached.

New Renters class-- HomeWord is creating a class for first-time renters that will be available to returning citizens, with certificate upon completion to give landlords.

April meeting of Law & Justice Interim Committee - PFR will send advocates to the April (11?) meeting to support specific housing initiatives recommended by DOC Re-Entry Task Force for legislative action. We're encouraging other re-entry coalitions to send advocates, especially returning citizens, to testify during public comment.

Handbook for Returning Citizens - David Wiltfong, Pre-Release, is working with Rural Disabilities Institute to revise existing handbook on how to succeed living independently in the community, for use by Pre-Release, PFR.

PFR is seeking more stories from returning citizen about personal experience of gaps, barriers, successes, for Website, DOC use in Re-Entry Report. Stories will go live on new mobile-friendly website, to be up by April.

PFR First Annual Reintegration Award to person who's done most this year to further Reintegration this year -- award later spring; with press release, public announcement.

Medicaid Termination vs. Suspension — big idea from Bozeman Re-Entry Task Force to change state guidelines on Medicaid from termination to suspension. MT now terminates anyone on Medicaid as soon as they are in jail, prison, requiring months to reinstate after release. PFR will need to form a committee of partners including Partnership Health, Behavioral Health providers, Pre-Release, P&PO, to work with Gallatin County, organize support.