

**March 26<sup>th</sup> 2021  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
Meeting Notes**

**Welcome Message**

- Program Manager, of the GEO Lycoming County Reentry Services Center, Michael Boughton welcomed all in attendance to the first meeting of the reestablished Lycoming County Reentry Coalition.
- Lycoming County Reentry Coordinator, Samantha Koch, was introduced.

**Reentry Coalition Past, Present Future**

- Michael Boughton reviewed the previous establishment of the Reentry Coalition and reported on what reentry currently looks like in Lycoming County.
- Guest Speakers discussed reentry currently, and goals for the future—including:
  - President Judge Nancy Butts
  - Adult Probation Office Deputy Chief John Stahl
  - Pre-Release Center Counselor Karey Snook
  - Commissioner Scott Metzger
  - Elizabeth Harvey, community member/successful reentrant

**Review of Original Reentry Coalition 5 Year Strategic Plan**

- Michael Boughton reviewed the mission and vision statements of the Lycoming County Reentry Coalition. He reported on the coalition definition of recidivism.
- Barriers to Reentry were identified. Ms. Harvey discussed barriers she witnessed which included illiteracy and made suggestions for literacy classes. Other barriers discussed were the lack of development of employment soft skills and the stigma of having a criminal background when seeking employment.

**Sub Committees of the Reentry Coalition**

- Previous sub committees were identified, and what newly established sub committees will look like was discussed. Other possible sub committees were also discussed.

**All Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and comment throughout the meeting. All were asked to provide contact information for follow up to questions and correspondence for future meetings. The next meeting is planned for the end of June.**