

Tuesday, June 22nd 2021
12-1:30 PM
2nd Quarter
Meeting Minutes

The 2nd Quarterly Lycoming County Reentry Coalition Meeting was held at the Community Theatre League in Williamsport, PA.

Introductions

- GEO Lycoming County Reentry Program Manager, Michael Boughton introduced himself along with welcoming everyone to the meeting.
- Reentry Coordinator, Samantha Koch was introduced.
- Introductions of everyone in attendance were made with attendees introducing themselves, and explaining their title and the company they are representing.

Review of Lycoming County Reentry Coalition overall goals

- Mr. Boughton reviewed previous session which reestablished the Lycoming County Reentry Coalition.
- The mission statement and vision of the coalition were reviewed.
- Those in attendance, who were members of the previous coalition, reviewed the goals and past sub-committees.
- A question was posed as to whether the coalition aims to serve only reentrants being released from county; or if those on State Parole are eligible to be served.
 - The Lycoming County Reentry Coalition's goal is to assist those reentrants on both county probation and state parole, residing in Lycoming County.

Review of goals for this session

- A discussion was made of the previous sub-committees that were established which included: education, employment, health care, housing, mental health, family/peer support and personal needs, and substance abuse.
- Members discussed additional sub-committees that may be needed which included discussing reentrant needs and how to categorize them into the committees. Some ideas that members brainstormed for additional committees included faith-based/religious community, Veterans, parenting support, legal, law enforcement, transportation, and an awareness sub-committee to educate the community.
- Members discussed the importance of having a chair and co-chair for each sub-committee, and what those roles were entail. Suggestions of when each sub-committee is to meet, were made.
- Each member in attendance had the chance to sign up for a sub-committee, and volunteer to be a chair or co-chair.

Future Sessions

- The Lycoming County Reentry Coalition will continue to meet quarterly
- The coalition is open to suggestions for future hosts and venues for the meetings
- Attendees discussed scheduling guest speakers and having updates from each sub-committee

Marketing for the Lycoming County Reentry Coalition

- The coalition is currently developing a website that will be hosted by Reentry PA.com
 - Updates on meeting notes, future meetings, and special events will be announced on the website
 - A link to the website will be made available on the county webpage
- Attendees discussed the possibility of setting up a booth at First Friday in Williamsport
- Attendees also discussed partnering with the city of Williamsport and Mayor Slaughter for community education
- Dr. Steve Brady announced the pod cast series that the Covation Center hosts; educating the community on reentrants being assets to employers and a suggestion was made to contact those reentrants for possible guest speakers at future meetings