

# Mayor's Commission on Reentry: Minutes

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**Date:** March 21, 2022      **Time:** 1:00-2:00 PM  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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**Present:**

Kristin Barker	John House	John Wade
Gamaliel Torres Coriano	Sabrina Leonard	Waleisha Wilson
Becca Covington	Keith Mitchell	Cathy's iPad
Pat Frey	Stacy Rivera	

Stacy Rivera made motion to approve February minutes. Gamaliel Torres Coriano seconded.

## 1) Housing -

- **Pat Frey** - Although it has not been officially announced, there will soon be a change with some of the local shelters. There will be an opportunity for all of those who are living at the camp on JR Allen and Veterans Parkway to move. Pat reported that everyone who wants to leave that encampment will be able to.

**Kristin Barker** asked what the commission and its members can do to help.

**Pat Frey** – The people moving from the encampment will need access to jobs and will have material needs as they get access to permanent housing. She will share the lists of things needed as people start moving in.

- **Sabrina Leonard** asked what happened with Homeless Resource Network?  
**Kristin Barker** answered that they're working in the background providing some services. However, some of the services they provided are now being provided by other organizations. For example, the storage that they provided is now being provided by Safe House.  
**Pat Frey** added that, effective Dec. 31, Homeless Resource Network is no longer focusing their support on people experiencing homelessness. They are now exclusively helping people who have HIV/AIDS. – If a person is seeking an ID, a copy of their birth certificate, or their social security card, Home for Good is now working with Vote Riders to get those documents. (This is a service that the Homeless Resource Network used to provide.) – The bus passes that Homeless Resource Network used to provide are now being provided by Home for Good.  
**Kristin Barker** – Monica Spencer (a commission member) is your contact for Vote Riders.

## 2) Data Sharing –

**Kristin Barker** –We are focusing on getting data from those individuals immediately prior (90 days) to their release so that we can make sure they have all the resources available as they are being released.

**Stacy Rivera and John Wade** agree that 90 days prior to release is a good number.

**Kristin Barker**

- The first thing we need to do is get the Standard Partner MOU from DCS. We have one from GDC.
- We sent the general MOU for sharing partners from the GDC to Lucy Sheftall in the City Attorney's office but haven't heard back.
  - o Asked if the Sheriff's office has a data sharing MOU or if they would like to use the GDC version.

- **John Wade** – Asked Kristin to send it to him, and he'll have the Sheriff look it over.
    - Asked John House to reach out to the City Attorney to remind them about reviewing the GDC MOU.
  - Wants to meet to determine what data they need to gather.
    - Some of it is public, but some is private.
    - All of the people who were in the original data conversation need to be at the meeting.
    - The meeting was tentatively set for April 13<sup>th</sup> – 3 - 5 PM.

1) **Faith** – Nobody from that subcommittee was present.

## 2) **Employment** –

**Kristin Barker** - A new provider has reached out. They want to look at people from Better Work. They could possibly hire as many as 20 people from the jail, prisons, or transitional center if Better Work can find transportation.

- This company will need around 50 new people per year. Those positions will be offered entry level positions that pay \$16.46/hour and include good benefits. Better Work is waiting to hear their guidelines. They probably can't hire violent offenders.

**Waleisha Wilson** pointed out that having an unregistered gun is recorded as a violent crime even if the person wasn't being violent.

- **Kristin Barker** agreed that there is a lot of muddiness, but we can work from here. This company hasn't been open to hiring formerly incarcerated people, but now they are looking to hire people who are still under supervision. The relationship will build from here.

## 3) **Communication** –

**Gamaliel Torres Coriano** – Christian, the student from CSU, is ready to go and just waiting on material. Talked about doing an Instagram account.

- **Kristin Barker** – Wants to set up a meeting with Gamaliel and Christian to discuss how we are going to get information to Christian so that he can post.
- **Gamaliel Torres Coriano** is going to email Christian about setting up a meeting.
- **Kristin Barker** also asked to include Baki and John Wade.

## 4) **Community Partners**

**Sabrina Leonard** – Has Home for Good set up a donation spot for people who are transitioning into housing?

**Pat Fray** – They accept donations at their office at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church (1100 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue).

**Becca Covington** – The 1st at First community discussion this month is about crime. The Mayor, the Police Chief, and the Sheriff will all be speaking at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Next meeting of the Reentry Commission will be on April 18, 2022.