



**Division of Criminal
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**Enhancing County Re-entry Task Force
Membership and Bi-monthly Meetings**

April 21, 2021

Welcome and Introductions



Learning Objectives



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- ✓ Review county re-entry task force structure and required membership
- ✓ Discuss strategies to boost membership and attendance
- ✓ List required meeting topics and dynamic themes
- ✓ Voice from the Field
 - Chris Owens, Kings County Re-Entry Bureau Director (Ret.)



County Re-Entry Task Force Structure

1. CRTF Coordinator
2. County Co-Chair
3. DOCCS Co-chair



Bi-Monthly Meeting Membership

- County Social Services Commissioner or designee (REQUIRED) - In NYC, Department of Homeless Services and Human Resource Administration;
- County health, mental health, motor vehicles, probation, veterans' services, district attorney's office, court representatives, and/or the county legislature;
- State representatives from Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) Field Office, Adult Career and Continuing Education Services/Vocational Rehabilitation District Offices (ACCES-VR), Office of Mental Health, Economic Development Councils, SUNY Educational Opportunity Centers;
- State Department of Labor's Career Center and County Workforce Investment Boards;
- Direct service providers and community-based organizations (with particular emphasis on those who (a) utilize a cognitive-behavioral approach to treatment services; (b) deliver services which address criminogenic needs; (c) deliver services which address significant stabilization needs; and (d) provide job readiness assistance.);
- Law enforcement officials affiliated with the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative (GIVE), and regional Crime Analysis Centers (CACs), and/or SNUG, if appropriate;
- Individual(s) formerly under DOCCS supervision;
- Victim advocacy organization(s);
- Local housing authority and programs;
- Local research partners, educators and academia;
- Representatives from the business community;
- Health Homes providers; and
- Mentoring and Peer Support services.



Membership and Attendance

- Bring a “Friend”
- Invite County Executive, Legislative and City Council members
- Attend other bi-monthly meetings at neighboring counties
- Advertise on social media, websites and/or flyers
- Follow-up with key invitees



Required Meeting Topics

- Year to date outcomes and achievements
- Barriers or obstacles experienced by CRTF staff or referred services
- Open discussion
- Discuss public outreach events
- Co-Chair Updates



Dynamic and Engaging Meeting Topics

- Testimonials from CRTF Participant
 - Negative/positive
- Hear from DOCCS Staff
 - Housing, Benefits, Medication, Employment
- New Programs
- Themes
- COVID-19 Updates



Bi-Monthly Meeting Tips

- Share the agenda and the snapshot report visually on the screen when discussing those topics
- Utilize the Chat Box, as a “sign-in sheet”
- PowerPoint Slides
- Record Meeting
- Meeting Minutes



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QUESTIONS ?



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