

This Week at Second Chance ...



"A public safety program of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission"

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Second Chance Mission: "To provide a crime prevention strategy for Metropolitan Kansas City through research, advocacy and the funding of programs that improves opportunities for ex-offenders to lead productive lives."

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The Second Chance Program focuses on metro-wide reentry efforts through Research and special projects, Advocacy through our Reentry Coalition, and Fundraising to support local organizations providing direct services to the offender population.

In an effort to keep you more informed on what's happening in the Second Chance community, we will send out this e-newsletter periodically with the latest and greatest news and information!

Thanks for your support of the Second



George Lombardi, Director, Mo. Dept. of Corrections Returns to Kansas City

On April 20, 2009, Mr. Lombardi returned to Kansas City to address the full Crime Commission membership at their monthly luncheon meeting at the Downtown Marriott. Once again, Mr. Lombardi extended his appreciation to the Crime Commission for establishing the Second Chance Program to present a unified community response to the public safety issue of reentry for the metro area. He related that he is convinced we are a model program that has set a leadership example for the rest of the nation. As with Mr. Roger Werholtz, the Secretary of Corrections in Kansas, we look forward to a positive and productive relationship with Mr. Lombardi and his Department.

Chance Program!

Coming Soon

Board Meeting – May 19, 2:30pm, Liberty Memorial (Board members & invitees)

The June Board Meeting will also be held at the Liberty Memorial Conference Room.

- Kansas City Metropolitan Reentry Coalition, Tuesday, May 26th, 3-4PM (open networking 2-3PM) Pioneer Campus of MCC, 2700 E. 18th St, K.C. Mo., Auditorium

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Senate Bill 34 Update

Lora McDonald reports that Senate Bill 34 was voted unanimously out of committee at Jefferson City and will be attached to a Senate Bill to be voted on before this session ends. More to follow.

Health Care Foundation Fully Funds Research

The Greater KC Health Foundation announced it will be fully funding Second Chance's request to fund a UMKC led Gaps Analysis and Feasibility study on reentry for the metro. While Second Chance is constantly researching reentry and connecting our members with important information on trends, analysis, funding opportunities, status reports and other information, this study will be the first of its kind to work with metro area focus groups made up of offenders incarcerated and released, corrections staff from both states, and direct service providing organizations/agencies to identify gaps and to make recommendations. Dr. Alex Holsinger, UMKC Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice will lead the study.

Catholic Charities TurnAround Program Receives State Grant Support

Congratulations to the TurnAround Program are in order. The Missouri Department of Corrections recently announced that TurnAround will receive four \$25,000 grants to expand their services to the Missouri Reentry Process by increasing their mentoring capacity. In addition to the KC probation and parole district offices, TurnAround mentor coordinators will be available to partner with the Liberty, Belton and Independence field offices. They expect to serve 100 clients at each site by the end of August, 2009. Three reentry specialists who are ex-offenders themselves will also be employed to assist with training mentors, role modeling and co-leading monthly meetings between ex-offenders and

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their mentors. Great job TurnAround Program!

It should also be noted that Goodwill Industries received a \$25,000 grant from Mo DOC for their job placement program. Mark Smith, Goodwill Director, chairs the community resource group for the MRP team that meets at the Missouri Probation & Parole office at 1730 Prospect. Great job Mark.

Second Chance Reentry Coalition Leading the Way on Developing Metro Reentry Advocacy Platform

The Crime Commission's Second Chance Program took on the building of a coalition to respond to the need for education/ advocacy, leveraging funds, and other collective issues in a formal, cohesive way. A coalition is a group of persons or parties who come together to respond to a particular need or concern. This unique coalition is creating a bi-state metropolitan wide response to public safety through addressing a multitude of issues related to prisoner reentry. The Crime Commission was aware of the need for cohesion in the area and this has been validated with over 75 organizations and individuals from the community joining the coalition since it's inception in January 2009. For a listing of the Reentry Coalition organizations/agencies see the Second Chance webpage at www.kc-crime.org.

Grants, grants and more grants!

With the Recovery Act leading the way numerous federal grant opportunities are available for organizations providing direct services to the offender population. Second Chance is partnering with several of our Reentry Coalition members to support their applications. For example, Lora has connected Dismas House, Mr. Ladell Flowers, Jackson County Corrections, Laura Scott, COMBAT, Research Development Institute and others together to develop a Health & Human Services Department offender reentry grant. Good luck on

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this application.

We've learned that we will be providing a Letter of Support for the TurnAround Program's Second Chance Mentoring Grant Application. This application looks very interesting as they will also be partnering with Reaching Out From Within (Sue Ellen Fried) and others to make an application that will increase mentoring for offenders on both sides of the state line, including a focus on the offenders returning to zip code 64130.

Here is another one. Coalition members, Greater KC LISC and Wyandotte Serves/Wyandotte Works, are working on a promising offender based job readiness project in KCK. We are looking forward to this project getting going soon too.

Meet the Second Chance Board:



Willard B. Snyder
Member of the Board

Willard B. Snyder entered the U. S. Army as a private in 1967, but rose from within the ranks to attain the rank of Colonel. Active duty service included assignment to the General Staff, Material Command in Germany. His service ended with the Kansas Army National Guard in 1990. His

military honors include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Commendation Medal. He was inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School's Hall of Fame in 1994.

He obtained his undergraduate degree and doctor of jurisprudence from the University of Kansas, and is currently active as an attorney in both Kansas and Missouri. Mr. Snyder has served on a number of boards for local agencies including the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission and the Breidenthal-Snyder Foundation.

Mr. Snyder is married to T. J. Sewell (Capt., USNR ret.) and his son, Rolf, is a law student at the University of Kansas.

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