

Tennessee Community Resource Board
Riverbend Maximum Security Institute
April 21, 2017

Members:

Mario Allen	(P)	Tom Hallquist	(P)
Malinda Davenport Crisp, PhD	(A)	Joan Evrist	(P)
Philip Fairchild	(A)	Rev. Michael Rickenbaker	(P)
J.R. Davis	(P)	Paul Hensley	(P)
Drew Wright	(P)	Lee Ragsdale	(P)
Rep. William Lamberth	(A)	Dametraus L. Jagers	(A)
Vinessa J. Brown	(P)	Jacqueline Clay	(A)
Thurston S. Smith	(P)	Amanda Martinez	(P)
Shaundra Davis	(P)		

Representatives from TDOC:

Deborah Thompson, TPFW, Director of Volunteer Services (P)
Eric Qualls, Director of Reentry (P)
Helen Ford, Parole Board (A)

Guests:

Rev. Brian Darnell Chaplain, RMSI

Prayer

Introductions - TCRB Membership/TDOC

Review and Approve Minutes for Previous Meetings:

Approved October Minutes. At the next meeting we will bring both sets of minutes for approval (January and April meetings).

Resignation: Malinda Davenport Crisp gave her resignation. It was received and she nominated Joan Evrist to replace her as secretary. Michael Rickenbaker seconds the motion. Joan Evrist accepted.

Grand Division Reports:

- East TN Grand Division Reports
 - Take One update
- Middle TN Grand Division Reports
 - Working on bylaws and outside folks to come in and speak.

- Malinda Davenport Crisp @ DeBerry - focus on Take One - kinks in it. A lot of special needs to work with.
 - Working on special programs, but it's difficult to get things done.
 - Very disorganized.
- Mr. Mock invited to speak
 - Mr. Mock expressed how grieved he was about losing his volunteer status and badge in November 2014.
 - The Mocks share their story.
 - Mr. Mock is a veteran working with an inmate who was a veteran. The VA awarded this inmate a good amount of money. He was beat up. Mr. Mock worked to get him into protective custody. He loves prison ministry and was at the prison two times a week. He lost his badge and never understood why. When asked what his understanding is of why he lost his status and badge, he said that it was because he called the parole board to ask why they put off the inmate's parole for a couple of years. He didn't understand what the mistake was.
 - Eric Qualls - contact him or Deborah with any problems.
 - Tom Hallquist - this is a board that is for volunteerism.
 - Best volunteers are retirees that are older, seasoned.
 - Malinda - If there are any grievances by a volunteer can bring it to the TCRB board.
 - Eric Qualls - This is the first time he is hearing of this.
 - Deborah - Recalls a process.
 - J.R. - It's a touchy thing as a volunteer to go over people's heads.
 - Sean Davis - I terminated him. He stepped over several policies and some that he did not share today. It was discovered that he violated the terms of volunteering.
 - Malinda - He needed to be re-trained. Requests a copy of the process policy 101.
- Michael Rickenbaker - We need to make sure Take One training is consistent across the board.
- West TN Grand Division Reports
 - Take One:
 - Mario Allen - There have been challenges with the Take One program and reaching a church representative to talk to. It has also been challenging for Take One mentors to get badged, trained and certified.

- Mr. Qualls - we will make sure that there is a standardized training and mentoring program across the board.
- Paul Hensley -
 - Much of what we've been talking about is in the volunteer certification handbook.
 - We are trying to get resources readily available in West TN area for those coming out of prison so that they are well equipped and their needs are met.
 - We've met with various companies who employ felons. For example, the CCO of Here's Hope Counseling. We obtained a list of their services and they are doing a great job.
- Local Board
 - Have good communication with Chaplain
 - Re-entry collaborative
 - No representatives for the board
- TDOC agreed that the board would be included in communication and informed of TDOC events taking place throughout the state.

LCRB Update:

- Monthly Take One meetings
- All LCRB members should go directly to their Chaplain with any problems with volunteers or policies.

TREC: Statewide TREC meeting April 28 at 10am.

Review and Approval of Bylaws:

- Task force: Malinda Davenport Crisp, Joan Evrist, Michael Rickenbaker, Tom Hallquist.
- The task force met to review the bylaws. The task force reviewed the old bylaws and merged them with the new bylaws.
- Approval contingent on TDOC legal department

Old Business - Updates:

Take One: Deborah Thompson gives update on recruiting efforts.

- April 27, Crosspoint in Nashville
- May 4, Faith Promise Church in Knoxville
- Deborah will send out further information.
- Eric Qualls will make sure that the board is kept informed.

ID Badges for Board: We were supposed to get our pictures and badges made today, but because of policy 11501 the new badge colors need to be approved by

legal department. The new badges will permit the board to go into all TN state prisons.

Community Corrections/Field Services/Re-Entry/Identifying Volunteer Needs: Going to set local boards like TCRB.

Board of Parole: No show.

Other Business:

Trinity Broadcasting Network: TBN is wanting to do a piece on the TN prisons to talk about Take One and volunteers. Any public broadcast or print pieces need to go through the Department of Corrections with TDOC. It will go through the Commissioner.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2017