

## **CJAB – Employment Committee**

**2-16-2022**

**In attendance:** Kelly Carothers (Chair), Tim Breighner (Co-Chair), Barbie Taylor (Prison), Cindy Keeney (Victim Witness), Commissioner Martin, Neil Burkholder (DOS)

**Purpose:** to identify key agencies in the criminal justice system that can capture data/statistics on those in those who are unemployed and develop a baseline.

Identified Brady Rodgers from PA CareerLink (former ACPO) to join our committee who is already working closely with Domestic Relations on a pilot project and the Prison. DRS assists both plaintiff and defendants. Commissioner Martin suggested asking someone from Human Resources be part of the committee.

Kelly shared the established relationship DRS has with CareerLink and new the pilot program. CareerLink provides various funding to assist with barriers for an individual who has completed the required registration and workshop process Careelink representative will be attending every DRS court day and station in the DRS lobby area 1 to 2 times per week as part of pilot program.

Barbie shared the prison is working with CareerLink on an MOU and commented on similar programs provided.

Commissioner Martin suggested we identify those who are skilled and not skilled as that could be a barrier and not aware of all these services and funding available.

Cindy shared that shares specific statistics to the state that is required pertaining to the crime but additional demographics are voluntary. She was interested in learning more about this committee and how it could assist victims who may face unemployment.

Tim identified that DPS asks in an intake if an offender has a DRS case. We discussed statistics could be skewed as an individual could be involved with various agencies.

Neil suggested we keep our scope wide to identify all those within the criminal justice system.

**Outcome:** committee members will reach out to other state agencies to see what they are doing to assist with those unemployed and attempt to bring some statistics with their current agency to evaluate.

**Next meeting:** Tim and I plan to meet on March 7, 2022 and next committee meeting is scheduled for **March 29, 2022.**

**Long term goal: Satellite Office for CareerLink at HSB**

\*Samantha Hoffman will be serving on behalf of Victim Witness

\*Shauna Ventress from CareerLink will be joining and representing CareerLink moving forward. She is also currently involved with the Prison MOU.