

Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizen Affairs

October Meeting Minutes Summary

(2100 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20010)

I. Opening - Call to order by Commission Chair (6:15 PM)

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Delores Amarson (DBH/Commissioner)	Paula Thompson (VSC/Commission)
Wyllette Burlon (DHS)	Brian Ferguson (MORCA)
Amy K. Joper (DOC)	Tony Lewis (CSOSA/Chairman)
Nicole Porter (Commissioner)	Marcus Bullock (Filkshop/Commissioner)
Stenise Sanders (Commission)	Tanisha Murden (Co-Chair/ The W.I.R.E)
Stephanie Franklin (OHR)	Corwin Knight (Commissioner)
Monica Palaco (OHR)	James Berry (CSOSA/Commissioner)
Clarence Johnson (Commissioner)	

III. Quorum Established

IV. Adoption of the minutes of September Meeting

V. Old Business

- 1) Discussed the reentry process for former inmates
- 2) Discussed need for IT Coding professionals
- 3) Discussed the subcommittees (what they look like and responsibilities):
 - a) Employment
 - b) Education and training ,
 - c) Housing,
 - d) Family reunification
 - e) Mental health

VI. New Business

- **Stephanie Franklin and Monica Palaco discussed Criminal Background Screenings and Housing**
 - Introduction of the screening process and its relationship to housing engagements
 - Protection of gender, status, genetics, etc.
- **Round table Commissions discussed impact of Hurricanes Harvey and Maria on DC residents at BOP and absence of resources**
- **Nicole Porter discussed letter draft on the matter of an action plan regarding the prevention of delayed reaction in times of crisis**

VII. Adjournment - adjourn commission meeting (8:00 PM)

- 1) Motion made and passed to propose to the Mayor and City Council action plans to take during natural disaster