

**Tennessee Community Resource Board
Men of Valor Campus, Antioch
July 19, 2024**

TCRB Representatives:

J.R. Davis, Chairman / Middle TN Representative	(A)
Vinessa Brown, Vice Chairman / West TN Representative	(P)
Raeanne Hance, Secretary / East TN Representative	(A)
James Booth, Member / Middle TN Representative	(Z)
Joan Evrist, Member / Middle TN Representative	(Z)
Tom Hallquist, Member / Middle TN Representative	(P)
Robert Sherrill, Member / Middle TN Representative	(A)
Mario Allen, Member / West TN Representative	(Z)
Paul Hensley, Member / West TN Representative	(A)
Rev. Michael Rickenbaker, Member / West TN Representative	(A)
Eric Anderson, Member / East TN Representative	(A)
Tory Campbell, Member / East TN Representative	(A)
Lindsay Holloway, Member / East TN Representative	(P)
Genevieve Turner, Member / East TN Representative	(P)

TDOC Representatives:

Sara Rapp, Re-Entry DOC
Jennifer Boyd, Religious Services DOC, interim for David Dodson

Guests:

Gretchen Wolfe, Leaving the Cocoon
Christie McLean, God Behind Bars
Ron Miller, Higher Love
Chris Southerland, Higher Love
Rob Fraizer, This is Living Ministries, Director of Development
Jill Staliner, Leaning Tree Agency

Call To Order (9:02a.m.) – Vinessa Brown

Welcome & Introductions – Tom Hallquist

- **How organizations can help each other – Tom Hallquist**
 - Ron Miller – Higher Love
 - Gave overview of his background, Timothy's Gift and Higher Love.
 - Chris Southerland – Higher Love
 - Gave overview of her background with DOC.
 - Our role is not to change them but to offer opportunities and programs in a variety of venues
 - What is missing?
 - Leadership, mentorship, change culture of institution.
 - Change must come from within. Inmates must want to change to change culture.
 - Jill Staliner, Leaning Tree Agency – Familiar with judicial system
 - Gave her background

- Wants to connect with organizations to tell story and share music inside
- Rob Frazier, This is Living Ministries
 - Gave his background
 - Transformational leadership – needs effective communication
- Tom Hallquist - Received call from TN Homebuilder. How can they help with returning citizens?
 - Create a committee including Lindsay
- Genevieve – We may be a step ahead.
 - What programs are already established? Go in asking where need is, not what we can do.
 - We need to know times and spaces available so organizations can plan.
 - Who is motivated and can do the work. Who will show up?
 - Are we, as a board, on same page? What can we do?
 - There is no communication, no follow-up, several people doing the same thing.
- Lindsay Holloway
 - We are all called to some ministry and purpose
 - Want to start doing concerts for different ministries to help raise monies to do things in prisons.
 - Where can we fill in a gap? Have parenting classes, trauma healing, leadership programs
- Jennifer Boyd, DOC – Institutions need to be more vocal in needs.
 - Disconnect is reliability and consistency with the volunteers.
 - Know the need to make process improvements.
 - Need more communication with DOC and organizations.
- **501c3 Status**
 - Vinessa – Working on 501c3 status. Needs copy of last forms submitted.
 - Genevieve – Any concern with being a 501c along with being a “board”? TCRB needs to get legal and have creditability.
 - Joan – Do we have to have 501c3? Can we not send donations through churches?
- **TCRB Issues and Concerns**
 - Vinessa
 - What is Commissioners plan? What way do we need to go?
 - Confirm what program the TCRB will support.
 - The board needs to be all on one page.
 - Who is doing Facebook page and website? Lindsay volunteered
 - Need list of all chaplains and wardens and what programs are currently running.
 - Will get copy of by-laws and send to all board members.
 - Bring TDOC to the table after we bring together everything we have and can bring in.
 - Mario
 - Each region must give reports at every meeting.
 - Need to know all that is going on in the regions and what is needed.
 - Tom
 - Who would want to be on a committee to just sit and talk before next meeting?

- What are problems and how to solve them?
- Must prove value to TDOC. “We want to help you. What can we do?”
- Suggested a round table discussion between the TDOC and TCRB.
 - Jennifer Boyd, TDOC, agreed a round table could be held.
- Sarah Rapp, TDOC
 - How does TDOC funnel information to TCRB?
 - Grievances – Who has come before us? Who need to come before us?
- Genevieve – Need longer time period in appeal process.
 - Hayes letter not sent to Commissioner. Did not know this was her action item.
- **ACTION ITEMS**
 - Vinessa
 - Copy of bylaws
 - List of facilities, chaplains, and wardens
 - List of organization & programs currently on-going and space & times available from facilities
 - List of who is on each LCRB
 - Hayes letter to Commissioner – Who will send?
 - Need TDOC policy for volunteers and mentors
- **NEXT MEETING**
 - Will be a mandatory, in-person, meeting
 - Members only
 - Review bylaws together
 - Discuss who handles the different responsibilities
 - Get on 1 page all together

Vinessa to send out date of next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned (11:47p.m.) – Vinessa Brown