

REENTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MEETING

NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE REENTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Reentry Advisory Council and Workforce Development meeting will be held Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 9:30 A.M., at the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, **Conference Room A**, located at 504 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in accordance with the following schedule.

| REENTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2012/2013 | MEETING LOCATION |
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| Thursday, June 28, 2012 9:30 am | Department of Public Safety & Corrections 504 Mayflower Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Thursday, September 13, 2012 9:30 am | Department of Public Safety & Corrections 504 Mayflower Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Thursday, December 6, 2012 9:30 am | Department of Public Safety & Corrections 504 Mayflower Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Thursday, March 14, 2013 9:30 am | Department of Public Safety & Corrections 504 Mayflower Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Thursday June 27, 2013 9:30 am | Department of Public Safety & Corrections 504 Mayflower Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Thursday, September 12, 2013 9:30 am | Department of Public Safety & Corrections 504 Mayflower Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Thursday, December 5, 2013 9:30 am | Department of Public Safety & Corrections 504 Mayflower Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana |

* Generally meetings begin at 9:30 and end at Noon.

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- **Mentioned/acknowledge new members.** Provide opportunity to make brief remark about their position/office experience.
 - **Summarize brief history of the Council** – Movement from a workforce development to reentry advisory council. Beginning in 2008 amendments in 2010. Legislature setting specific goals as outlined in the minutes of March 28, 2012.
 - **Remarks** – Corrections as with all our state agencies continue to face challenges as it relates to budget. Just no where else to cut and the unfortunate solution is closure of prisons. Currently we are set to close FWCC and JLDCC. Affects the lives of many of our hardworking dedicated staff. Regardless of closures offenders are still being released back into society every day. We have lost some programs at our institution, however; we continue to provide rehabilitative opportunities with the goal of improving the likelihood of successful reentry.
 - **Legislation** - Reentry Court expansion HB 521 – non violent and no sex offender opportunity. HB- 295 Felony convictions effects on trade, occupational, and professional licensing.
 - **Reentry Strategic Plan Update** (Cressey & Scharaf
 - **Coordination of Reentry Advisory Council with Sentencing Commission**
Reentry and Evidence-based practices committee
 - Transitional Work Program
 - Educational
 - Substance Abuse
- Additional committees includes
- Release Mechanisms
 - Information Technology
- Will continue to keep the council advised of Sentencing Commission Committee Meeting .
- **Expiring terms of Advisory Council Members** - Between 10/18/12 and 12/18/12 five current members appointment are set to expire.
 - **Research for possible legislation** (Per Secretary Le Blanc)
 - occupational drivers license
 - Fines/Fees waiver adjustment
 - Employers Incentives/Tax Credits (revisit)