



## **MEETING AGENDA**

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Check-In</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Agenda</b> Anthony Hassan, Director, CIR Margaret Thomas, Collaborative Coordinator, CIR
<b>9:40 am</b>	<b>Announcements and Review of Issues To Be Addressed in Working Groups</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Working Group Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Behavioral Health</li><li>♦ Career Advancement</li><li>♦ Families &amp; Children</li><li>♦ Housing &amp; Homelessness</li><li>♦ Legal &amp; Re-Entry</li></ul>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Review of Working Group Sessions</b>
<b>11:25 am</b>	<b>Administrative Items &amp; Closing Remarks</b> Margaret R. Thomas
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Collaborative Meeting Adjourns</b>

**I. Welcome & Agenda**

Anthony Hassan, Director CIR and Margaret Thomas, Community Liaison, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Discussed the focus group and survey process and status and progress on Deloitte's involvement.

Provided the working group Co-Chairs mini questionnaires.

Announcements made regarding upcoming events and projects to include: Housing Authority Response Letter.

Kate Horner and Anthony Pike from IAVA spoke and introduced their new RRRP program launching in LA.

**II. Working Group Breakout Sessions**

The working groups then met for one hour. The working groups that convened were:

- **Behavioral Health**
- **Career Advancement**
- **Families & Children**
- **Housing & Homelessness**
- **Legal & Re-Entry**

**III. Working Group Session Summaries**

All attendees then re-convened to review the discussions from each working group. Groups were asked to think about what information from such a survey would help them the most.

**a. Behavioral Health Working Group**

Discussed in detail Evidence Based Practice and how to make better, more successful referrals. Also discussed how to find better referral resources.

**b. Career Advancement Working Group**

Broke into 2 sub-groups again to be able to further discuss issues. Discussed mitigation and gaining greater employer support. Also looking to promote speakers to group.

**c. Families & Children Working Group**

Discussed Philip Browning's (DCFS) military youth in foster care. Also DCFS found out that it has 67 veterans working for it.

Trying to figure out better ways to identify military children in schools. Finding that the 0-5 age group is not being identified. There is an increased energy to focus on this group especially with the folks at First 5 LA.

April was the Month of the Military Child. OC is improving with identifying military children in their schools.

**d. Housing & Homelessness Working Group**

Will respond to the Housing Authority's response. State Bill is doing well and progressing nicely. Also discussed status and availability of HUD -VASH Vouchers.

**e. Legal & Re-Entry Working Group**

Tony Herrera with Goodwill joined the group today to discuss further progress with meeting with Judge Wesley. Minor misdemeanor tickets are causing barriers to veterans getting jobs and passing background checks. Meeting is progressing nicely and should have information from the meeting at next month's LAVC meeting. Also continuing to work on the VA Claims process and timeline.

**IV. Administrative Details**

**a. Upcoming Collaborative Meetings**

The Collaborative meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The three upcoming meetings are as follows:

- June 12, 2013
- July 10, 2013
- September 11, 2013

**b. Closing Remarks**

Margaret Thomas thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone again about the survey and to pass along any information and ideas to CIR.

**c. Collaborative Mailing List**

To join the Collaborative's mailing list, or any of the working group mailing lists, please contact Margaret Thomas at [Margaret.thomas@usc.edu](mailto:Margaret.thomas@usc.edu)

**V. Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2013**

9:30 - 11:30 am

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