

# THE COLLABORATIVE ON REENTRY

## EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

### AGENDA

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Federal Reserve Bank, 230 S. La Salle, Illinois Rooms I-III - 3rd Floor

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- 8:30 – 9:00     **Registration/Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:10     **Welcome and Overview**  
Theodore Chung, General Counsel – Office of the Governor
- 9:10 – 9:15     **Purpose of Today’s Meeting**  
Roxanne Ward, Vice President and Corporate Liaison – Ariel Investments
- 9:15 – 9:45     **New Leadership – Illinois Department of Corrections**  
Director Michael P. Randle – Illinois Department of Corrections
- 9:45 – 10:45   **Panel Discussion: Education Efforts**  
Moderator: Michael Elliott  
Executive Director – Dept. of Human and Community Renewal, Roosevelt University  
  
Wilder Kendric Berry, Senior Paralegal – Winston and Strawn Law Firm  
Brian Durham, Senior Director of Academic Affairs & CTE – Illinois Community Colleges Board  
Roberta Fewes, Deputy Director of Programs and Support Services – Illinois Dept. of Corrections  
Anne Irving, Director of Public Policy – AFSCME Council 31  
Terrie Mc Dermott, Executive Director – Cook County Sheriff’s Dept. of Women’s Justice Services
- 10:45 – 11:00   **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00   **Panel Discussion: Employment Efforts**  
Moderator: Veronica Ballard  
Vice President, Public Policy and External Relations – Safer Foundation  
  
Sheryl Abel, President / CEO – H.O.P.E Inc. of the Midwest  
Chris Mendoza, Project Coordinator – City of Chicago, Dept. of Family and Support Services  
Jennifer Philips, Senior Program Officer – Joyce Foundation  
Julio Rodriguez, Director of Program Services, Bureau of Workforce – IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Patricia Rusoff, Manager of the Reentry Employment Service Program – IL Dept. of Employment Security
- 12:00 – 1:00    **Updates/Lunch/Networking**
- Reentry Services Website**  
John Fallon, Program Manager – Reentry – Corporation for Supportive Housing
- “Another Chance” Cook County Jail Reentry Resource Guide**  
Rebecca Janowitz, Director of Reentry Policy - Cook County Sheriff’s Office
- Instructions for Break-Out Sessions**  
Paula Wolff, Senior Executive – Chicago Metropolis 2020

1:00 – 2:45

**Break Out Sessions**

**Access to In-Prison Education Programming** (Illinois Room IV)

Moderator: Ellen Meyers – Office of the Illinois Secretary of State

**Restoration of Post Secondary Correctional Education** (Wisconsin)

Moderator: David Disabato – Dept. of Human and Community Renewal, Roosevelt University

**Promoting Employment for People with Criminal Records and Eliminating Barriers** (Iowa)

Moderator: Liz Bomgaars – Chicago Jobs Council

**Engaging the Business Community as Partners in Reentry** (Illinois Room V)

Moderator: Ron Tonn – North Lawndale Employment Network

2:45 – 3:00

**Break**

3:00 – 4:00

**Group Reports and Discussion**

4:00

**Closing/Adjournment**