



## South Central Georgia Homeless Task Force

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
221 S. ASHLEY STREET  
VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

**Next Meeting:**  
**April 24, 2019**  
**1 PM**  
**GA DEPT. OF LABOR**

WELCOME: Kelley Saxon facilitated today's meeting

1. Kelley Saxon delivered a formal welcome to all attendees.
2. Spotlight: GA Department of Community Supervision (DCS) employs evidence-based practices to hold offenders accountable and reduce the state's recidivism rate. Kelley spoke about the department's approach to providing services to individuals released from prison. The new approach involves the officer, offender, family, and community. For the state of Georgia Prisoner Reentry: the high mark goal was to reduce recidivism by 15%. The outcome was 14% which was considered a very impactful reduction. Kelley discussed Reentry Partnership Housing letter of intent due date March 31 email was previously sent for the program.
3. Coordinated Entry Update- The lead agency will be 90 works.
4. By-Laws- Revision completed at the meeting. Updated copy with revisions will be provided at the next meeting.
5. Community Updates: The local school systems continue to face the obstacles of homelessness among their students and families. Some of the needs are food, clothing and permanent housing. The taskforce examine to see what resources may be provided to assist with needs.
6. Upcoming Events:
  - A. 03/30/19- L.A.M.P- will provide free haircuts from 10am to 12pm.
  - B. The Haven has three upcoming events including the Clothes Line Project for Sexual Assault Awareness; 04/03/19- a fundraiser at Mellow Mushroom; 04/11/19- event at the Cotton Corner at 6pm. For more information please contact Karen Yawn at (229) 244-4477 or email her at [kyawn@valdostahaven.org](mailto:kyawn@valdostahaven.org)
  - C. 04/05/19- Creative Employment Job Fair from 10am-1pm at the Dept. of Labor in Valdosta.
  - D. Living Bridges Ministry will host their Spring/Summer Clothing Exchange on Saturday, 04/06/19, from 9am-12:30 pm at Park United Methodist Church, Children's Building (behind Carson McLane Funeral Home)- 100 E. Park Avenue. For more information contact Darcy Gunter at (229) 234-7427 or email at [darcy@livingbridgesministry.org](mailto:darcy@livingbridgesministry.org)
  - E. 04/20/19- Project Rescue will host an Easter Brunch from 11am-3pm at the Olympic Park near Lowndes Co. DFCS. Contact person is Alonzo Atkins at (229) 415-5866 or email him at [alonzoatkins122@gmail.com](mailto:alonzoatkins122@gmail.com)
  - F. 04/27/19-Division of Child Support Services is hosting a Fatherhood Celebration from 10am-2pm at Wiregrass Technical College. Contact person is Leslie Dixon-Shine (229) 245- 2449 or email at [Leslie.DixonShine@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:Leslie.DixonShine@dhs.ga.gov)
  - G. Please remember to Mike Canard with VA HCHV is available to meet with veterans every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 10:30am-11:30am at the Dept. of Labor. He at the L.A.M.P homeless shelter during the same days from 12:30pm-1:30pm. So far he has been able to partner with Good Cause. Thankful this collaborative effort has been a result from the homeless task force.
  - H. 06/17-06/19/19-Annual Path Conference. Contact person: Daniel Donathan or Annette Davis.
  - I. Please review the attached email in reference to upcoming training from DCA about homelessness.

Meeting Notes Prepared by:

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