

# March 2019 Report. C.F. EXPO K/R

## Summary

It does indeed sound like Kenosha will get a different sort of ReEntry option in connection with the group Partners in Hope from Milwaukee. Their Community Partners warehouse and retail store is an actionable step the DA Graveley and KUC seems to really want to support. I agree, it's a powerful way to create a space for real mentoring to take place as we all lift up individuals who need community support, peer models and jobs. Marge being able to attend the KUC meetings as a ROC/EXPO representative is a big help, and chance to give and receive to continued process. The Weeklong training planning is coming along, though we are still in search of a moderator to help us pull it all together. Also, pushing to get as many EXPOs from around the state up to speed on training hours accomplished, self included, so that we can have a powerful a showing as possible for EXPO's first training along side the national training track. Plan to invite atleast two people from WI voices to come to a ROC (K) meeting to speak about voting, as well as how census plays a part in how communities get resources, and how more people of color must play a bigger role in how we get out the census message and get out the vote.

## Regional and State

Spoke at an Event in Waupun, WI, at the Laird Museum. Told my story and answered questions about why "red" and "blue" aren't nearly as important the issues that we all want to see addressed. That we were at ground zero (Waupun Area) for incarceration in Wisconsin, but that me even bringing up the fact that WI state has gross racial disparities in incarceration seemed to make most in the room uncomfortable.

Took part in a presentation in Menomonee, WI, and the Menomonee Public Library. I, and another EXPO member from the area, spoke about our personal experiences with the criminal justice system, drug histories and second chances. Also spoke about how urban, suburban and rural issues are more aligned than what is normally talked about.

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Meeting with Anne Rasmussen, who is the new Public Services Area Manager of the Branch Libraries for Milwaukee. Anne and I are acquainted from here doing work at the Kenosha Library and her continued activism locally. Strategized around how and what role(s) could one reasonably ask of the library in our work, as well a role in the coming weeklong training @ Parkside.

## **Reflection and Monthly Insights**

The JDAI – Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative- of Racine Co. had its first Regional Youth Justice Advisory Committee meeting. (Will attach PowerPoint handout)

The ACLU partnership with EXPO continues to get stronger, as we support each others action issues and events. The workshop held in Milw. in preparation for Mad. Action Day was heavily attended and supported by EXPOs.

The campaigns TAD and CLOSEmsdf have the treatment-alternatives money in common. Future strategy sessions are needed to discuss how ROC/TAD groups can fit in the CLOSEmsdf conversation as a strategy partner.

Have taken a lot more peer support and crisis phone calls than usual this month!

## **Continued Goals**

1. Start a regular EXPO meeting time and location in Kenosha
2. Recruit and train impacted people (5) and allies (5) around peer support and the community organizer model
3. Have a community event with local, impacted speakers about excessive supervision and how crimeless revocation makes a community less safe
4. Host an ACLU “Know Your Rights” training with a Local partner, i.e. Courageous Conversations
5. Continue to work with KUC to build the official platform to train mentors