



ASAP Committee/Task Force Reporting Document

In order to better utilize the work and information generated by the committees/task forces that report to ASAP, we are asking you to complete this form in conjunction with GOYFF staff. This form will help guide or generate discussion at ASAP meetings.

Reports to ASAP should be no longer than five minutes in order to allow members to raise questions and participate in discussion following the presentation. For consistency among committees, if you utilize Power Point, please follow this outline in your presentation.

Committee/TASK FORCE: Arizona Recidivism Reduction Work Group (RR Work Group)

Name of Chairs:

- Mike Mitchell (MCAO)

Name of Partners:

- Sam Burba, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
- Charles Ryan, Arizona Department of Corrections
- Kathy Waters, Adult Probation Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts
- Toby Zavala, Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners
- Maureen Curley, Control Technology Solutions
- Kathy Grimes, Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition
- Kelli York, Paradise Valley Counseling & Consultation
- Mark Hendershot, TASC Solutions
- Larry LaVeque, Business Community Representative

Date(s) of Committee/Task Force meetings since last ASAP meeting [since last report to ASAP]

The Recidivism Reduction Work Group has meetings at 3:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every other month at the Governor's Office. Since the ASAP meeting August 31, 2017, the Work Group met on September 20, 2017, and voted to begin meeting every other month. The Work Group was scheduled to meet on November 15, 2017, and January 17, 2018, but unfortunately those meetings were cancelled due to lack of a quorum, so progress updates were provided by email in those months.

Status updates on committee goals or work elements (Provide bulleted responses.)

- The RR Work Group has two goals:
 - 1) to serve as a steering committee for the ADOC Recidivism Reduction Grant from DOJ/BJA; and
 - 2) to develop a statewide substance abuse strategy to reduce substance abuse offenses.

- All grant reports have been timely submitted to DOJ BJA, and BJA granted a 6 month no cost extension for the first year due to first year progress and the delayed receipt of initial funds.
- As previously reported, grant money has been used to provide motivational interview training to corrections officers, and to hire researchers at ASU to identify and organize county coalitions.
- ADC has proposed 4 Motivational Interviewing Training sessions during 2018 to achieve the goal of training 275 additional corrections officers.
- For corrections officers already trained in motivational interviewing, ADC is developing a plan to also train them in Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS).
- ASU used grant money to develop web-based system for tracking community coalition development and reporting progress on community goals. Training is scheduled for this quarter.
- ASU and ADC had initial community coalitions meetings with prospective participants in Pinal, Maricopa, Maricopa (East Valley), Navajo, Coconino, and Gila River.

What barriers or challenges have you faced in meeting goals or outcomes? Be specific.

- Quorum. The current Work Group has 10 members, which requires 6 members for a quorum. The Work Group cancelled meetings in November and January because it was one member short of a quorum. Reducing the Work Group to 7 or 8 members would require only 5 members for a quorum, and should resolve the problem.

Identify next steps in the implementation of your plan.

- The Work Group will reduce its size to 7 members in order to resolve the quorum challenges.
- ADC will continue to train corrections officers in motivational interviewing and EPICS.
- ADC and ASU will continue to identify and organize county coalitions.

Identify any specific action you might seek from ASAP (e.g., legislation, funding support, training collaboration or coordination, staff support).

- Any persons or organizations interested in joining a county coalition should contact me or ADC Grant Manager Kerry Hyatt. Coalition members should be active in their communities and have the ability to assist inmates with specific needs, such as substance abuse treatment, transportation, employment, housing, and education.

Please announce any key events or activities for your committee in the next two months.

- The Working Group's next meeting is Wednesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.