Potential Recommendation #23: Develop incentives for businesses and organizations that hire individuals who complete vocation/educational programming while incarcerated.

- Members discussed possibilities of a tax credit and noted that there currently is a federal tax credit available for employers who hire a formerly incarcerated individual.
- The group also discussed identifying areas of the economy that need employees and how Dept. of Commerce could help forecast those areas.

Action items: Chris Poulos and Secretary Sinclair will rewrite potential recommendation #23 to better address/ account for the current (and future) difficult economic times.

The group agreed the following **potential recommendation** was a repeat and agreed to delete it: Continue to provide resources for the Statewide Reentry Council to partner with community organizations which provide reentry services.

Potential Recommendation #24: Establish performance-based criteria for housing providers.

- Members discussed having a presentation on this at a future meeting.
- Members had questions about zoning challenges around housing individuals released from DOC facilities.

Action item: Mac Pevey is willing to provide a local example of zoning challenges at the next working group meeting.

Potential Recommendation #25: Develop incentives for reentry housing providers, which includes opportunities for vacant buildings/units to become safe and affordable reentry housing.

- Members discussed ideas for building housing while incarcerated.

Potential Recommendation #26: Support partnership between the Reentry Council and Department of Commerce to provide assistance and reduce barriers to accessing reentry housing.

- Members expressed interest in the Reentry Council working with Department of Commerce to understand such barriers and identify ways to address them.

Action item: The Facilitation Team will ask contacts at the Department of Commerce that work on Growth Management and Housing to connect with Chris Poulos to discuss the working group's thinking around potential recommendations 25 and 26, including identifying zoning challenges related to housing and individuals getting released out of DOC facilities.

NEXT STEPS & ACTION ITEMS

- **All working group members:** Your facilitation team has updated the potential recommendations document based on your conversations. Please review to ensure that we've accurately captured your discussions and send comments/questions to Maggie.counihan@wsu.edu or sentencing.taskforce.ruckelshaus@wsu.edu. Green highlighted text = working group has finalized and agreed to put the potential recommendation before the full Task Force in September. Yellow highlights = call attention to the actions/information gathering efforts described in the following bullets.
- **Mac and Chris Poulos** will review DOC data related to country of origin and bring the findings back to the working group, including whether those findings suggest that a recommendation is needed; if so, they will draft language for that potential recommendation.
- **Secretary Sinclair will ask Danielle Armbruster** to present on current DOC programming at the next working group meeting.

- **All working group members** will review DOC documentation on current programs (see attachments).
- **Chris Poulos and Secretary Sinclair** will rewrite potential recommendation #23 to better address/ account for the current (and future) difficult economic times
- **Mac Pevey** is willing to provide a local example of zoning challenges at the next working group meeting.
- The **Facilitation Team** will ask contacts at the Department of Commerce that work on Growth Management and Housing to connect with **Chris Poulos** to discuss the working group's thinking around potential recommendations 25 and 26, including identifying zoning challenges related to housing and individuals getting released out of DOC facilities.

REMINDER: contact the Facilitation Team if members have any suggestions!