



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice

Roy Cooper, Governor  
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Timothy D. Moose, Chief Deputy Secretary

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

**FROM:** Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary  
Timothy D. Moose, Chief Deputy Secretary

**RE:** State Reentry Council Collaborative (SRCC) Annual Report

**DATE:** December 1, 2021

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143B-604(c), *beginning November 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the SRCC shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.*

**Please find the 2021 State Reentry Council Collaborative annual report attached.**

## 2021 State Reentry Council Collaborative Legislative Report November 2021

To create the State Reentry Council Collaborative (SRCC), in November 2017, the Secretary of DPS directed staff to complete the following tasks:

1. Develop a membership list for the SRCC as outlined in Section 16C.10 of Session Law 2017-57, Part 1 of Article 13 of 143B of the General Statutes to include those required members and other stakeholders as deemed appropriate by the Secretary.
2. Convene an initial meeting of the SRCC.
3. Develop a list of potential State Reentry Council Collaborative workgroups, identify participants, and gather contact information, areas of interest, and those interested in leadership roles.
4. Discuss the needs of formerly incarcerated individuals and identify the methods to strengthen local reentry councils.

The SRCC then established ten workgroups to make recommendations on how North Carolina citizens, governmental entities, advocacy groups, law enforcement, the judicial system, and faith communities can collaboratively address reentry in our state. The document linked [here](#) represents the culmination of the SRCC's work to date, including its final recommendations. At the end of 2018, the SRCC presented these final recommendations to the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA). At that point, the ten-workgroup structure dissolved into four implementation teams: Legislative, Executive, Communications/Awareness, and Local/Community. All the SRCC principal members and workgroup members had the option to join one of these implementation teams (or none at all). These teams each continue to meet regularly separately from the SRCC quarterly meetings to address SRCC recommendations related to that area:

**The Legislative Team** reviews the recommendations that require legislation, and prioritizes and develops strategies for getting legislation passed.

**The Executive Team** prioritizes and implement the recommendations that can be executed by Gubernatorial action, or one or more state agencies.

**The Communications and Awareness Team** implements recommendations involving better communication, data sharing, cultural sensitivity, and other issues within and between the entities that make up the SRCC.

**The Local/Community Team** works with LRCs to support their work, and also works closely with the Communications/Awareness Implementation Team on related recommendations.

## Implementation Team Status Updates: Legislative Team

The SRCC has four Legislative recommendations that are complete, five that are in progress, and ten that have not been started. The following SRCC legislative recommendations are complete:

1. Automatically convert adult criminal convictions at ages 16 and 17 to juvenile status (SB 562/SL 2020-35).
2. Amend expunction and certificate of relief statutes to allow greater access to relief, including:
  - a. GS §15A-145.5 (Expunction of certain misdemeanors and felonies; no age limitation) to exclude up to three Class 2 misdemeanors and all Class 3 misdemeanors as disqualifying convictions (SB 562/SL 2020-35).
  - b. GS §15A-146 (Expunction of records when charges are dismissed or there are findings of not guilty) to provide for automatic expunction of dismissed charges and not guilty dispositions (SB 562/SL 2020-35).
3. Enact a statute that requires all licensing boards to remove subjective terms, such as “good moral character” and “moral turpitude”, as a licensing or certification requirement (HB 770/SL 2019-91).
4. Repeal the prohibition on the offering of Associate of Arts, Associate of Sciences, and Associate of General Education degrees and repeal the contact hour reporting requirement in corrections facilities (HB 463/SL 2020-54).

The following Legislative recommendations are in progress. The SRCC Legislative Team proposes that the first three be prioritized for the 2022 short session.

1. Recommendation: Amend G.S. § 20-28(a) to make retroactive the amendments of Session Law 2015-186 eliminating permanent suspensions for three or more convictions of driving while license revoked-not impaired revocation.

Update: This was part of a broad recommendation to facilitate restoring driver’s licenses to incarcerated individuals prior to release and maintaining licensure during post-release supervision. The NC Justice Center had been pushing a bill containing this recommendation, S490, sponsored by Sens. Hise, Britt, and Mohammed. The bill passed the Senate unanimously in May 2021. Last action on the bill was on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, when it was re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. We are hoping to build off this prior momentum and continue amplifying this issue during the short session.

2. Recommendation: Amend statutes to better protect people from being charged for removal of mugshot information.

Update: People who have been incarcerated, as well as people who have been arrested, frequently face exploitation by companies such as the Slammer, Mugshots.com, UnpublishArrest.com, and UnpublishingPartners.com. These companies seek to make money by

broadcasting a person's previous involvement with the criminal justice system. After passing the Senate by an overwhelming 47-1 vote in April 2021, [S660](#), was referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, and hasn't progressed further. This bill, sponsored by Sens. Lazzara , Britt, and Nickel, would stop booking photographs from being public records and would limit the ways in which law enforcement agencies could provide these booking photographs. We want to continue pushing these changes during the short session.

3. Recommendation: GS §15A-173.1 (Certificate of Relief) to eliminate the 12-month waiting period after a sentence is completed for eligible persons.

Update: The 12-month waiting period piece of this recommendation has not been addressed yet, but Sens. Britt, Batch, and Lazzara sponsored [S667](#), which would allow a person to go to one county and submit a petition for a Certificate of Relief for all counties, thereby making access to CORs easier. On April 8th, 2021, this bill was referred to the committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, but was never heard in committee.

4. Create statutory standards for a global, tiered approach to disposition of minor matters for persons incarcerated.<sup>1</sup>
5. Amend several provisions of Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, including:
  - a. G.S. § 20-24.1(a)(2) to require a pre-deprivation hearing to determine if a defendant is able to pay before suspending the defendant's license for failure to pay.
  - b. G.S. § 20-24.1(b) to provide for automatic restoration of a driver's license after a 12-month suspension period<sup>2</sup>
  - c. GS § 20-26(b) to provide free certified driving records to nonprofit legal services providers
  - d. various provisions to allow hearings on permanent suspensions to occur in the county of incarceration.

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<sup>1</sup> At times, individuals who are incarcerated for a conviction in one county complete their sentence with criminal matters still pending in other counties. If the person completes an active sentence and returns to his or her community without resolving these matters, he or she will inevitably be rearrested for that minor offense or failure to comply that did not get handled while the person was in prison, and the cycle of incarceration continues.

<sup>2</sup> License to Work ([S 490/H 570](#)) passed from the Senate to the House on May 11th and is now in the Rules Committee. This bill would require the DMV to restore a license 12 months after the effective date of revocation for either failing to appear at trial or a hearing or to pay court-ordered fines, penalties or other court costs for motor vehicle offenses.

**The following Legislative Recommendations have not been started.**

***Funding***

1. Appropriate new funding to hire a housing support specialist and a peer support counselor in each of the state's 17 local reentry councils (LRCs), plus 3 months of reentry rental assistance for returning citizens at all 17 LRCs.<sup>3</sup>
2. Appropriate \$140,000 for a pilot program creating two full-time Reentry Education Navigator positions at two different community colleges entirely dedicated to the needs of justice-involved students.
3. Expand the Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) program to additional sites within North Carolina. The NC FIT Program utilizes specially trained community health workers (CHWs) with a personal history of incarceration, (i.e., peer support workers) to establish rapport and trust while linking persons recently released from prison to health services.
4. Allocate \$25,000 for the development of online professional development modules for faculty and staff across the state who serve individuals with criminal records. These professional development modules would be made available to all agencies and educational institutions who serve this population including community colleges, LRCs, universities, and workforce development agencies.
5. Establish a pilot voucher system to fund transportation expenses of people on post-release supervision based on need and at the discretion of post-release supervision officers.<sup>4</sup>
6. Define transitional housing more clearly, establish a special designation of supportive group housing for returning citizens, and provide funding to local reentry councils designated for transitional housing.
7. Provide funding to nonprofit legal services providers to resolve indefinite driver's license suspensions under G.S. § 20-24.1

***Policy***

8. Pass and implement a law promoting alternatives to incarceration for people who are caregivers giving judges the discretion to sentence mothers who are primary caretakers of their children to alternative programs instead of incarceration within county jails or state prison facilities.
9. Repeal the prohibition of the utilization of state funds for community college training in local jails and reinstate the inmate waiver.

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<sup>3</sup> The LRCs include Buncombe, Craven/Pamlico, Durham, Hoke, Robeson, Mecklenburg, McDowell, Nash/Edgecombe, New Hanover, Scotland, Pitt, Cumberland, Forsyth, Wake, Wilson, Guilford, and Orange.

<sup>4</sup> The number of people currently on post-release supervision in NC is 11,866 as of June 30, 2020.

10. Toll the statute of limitations (stop the clock) for child support until the person is released.

## Implementation Team Status Updates: Executive Team

**The SRCC has four Executive recommendations that are complete, eight that are in progress, and four that have not been started. The following SRCC Executive Team recommendations are complete:**

1. Host a state-wide reentry conference.
2. Ensure that individuals leaving prison who are eligible for the Transitions to Community Living Initiative (meaning individuals with disabilities transitioning from adult care homes or state hospitals and citizens who are at risk for institutionalization) are able to access these services, so that they can have supportive services in the community rather than in institutional settings, per the 1999 [Olmstead Supreme Court decision](#).
3. Change language within NCDPS to language that does not dehumanize people under DPS correctional control, using “person-first” language such as “incarcerated people”, whenever possible.
4. Continue to research NCDPS’s current Work Release Program, as well as other states’ work release programs, to identify strategies to increase utilization of the work release program.

**The following Executive Team recommendations are in progress and will continue to be worked on in 2022:**

1. Share data between NCDPS and NCDHHS to:
  - a. Identify people who are incarcerated in North Carolina who have active Medicaid coverage, and redirect those premium payments to Local Management Entity-Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs) to related services and support of those Medicaid-eligible people who have been released from prison in the last 12 months.
  - b. Facilitate the timely re-establishment of Medicaid for eligible individuals upon their release from prison.

Update: Processes have been started for both a and b, but more monitoring is needed to confirm that the process is fully working to get people’s Medicaid reinstated.

2. Expand mobile driver’s license and identification unit services to all 34 minimum custody facilities.

Update: Lack of IDs continues to be one of the earliest and most harmful barriers to successful reentry. For the moment, DMV mobile units are not returning to prisons. Therefore, administrative solutions are being sought whereby DMV offices throughout the state can more quickly start the process of getting formerly incarcerated people IDs by consistently accepting all forms of prison ID and sharing more information with DPS.

3. Make a range of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) options available to those who are incarcerated in reentry facilities with a history of opioid dependence.

Update: The NC Department of Health and Human Services is already moving forward on their Diversion and Reentry services project, which will include a \$15-20 million investment over the next 20-24 months at the county level for pre- and post-arrest diversion, treatment in jails, and re-entry services. The Executive Team will continue monitoring the progress of this project.

4. Distribute Narcan overdose reversal kits to individuals who are about to be released and provide them instruction on the use of these kits.

Update: Contracts have been signed between DHHS and DPS for the distribution of Narcan to individuals on release, but the process is not yet fully operational. The Executive Team will continue monitoring this process.

5. Enlist the aid of SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) specialists to assist people with disabilities who are released from incarceration in their applications for Supplemental Security income (SSI), Social Security Disability (SSDI), and other benefits, including connections to outpatient care and recovery services.

Update: Specialty mental health officers are currently being educated on how SOAR works. The SOAR training is provided on-line for agencies and counties who hire SOAR workers. DHHS hopes to see this expanded further statewide in every county. The 3-year state MOU with DHHS, DPS Community Corrections, NC Administrative Office of the Courts, the North Carolina Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) Network, and ACDP has already been signed.

6. That NCDPS work with DHHS and county DSS offices to develop and improve resources, policies, and procedures to help incarcerated parents and their children maintain their relationships during periods of incarceration.

Update: The Family Reentry Support and Help (FRESH) project is being supported by a 3-year federal grant (10/1/2020 until 9/20/2023). The grant allows NCDPS to perform institutional activities and services for all the designated reentry facilities, including correctional staff training on the role of the family in the reentry process, review of policies and procedures to ensure protection of minor children, and support to create child-friendly visitation spaces. The Executive Team will receive regular updates on the progress of this grant.

7. Create two permanent State Funded Chaplain I positions specifically for the Transitional Aftercare Network (TAN).

Update: Chaplain Jerry Love was hired for this position in summer 2021. We do not yet have a second permanent State Funded Chaplain I position.

8. One recommendation initially assigned to the Executive Team is being worked on by a separate reentry Collaborative tangential to NCDPS, the NC Prison Education Collaborative (NCPEC). This recommendation was to map all educational and vocational programs and services at NC

prisons to enable prison staff, in collaboration with their partners, to plan for individuals during the rehabilitative process appropriately and efficiently. In October 2021, NCDPS and NCPEC submitted a grant proposal to the Laughing Gull Foundation to fund this mapping of services.

**The following Executive Recommendations have not been started:**

1. The SRCC Women and Incarceration workgroup recommends designing a reentry program, similar to the [Bridges to Home model](#), to address the trauma that is unique to women who are reentering society post-incarceration.
2. Provide people who want to volunteer inside facilities with a streamlined, transparent sign-up process on the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) website.
3. Study the possibility of expanding the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver (FPW) program to cover health conditions other than those directly related to family planning to enable some recently released individuals to have health insurance that they would not otherwise be able to obtain.
4. That DMV use its discretion pursuant to GS §20-28(c1) to issue new licenses for people in prison with permanent driver's license suspensions for 3 or more convictions of Driving While License Revoked (DWLR) offenses.

**Implementation Team Status Updates: Communications Team**

**The SRCC has two Communications recommendations that are complete, four that are in progress, and one that is not started. The following SRCC Communications Team recommendations are complete:**

1. The SRCC Education and Vocational Training Workgroup recommends the creation of a network of people who have completed vocational or academic programs while incarcerated. Further, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) should develop supports for the implementation of a Justice Involved Alumni Network to be operated by the local reentry councils (LRCs) of North Carolina.
2. The Advocacy Workgroup recommended that the full SRCC participate in a Phase 1 Racial Equity Institute training in early 2019.

**The following SRCC Communications Team recommendations are in progress and will continue to be worked on in 2022:**

1. This workgroup recommends adding a button to the Offender Family Services page to direct families to reunification and other resources that help incarcerated people have a productive and successful transition back into the community.



Update: The Communications Team produced a general poster for placement in prison waiting areas with resources and questions for discussion when a loved one is about to return home, but it hasn't been finalized or posted online yet.

2. This workgroup recommends creating and distributing a brochure with important conversation topics for families with an incarcerated loved one, as well as information about family reunification services in their geographic area.

Update: The same content within the poster described above will be made into brochure form as well.

3. Educate people involved in the criminal justice system on the legal options available to people with criminal records as they transition back into their communities, including certificates of relief and expungements, waivers of criminal justice debt, and driver's license restoration.

Update: The NC Department of Justice and the NC Justice Center are working on a joint training on certificates of relief that will include CLE credits.

4. To raise awareness and educate the public about reentry efforts in the State of North Carolina, this workgroup recommends the implementation of a Reentry Awareness Campaign. This awareness campaign would include comprehensively engaging broadcast, digital and print media, community advocacy resources, and faith-based communication channels. It would also include leveraging partnerships with reentry involved agencies, organizations, and associations.

Update: The Communications Team developed a one-pager that gives an overview of opportunities for this joint SRCC/Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice (TREC) communication effort. The one-pager outlines the general goal of both campaigns (one is aimed at employers and business owners, and the other towards people leaving prison), and the audiences for each. It is currently being shared with potential funders.

**The following Communications Recommendation has not been started:**

1. Recommend strategies to do targeted outreach to employers about the benefits of certificates of relief as well as the legislation's most recent expansion of applicant eligibility.

**Implementation Team Status Updates: Local Team**

The SRCC Local Team had two recommendations. The first is complete; the second is in progress:

1. The Advocacy Workgroup recommends developing a roster of SRCC members for the 2019 year (the "implementation phase") that is at least 25% people who have been justice-involved.
2. Conduct professional workshops with local reentry councils (LRCs) to raise their awareness of family/child reunification issues as a part of reentry services and support.

The Local team is currently working towards this recommendation by connecting LRCs with DHHS to better disseminate information about programs that foster better relationships between incarcerated parents and their children. For example, in November 2021, several LRCs will host trainings on the Access & Visitation program, a resource that supports and facilitates incarcerated parents' relationships with their children, as well as the Child Support program.

The Local team also collects reentry related events and sends them out to the NC Reentry Database on a weekly basis. This team is also working on bringing in reentry contacts in counties without LRCs to encourage them to participate in the SRCC. Finally, LRCs and other reentry organizations organized over 20 reentry events for Second Chance Month in April 2021, including job fairs, resource fairs, panels celebrating successful formerly incarcerated people, entrepreneurship events, a 5k for reentry, a radio show, and special LRC meetings with additional programming for Second Chance Month. DPS emailed out this list of events and also posted it online.

## Meeting Reports

### a. November 2020

No meeting. See letter from Secretary Eric Hooks (Appendix B).

### b. February 9, 2021

At this meeting, Jasmine McGhee, Special Deputy Attorney General, Public Protection Section at NCDOJ, and Kerwin Pittman, Executive Director of RREPS (Recidivism Reduction Educational Programs Services, Inc.) gave a presentation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Racial Equity in the Criminal Justice System (TREC). We also heard implementation team updates from all four implementation team leads. Finally, Nicole Sullivan, Deputy Secretary for Analysis, Programming, and Policy at NCDPS (formerly Director of Reentry, Programs & Services), gave an ACJJ reentry update.

### c. May 11, 2021

At this meeting, Dr. Cynthia Fraga Rizo, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Rebecca Macy, professor and Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development at the UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work, gave a presentation on their recently completed joint project with NCDPS entitled Human Trafficking and North Carolina Corrections: Identifying and Responding to Victims and Women at Risk. The Executive, Legislative, and Communications Team leads also gave updates on their teams' progress.

### d. August 10, 2021

At this meeting, Jasmine McGhee gave an update on TREC progress. Mercedes Restucha-Klem, Assistant Attorney General at NCDOJ, gave an update on the progress of the Communications Team. We then had four presentations on housing services in North Carolina: a presentation on rapid rehousing in NC by Denise Neunaber, Co-Creator at Redesign Collaborative, a presentation on the Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) program by Laura Hogshead, COO at the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR), a presentation on recent legislative and policy progress in housing by Pamela Atwood, Director of Housing Policy at the NC Housing Coalition, and a presentation on promising national housing models by Thomas Coyne, Senior Policy Analyst in Behavioral Health at the Council of State Governments Justice Center.

**Appendix A**  
**State Reentry Council Collaborative Roster (as of 10/20/21)**

These SRCC Principal Members include both the agencies and community partners deemed necessary to develop and finalize council recommendations. In addition to the SRCC’s principal and implementation team members, there are also many interested individuals who participate in SRCC meetings.

Chris Moore Interagency Coordinator Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs	LaShauna Austria Executive Director Benevolence Farm
Judge Allen Baddour North Carolina Superior Court	Brent Bailey Local Reentry Coordinator Buncombe County
Torre Jessup Commissioner Division of Motor Vehicles	Natalia Botella Policy Advisor Office of the Governor
Angela Coleman Director of Adult Programs StepUp Ministry	Machelle Baker Sanders Secretary Dept. of Commerce
Linda Davis Alpha for Prisons/Kairos Outside	Vacant Reentry Program Coordinator Dept. of Commerce
Rick Glazier Executive Director NC Justice Center	Bessie Elmore Executive Director Straight Talk Support Group
Joyce Jones Reentry Consultant Dept. of Public Safety	Dennis Gaddy Executive Director Community Success Initiative
Jasmine McGhee Special Deputy Attorney General Dept. of Justice	Danny Hampton Local Reentry Coordinator Freedom Life Ministries

<p>Timothy Moose Chief Deputy Secretary Dept. of Public Safety</p>	<p>Todd Ishee Commissioner of Prisons Dept. of Public Safety</p>
<p>Stella Bailey Justice Innovations, Innovation Section Chief Dept. of Health &amp; Human Services</p>	<p>Kody Kinsley Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health &amp; IDD Dept. of Health &amp; Human Services</p>
<p>Frankie Roberts Executive Director LINC</p>	<p>Bernice McPhatter Local Reentry Coordinator Local Reentry Council</p>
<p>Attorney General Josh Stein Dept. of Justice</p>	<p>Dave Nash Chief Operating Officer Asheville Housing Authority</p>
<p>Karen Tikkanen Director for Workforce Continuing Education Training &amp; Standards NC Community College System</p>	<p>Ophelia Ray Executive Director Maggie's Outreach</p>
<p>Thomas Stith III President NC Community College System</p>	<p>William Lassiter Deputy Secretary Dept. of Public Safety</p>
<p>Kristie Puckett Williams Regional Field Organizer, Campaign for Smart Justice ACLU of NC</p>	<p>Nicole Sullivan Deputy Secretary for Analysis, Programming, and Policy Dept. of Public Safety</p>
<p>Judge Andrew Heath Director NC Administrative Office of the Courts</p>	<p>Lucas Vrbsky Veterans Incarcerated Reentry Specialist Veterans Administration</p>
<p>Joseph Kyzer Legislative Liaison NC Administrative Office of the Courts</p>	<p>Kristin Siemek Recruitment Manager NC Office of State Human Resources</p>

## Appendix B



Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

November 10, 2020

Dear SRCC principals and implementation team members:

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to moving the State Reentry Council Collaborative (SRCC) recommendations forward during such a tumultuous and uncertain time.

The SRCC continued to meet throughout 2020. During the February 2020 meeting, four employees from the NC Department of Commerce gave presentations on the agency's reentry work. In May, we started meeting virtually with Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Chief Deputy Secretary Tim Moose and I giving an update on efforts to manage COVID-19 in prisons and throughout the state. Finally, NCDPS hosted a two-day Virtual Reentry Month event in August 2020 with numerous partners, attended by about 285 people. There continues to be progress in many of the programs you saw during the Virtual Reentry Month presentations.

NCDPS Reentry, Programs & Services (RP&S) has continued to provide reentry services during the pandemic at an even higher rate due to the increased number of individuals being released--either early or to serve a portion of their sentence in the community through extending the limits of confinement. NCDPS has continued to work with its partners on a number of projects. Notably, North Carolina was one of only five states to receive a National Institute of Justice grant for a randomized control trial on Pokket technology, an app utilized on tablets, that allows incarcerated people close to release to access personalized reentry planning and programming, which they can continue to use during their period of supervision. RP&S is also partnering with Straight Talk Support Group in Durham to pay for 10 transitional housing beds in Durham for formerly incarcerated people with serious medical and/or mental health conditions. RP&S coordinated a successful process for moving people into this house and coordinates their care upon release. Finally, RP&S recently received a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in partnership with Coastal Horizons focused on family reunification, specifically providing programming for minor children and their incarcerated parents.

Local Reentry Council (LRC) staff are working remotely and staggering in-person visits while practicing social distancing to provide justice involved individuals with the vital services they need to successfully transition to their communities. As you know, providing services such as housing, employment, and transportation is always challenging. Those challenges have been exacerbated this year. However, through the strong LRC partnerships and creativity, the delivery of services continues to be provided within reasonable timeframes. The LRCs are utilizing their websites, conducting virtual training sessions, and strengthening their partnerships with Prisons

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and Community Corrections field personnel to continue connecting with justice involved individuals in need of transition assistance. We have increased the number of independent councils, specifically Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, and Wilson county are no longer part of multi-county LRCs.

The SRCC Implementation Teams have continued meeting throughout this year. Since the Legislative Team started meeting, this team has helped pass several important bills that included SRCC recommendations, including [HB 770](#), [HB 463](#), and [SB 562](#) (also known as the Second Chance Act). The Executive Team continues to work on implementing SRCC recommendations that can be accomplished with executive action by one or more state agencies, including better information-sharing and communication, cross-agency collaboration, and finding funding for prioritized programs. The Communications Team continues to raise awareness and educate the public about reentry efforts through its work on educational materials, a logo, a video, and a website. Finally, the Local Team is working with an external consultant to identify reentry contacts in all 100 counties and strategies to strengthen and support local reentry efforts.

The SRCC steering committee and the implementation teams are currently looking at which recommendations are most feasible for 2021 and planning how we will move those forward. While that process continues, we decided not to have our full SRCC meeting scheduled for November 10, given broader uncertainties and how thinly stretched everyone's time and resources are right now. We will continue our quarterly virtual meetings during at least the beginning of 2021, and will transition to meeting in person only when it is completely safe to do so. As of now, **the 2021 meeting dates are February 9, May 11, August 10, and November 9.**

We offer our heartfelt thanks to all this year's SRCC principal and implementation team members, and will announce any changes in SRCC membership in early 2021.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Erik A. Hooks  
Secretary/Chair