

Philadelphia Reentry Coalition's Survey of Nominees – 2021

Name: Michael McKee

Organization: Broad Street Ministry

Position in Organization: Director of Restorative Services

How long have you been involved in the Coalition?: +4 years

Describe any relevant personal or professional experience that makes you well-qualified to serve on the Steering Committee and carry out the mission of the Reentry Coalition.

Track record of volunteer efforts supporting incarcerated individuals and organizing in opposition to mass incarceration since 1997. After working in California and Maryland on a campaign supporting incarcerated military resisters, returned to Philadelphia and established in-house case management program at Broad Street Ministry in 2015. Responding to data that 60% of service users self-reported a history of incarceration or conviction, established a dedicated reentry services program at the same organization in 2017, securing more than \$690,000 in foundational grants to sustain the program throughout its first five years. Served on the City of Philadelphia's "100 Days Challenge" to successfully reduce chronic homelessness. Launched and managed the Welcome Home Hotline in 2020 in collaboration with the Office of Reentry Partnerships. Organizational member of the Coalition since 2015.

Please describe your involvement in the Coalition (subcommittees, meeting attendance, project participation, etc)

Attended general and quarterly meetings, as well as regular meetings of the employment subcommittee. Hosted quarterly meetings and special events organized in collaboration with the Coalition. Supported efforts in developing the Covid Centralized Reentry Information Database.

Why are you running for a spot on PRC's Steering Committee?

I'm excited about the continued process of investing Coalition steering in the hands of stakeholders, especially in including and amplifying the voices and experiences of those directly impacted by incarceration. I see this role as formalizing BSM's commitment to the PRC and to model the opportunity for shared impact to other providers. I also believe nonprofits such as BSM have a responsibility to lend resources towards collaborative work magnifying community voices and to share our time and talents beyond the conventional nonprofit complex.

Do you have any specific goals in mind that you'd like the Coalition to accomplish?

I am curious about the potential for the PRC (or some member orgs) to serve as a bridge connecting organic community leaders (individuals, organizations, coalitions) with less access to government and foundational funding sources. I'm also interested in expanding opportunities for the Reentry Think Tank and similar groups centering the voices and expertise of formerly incarcerated individuals.

