

Important Role of Faith & Community Based Organizations Highlighted at the 3rd Convening of the Federal Reentry Council Meeting

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I was pleased to represent the White House Office of Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships at the 3rd meeting of the Federal Reentry Council convened by Attorney General Eric Holder. In attendance were senior level officials representing 20 federal agencies, including:



- Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor
- Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services
- Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education
- Director R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Jacqueline A. Berrien, Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Cecilia Muñoz, Director, White House Domestic Policy Council

Also participating were representatives from: the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Federal Trade Commission, Small Business Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, Office of Personnel Management, and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

I was truly impressed by the very real interagency commitment demonstrated as well as the high level buy-in from so many cabinet-level secretaries. During the meeting faith and community based partners were lifted up many times as having a very important role to play in assisting formerly incarcerated individuals to successfully reintegrate back into communities.

Also of note, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Chair Jacqueline Berrien updated those in attendance about the recent [EEOC policy guidance on the consideration of criminal records in employment decisions](#).

Click [here](#) for more info about what was discussed: [Attorney General Eric Holder Convenes 3rd Federal Reentry Council Meeting](#).

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