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Norfolk Reentry Council Minutes
September 21, 2018
Workforce Development Center
9:00 a.m.

Welcome:

Kathy Hall extended greetings to members and guests present. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Child Support- Kathy Hall reported the DCSE offices are now consolidated. Norfolk/Va. Beach. The Portsmouth & Suffolk office will consolidate also.

DHS Programs- Rhashida Bess reported DHS activities. Michael Wilkinson took Garry Cofield's place as the Family Services Worker III who will facilitate the Mentoring Program & Safe Haven Co-Ed PEER Support Group. The Safe Haven PEER Support group is every Tuesday @ 6 p.m. and is open to the tidewater community. The Female Support Group WELL is led by Ms. M. Flores and is open for all women on Tuesdays @ 5 p.m. All Support Groups are held at WDC. We facilitate workshops weekly. We also facilitate the "Decision Points" workshops. Mr. Wilkinson introduced himself to the Reentry Council.

Updates:

Institutions

St. Brides- Chris Walton gave an update about their activities. The next Resource Fair is 9/28/18 and they expect 45-62 vendors.

VADOC- Carolyn LeCroy gave an update. Family Reunification activities s going well. There is a pilot for MAPP. Greensville Correctional Center granted 76 paroles.

Adult Community Supervision-Alfye Ingram reported they are implementing a new Matrix Case Plan Pilot.

Commonwealth Attorney's Office-Marlene Bright reported their activities. The Collaborative Domestic Violence workshop on 10/20/18. There is an Impact Wednesdays for the Homeless flyer.

P & P: Katherine Davis is new to Probation & Parole. She is the Cognitive Counselor who will be responsible for the evidence based cognitive programs. She will continue T4C & Decision Points. She has done research on the impact of court cost and fines. The Commonwealth Attorney's office is looking into a no cash bond program.

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VEC- Diane Murray reported she is the Veteran Employment Case Manager at Veterans Hampton Roads Employment Center. IKEA is having a Hiring Event in Suffolk immediate hire 1st shift 6:30 a.m. as a warehouse worker. There will be a Veteran Resume Writing workshop on 9/28/18

CSB- Brandi Whitman reported about the Competency Restoration initiative. City of Portsmouth Drug Court is celebrating its 20th Anniversary.

RSI-Bridget Freeman reported the RSI Community Relations Board is having an Open House for Potential Employers to target for their Reentry population. Target date is November.

Committee Updates:

- **Employment Committee-** Jason Ewers reported the “Job Fair-For A Fair Chance At Success” held on 8/3/18 was a success. This was a partnership between US Probation and Parole & the Employment Committee. There were 450 in attendance.
- **Faith Based & Community Initiatives-** Madonna Flores reported the committee was working on updating the Resource Guide.
- **Juvenile Re-Entry-** Madonna Flores stated they are working on getting members for the Youth Leadership Advisory Board.
- **Planning-** Madonna Flores reminded everyone about the upcoming “Community Collaboration Re-Entry Summit on 9/24/18 at the Ted Constant Convocation Center.

The next Reentry Council meeting is Friday 11/16/18 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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