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Norfolk Reentry Council Minutes
July 20, 2018
Workforce Development Center
9:00 a.m.

Welcome:

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

Presentation: The speaker Ms. Palmatier from Norfolk Public Library gave an update on the Services and Resources that are that are sponsored by the Career Access Network for adults. Programs include Resume 101, Crushing the Interview, Job Search strategies, English as a Second Language, and Career Online (earn a High School Diploma and Career Certificate). All services are free. To access the services you must have a library card and live in Norfolk. No library card is needed for computer courses, online database services, Technology class schedules, & circulating materials. Available equipment use on site include computers and printers/scanners. You may checkout Wifi Hotspots. The library is family based including Kid Zones and Playscapes. Early Literacy and Parenting Classes are available. Handouts were distributed to those in attendance. She addressed questions about their services.

Child Support- Joy Sullivan gave an update on their services. The Suffolk & Portsmouth DCSE offices has merged. She also explained about the Incentive Program Policy 5% Reduction every 3 months (20% Debt Removal) for TANF Debt Relief.

DHS Programs- Madonna Flores gave an update on DHS Programs. She stated eleVAte ended 06/30/18. SNAPET serves the Reentry community. SNAPET Group Enrollment is held every Tuesday @ 11 a.m. Services include Job Search Training, Workshops, Family Community Engagement, Mentors, W.E.L.L (Women's Support Group), Coed PEER Support Group (Court Docket) and the Fatherhood Initiative Development Group.

Updates:

Institutions

St. Brides- Chris Walton gave an update about their activities. They continue the Forklift Training (OSHA certificates very successful), excellent ServSafe program participation, & Inside/Outside Dad. They had one Family Enrichment Workshop last month. The Pilot Prison Fellowship Academy will start 8/17/18 and graduation should be in November. They also have a Veterans Dorm.

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P & P: Ebony Sessoms reported their activities. Decision Points started last week with 5 participants which is a closed group with women. The PEER Support Group meets every Wednesday (12 participants). Anger Management and T4C is still available. Early Release Docket Pilot (Sanctions & Incentives) will be quarterly. Family Reunification Seminar will be held on 07/24/18 @ 6 p.m. at WDC. New resources include Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) Initiative. They will now have a counselor position who will conduct the programs in the community e.g. T4C, Decision Points, and Anger Management. CSB is partnering with Indian Creek to work with inmates that have an OPIOD history.

Va. Veterans- Crystal Williams reported their services. They now provide Justice Involved Services for the Veterans. They go to the prisons to connect with the veterans about their services. TCC offers education and training assistance.

Friends Faith House- David Brady reported their services. They provide transitional housing for returning citizens through a faith based ministry. They have 3 homes. Accountability is the main focus in their homes. Everyone must assist in the chores and upkeep of the homes. They service only men. The cost is \$250 (2 weeks in advance) and \$125 per week. Pathways Rehab Center assist with the residents. No sex offenders or violent offenders are allowed in their facilities. Applicants should call David Brady 724-2273 for more information. Oxford House has 96 beds.

Urban League- Steven Williams reported on their services. They provide affordable services e.g. Health, Housing, Finances, & Advocacy to residents of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Va. Beach communities.

Committee Updates:

- **Employment Committee-** Jason Ewers stated their committee in Partnership with the US Probation Office is hosting "Job Fair For A Fair Chance At Success" at the WDC on 8/3/18 from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Flyers were distributed. He will be conducting a workshop "How to Navigate a Job Fair" on 7/30/18 at 1:30 p.m. at WDC.
- **Faith Based & Community Initiatives-** Madonna Flores reported the committee will be updating the Resource Guide in September.
- **Juvenile Re-Entry-** Madonna Flores gave an update about their activities. The Youth Advisory Committee should meet in September to update the Parent Resource Guide.
- **Planning-** Madonna Flores reported the committee is finalizing the details for the 5th Community Collaboration Reentry Summit 9/24/18 cost \$25 8:30 a.m. -4 p.m. @ ODU Ted Constant Center.

The next Reentry Council meeting is Friday 09/21/18 @ 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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