

Co-Convener, Madonna Flores
Norfolk Department of Human Services
201 E. Little Creek Rd.
Norfolk, VA 23505
757-664-7799



Co-Convener, Kathryn Hall
Norfolk Probation & Parole
865 Monticello Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23510
757-683-8417

Norfolk Reentry Council Minutes
November 16, 2018
Workforce Development Center
9:00 a.m.

Welcome:

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

Presentation: There were two speakers.

Medicaid Expansion-Bri'Anne Green gave an update about Medicaid Expansion. Medicaid Expansion covers ages 19-64. There are guidelines for Plan First Recipients (3 yes/no Express Questions). Letters were sent to recipients who had until 1/14/19 to return the letter to be automatically enrolled in Medicaid Expansion. If no response they would need to complete a regular Medicaid application (45 days to process). There are six Managed Care companies in Virginia. She shared and answered a lot of questions. Two important phone numbers were Cover VA. 1-855-242-8282 and VDSS Enterprise Call Center 1-855-635-4370. The Power Point presentation will be sent to the Reentry Council. Pamphlets were available to those in attendance

Anthem Programs-Ijeoma Nwazuraokwe gave an update on the basic services that are covered by Managed Care companies Medallion 4.0 became effective 8/1. She stated the services that Anthem Health Keeper Plus Plan covers such as 12 rides to the grocery stores, GED testing, and 1 smart phone (350 minutes, free texts unlimited). She addressed questions from those in attendance. Pamphlets were available to those in attendance.

DHS Programs- Michael Wilkinson gave an overview of the Family & Community Engagement Services. The Family Partnership Meetings involve Reentry Docket participants and their families. He gave an update about F.A.C.E which provides counseling services to the Reentry clients via extra resources in the community. . There is a need for Mentors. Safe Haven Co-Ed PEER Support Group is held every Tuesday @ 6 p.m. and is for Reentry Docket participants. The Female Support Group W.E.L.L led by Ms. M. Flores is open for all women on Tuesdays @ 5 p.m. All Support Groups are held at WDC. We provide professional and self-care workshops.

Updates:

Institutions

St. Brides- Chris Walton gave an update about their activities. They have a Drug Program (Intensive), Forklift Training, Housing For The Newly Released, Two Prison Fellowships, 1st Commencement in the Cognitive Community (participants who stay in program to be mentors), Pilot Programs, Veteran Dorm & Veterans Day Celebration. Yashaunty Perker, treatment officer, gave an update on their activities. They have computer programs, Commercial Arts, GED.Com, College Credits Ashland University online, and Pell Grant expansion.

- ❖ Faith-Based & Community Initiatives Committee
- ❖ Hampton Roads Re-Entry Employment Committee
 - ❖ Juvenile Re-Entry Committee
 - ❖ Planning Committee

Co-Convener, Madonna Flores
Norfolk Department of Human Services
201 E. Little Creek Rd.
Norfolk, VA 23505
757-664-7799



Co-Convener, Kathryn Hall
Norfolk Probation & Parole
865 Monticello Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23510
757-683-8417

Norfolk City Jail- Russel Muncie stated TCC is coming in January with the Culinary Arts Program and Food Handlers cards.

P & P: Katherine Davis gave an update on their activities. They continue the Cognitive Reentry Seminars on Fridays from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. The workshop topics includes Dress For Success, Basic Education to name a few. Norfolk Drug Court recently celebrated its 20th Anniversary with 6 graduates. There was an article in the newspaper and online. Judge Godwin (Va. Supreme Court), Bobby Scott, & Jay Jones were some of the dignitaries in attendance.

Melissa Mildrum reported that a Trauma Group will be forming in mid-January 2019 at Probation and Parole “Coping Skills for Trauma”.

DARS-Yohance Goodrich reported that Virginia DARS will be sponsoring “Bridges out of Poverty” training on 12/5/18 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. at WDC. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$0. Registration can be done on the website. He also mentioned the serious Opioid crisis in Norfolk and Martinsville.

Committee Updates:

- **Employment Committee-** Jason Ewers reported they are working on the “Fair Chance Pledge” with employers. The next meeting is 11/20/18.
- **Faith Based & Community Initiatives-** Madonna Flores reported the Health & Wellness Fair will held on 4/5/19. The committee is partnering with the Office of Emergency Preparedness to update the Resource Guide. The next meeting is 11/19/18.
- **Juvenile Re-Entry-** Madonna Flores gave an update about their activities. She stated they are working on updating the Parent Resource Guide. They are trying to recruit 11 persons for Youth Leadership Advisory Board who live in Norfolk ages 14-22. Recruitment letters were sent to members of the Reentry Council. The next meeting is 12/11/18.
- **Planning-** Madonna Flores stated the Community Collaboration Re-Entry Summit was a success on 9/24/18. There were approximately 200 in attendance. Kathy Hall stated they are looking for new committee members. The next meeting is 1/25/19 right after the Council meeting.

The next Reentry Council meeting is Friday 01/25/19 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

- ❖ Faith-Based & Community Initiatives Committee
- ❖ Hampton Roads Re-Entry Employment Committee
- ❖ Juvenile Re-Entry Committee
- ❖ Planning Committee

Co-Convener, Madonna Flores
Norfolk Department of Human Services
201 E. Little Creek Rd.
Norfolk, VA 23505
757-664-7799



Co-Convener, Kathryn Hall
Norfolk Probation & Parole
865 Monticello Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23510
757-683-8417

-
- ❖ Faith-Based & Community Initiatives Committee
 - ❖ Hampton Roads Re-Entry Employment Committee
 - ❖ Juvenile Re-Entry Committee
 - ❖ Planning Committee