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Norfolk Reentry Council Minutes
March 14, 2019
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 Yohance Goodrich reported on the services that DARS provide. They have DARS Consumer Series, Vocational Counseling, Situational Assessment, Job Coaching, Skill Training, Supported Employment, Career Development, & Direct Job Placement Assistance. He talked about SSI and SSDI. They have a TEAM approach. He addressed questions. Upcoming Trainings are Motivational Interviewing Part I on 4/3/19 - 4/4/19 & Motivational Interviewing Part II on 5/1/19 – 5/2/19. “Community Academy Community Organization Speed Dating Services will be 6/5/19 from 8 a.m. -3 p.m.

Child Support- Joy Sullivan gave an update on their services. She is the case manager for the Family Engagement Program. Also the Incentive Program Policy 5% Reduction in State Debt. There is the TANF Debt Entitlement Program.

DHS Programs- Madonna Flores reported on DHS programs. SNAPET is all volunteer program that services include Job Readiness classes, workshops, and community partner’s initiatives. Gateway Academy is an intensive 8 week extension of SNAPET training component and there is currently 12 participants. There is 7 mentors and no mentees. The W.E.L.L Support Group is open for all women on Tuesdays @ 5 p.m. DHS Fatherhood Initiative is held on Wed. at 741 Monticello Ave. from 6:30 p.m. -8 p.m. The 2nd Health Fair was held on 4/5/19.

Updates:

Institutions

St. Brides- Raymond Henson gave an update about their activities. They had a successful Resource Fair on 4/5/19. The trainings included forklift training (in 3 years 400-500 people have been certified), ServSafe Class, and Network Seminars. Ms. Parker stated they continue the Successful Living Class & Health Awareness Advocacy. The Succeed Magazine current edition was distributed for viewing with those in attendance.

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Indian Creek- Alan Dorrough gave an update on their activities. They continue the following activities Ready to Work, Anger Management classes & OSHA classes. They will host the Eastern Region Quarterly Reentry meeting on 4/20/19. They hosted a Resource Fair on 4/12/19.

Norfolk City Jail- Rick James reported the next Resource Fair is 6/5/19. Pathways have 20 counselors, ODU conducts 5 classes in the jail. They have a Fatherhood Initiative starting 5/1/19. Also they are renovating 6 classrooms and will be implementing Forklift Training.

P & P: Ebony Sessoms reported their activities. They continue at St. Brides and Indian Creek their weekly visits. They continue to conduct Making on Supervision seminars, Relapse Prevention, Seeking Safety, PEER Support, Decision Points, & Victim Impact. Foundation Friday on 3/22/19 will be Smart Phone Training. The Family Reunification Seminar will be held on 3/20/19 from 6 p.m. -7 p.m. at WDC.

Va. Veterans- Joanna Winters the justice involved veterans specialist reported there is a Veteran Referral card. A grant was funded for OPIOD (Vivitrol Medication). There is housing assistance available.

VEC- Diane Murray reported she is the Veteran Employment case manager at Veterans Employment Office. She assistance the veterans who have been incarcerated with employment and housing. There will be a Veterans "After TAP" workshop on 3/29/19 from 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

Friends Faith House-David Brady reported they have 5 guys coming to the facility in April. Spaces are open and they will be opening a new home in June. Fee is \$125 per week.

Project ID-Jasmine Roberts reported that from Jan. –March they helped 400 people get ID's. They have a Meet & Greet monthly. The next one is 3/20/19 from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library. They have raised \$500 in Virginia so far.

Committee Updates:

- **Employment Committee-** The next meeting is 3/19/19 at 9 a.m. at WDC, in room 303.
- **Faith Based & Community Initiatives-** The next meeting is 3/18/19 at 10 a.m.at WDC. In room 303
- **Juvenile Re-Entry-** The next meeting is 4/9/19 at 9:30 a.m., at WDC, in room 303
- **Planning-** Madonna Flores reported they are working on the Town Hall meeting in May and the Reentry Summit is 9/24/19 at ODU. The Planning meeting is right after the Council meeting.

The next Reentry Council meeting is Friday 05/17/19 @ 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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