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Norfolk Reentry Council Minutes
May 16, 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 Mr. Larry Grossman from Community Solutions gave an overview of their services provided through the Taheima Place. It is a Substance Abuse Program and the theme for the residents is Recover, Renew, Rebuild. It is a Medicaid Funded Program. Currently it is a 10 person capacity for male & females. The average stay for the residents is 45 days. They also provide out-patient services during the day. They conduct random drug tests. The resident rent is sometimes on a sliding scale. Rent normally is \$175 per week. Medicaid pays for the treatment and the resident must pay the rent. Tours are available and is arranged through Ms. Heather Harris. She distributed her cards to those in attendance. Questions were addressed from those in attendance.

DHS Programs- Jason Ewers gave an update about the Gateway Academy Cohort 1, Job Search Training, Workshops, & Decision Points. He distributed flyers for Job Search Training classes and May Calendars. 2nd Annual Health Fair was held on 4/5/19. He gave the Health Fair statistics which included 171 people in attendance (increase from last year), 41 vendors present, 350 screenings conducted on site, fitness testing, 21 free haircuts were performed, and 54 people trained in Stop the Bleed/Hands Only CPR.. Sheila London gave an update about ABE/GED Class which ends 5/23/19. This class was so successful that Norfolk Public Schools is expanding the hours to facilitate 2 classes at WDC. Classes will resume in September. GED Flyers were distributed. The W.E.L.L. Peer Support Group continues to be successful with an average attendance size of 5 women. The group is held every Tuesday at 5 p.m. and is facilitated by Ms. Flores. Flyers were distributed. SNAPET still accepting referrals and group enrollment is held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for Norfolk residents receiving SNAP benefits with a criminal history. Flyers were distributed. We also provide Family and Community Engagement services (F.A.C.E) connecting people to information and resources through case management.

Child Support Services- Joy Sullivan reported there is a new TANF Program Grant for parents who owe TANF Debt. It is a three year project. It will start 6/1/19. Norfolk was selected as a pilot site. NDHS VIEW TEAM will be working with the custodial parents. The goal is 25 cases.

Updates:

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

St. Brides- Raymond Henson gave an update about their activities. They have an Auto Body Training class through TCC and Priority Automotive. A staff member was recognized from Johnson Controls for HVAC.

Community Release-DOC- Paula Dillon reported there will be a Suffolk Town Hall meeting on 6/27/19 at 6 p.m. -8 p.m. Va. Beach Reentry Job Fair will be on 6/13/19 at 9 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Va. Beach Social Services.

P & P: Kathy Hall gave an update on their activities. They continue Reentry Services. CSB has a partnership Medication grant that provides Vivitrol (MAT for Opioid addicts) and is being used at Indian Creek. It is hard to get participants willing to take this free drug for rehab purposes. The drug is supplied free thru a distributor which normally is very high in cost.

Newport News Sherrif's Office- Peggy Murvin gave an update on their activities. Hampton received a Community Partners (MAT) Grant that provides the following for Reentry participants to include transportation (cab fare for those working outside normal bus hours), work uniforms & supplies. They have a partnership with the Oxford House. She participated in a Drug Screening Rehab training for 12 weeks.

Urban League-Nicole Roundtree, Workforce Development Coordinator reported their activities. They are located in Huntersville Multi-Purpose Center. They provide Job Readiness, Financial Literacy, Housing Assistance, Project Ready Literacy, and a no cost apprenticeship program for sandblast/painting for 4 weeks. Apostle Jones Revelation church has 22 classrooms and they want to start Reentry classes. Norfolk City Jail is having a Job Fair on 5/29/19. She also has a relationship with Golden Corral for hiring ex-offenders.

Project ID/Spread The Vote-Jasmine Roberts reported her activities. She assisted 100 people in obtaining ID's and Out Of State Birth Certificates. June is designated as a fund raising month. They really need monetary donations. DMV Select will be at Hampton City Jail on 6/5/19. On 7/1/19 the state of Virginia will start the reinstatement process to restore those drivers who licenses are suspended for court cost and fines. Project ID will assist in this process.

Committee Updates:

- **Employment Committee-** Jason Ewers gave an update about the 4/5/19 Health Fair. The next committee meeting is 5/21/19 at 9 a.m. at WDC , room 303
- **Faith Based & Community Initiatives-** The next meeting is 6/17/19 at 10 a.m. at WDC, Room 303
- **Juvenile Re-Entry-** The next meeting is 6/11/19 at 9:30 a.m. at WDC , room 303
- **Planning-** The next Town Hall meeting is 7/16/19 from 4 p.m. -7:30 p. m.

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The next Reentry Council meeting is Friday 07/19/19 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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