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Norfolk Reentry Council Minutes
January 24, 2020
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. Aaliyah Joseph from the EVMS HOPES Mental Health Clinic gave an overview of the services provided at the EVMS HOPES Mental Health Clinic. She gave us statistics of physical vs. mental illness. This is a student run free clinic that serves uninsured patients ages over 18 years and under 65 years of age from Norfolk and Portsmouth. They are open on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Their brochure was distributed to those in attendance. Questions were addressed.

DHS Programs- Madonna Flores gave an update on the Reentry T.E.A.M. We offer the Job Search Assistance Class, SNAPET, Women's Support Group (W.E.L.L.) she is the facilitator, explained the Supplemental SNAP application form (copies distributed to those in attendance), GED Classes, Workshops (Personal) & Decision Points, and Gateway Academy. Results of the 2019 Cohort were 16 training programs, 60 referrals, 61% were eligible, (small percentage ineligible), 37 eligible, 22 were enrolled, 20 started, 12 secured employment, 9 completed Gateway Academy, and 6 were discharged.

UPDATES:

Child Support Services- Kathy Hall reported they continue to participate in Resource Fairs and is involved in the community promoting employment & training.

Institution: - None

P & P- Melissa Mildrum reported they have a co-ed Trauma Group, 12-week program, "Seeking Safety" (Substance Abuse), loosely organized topics. the participants choose the topics. Two people have completed the program and it has an evidenced based curriculum. The Greater Hampton Roads Job and Resource Fair (VADOC) is scheduled for 4/8/20 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

Veteran Services -Diane Murray reported she continues to provide services to all veterans.

Friends Faith House- Kathy Hall reported they offer transitional housing assistance.

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Clean Slate Center- Gary Williams reported they offer outpatient OPIOD Treatment Services.

Norfolk City Jail- Tammy Lindquist advised that they held a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. They continue to facilitate "Thinking for A Change" cognitive program. They will be hosting a Resource Fair on 4/29/20.

Community Release DOC- Paula Dillon reported that they coordinate release of inmates granted parole. Peer Recovery Drop-in Center Super Bowl event on 2/2/20 6 p.m. at 7460 Tidewater Dr.

Family & Youth Foundations-Portia Bryant reported she is an outpatient therapist that can make home visits for mental health.

Community Solutions- Christopher Mitchell gave an overview of the services provided at Taheima Place. It is a 10-bed recovery facility that provides vocational skills & life skills for 30, 60, & 90 day stay. Medicaid is accepted. Brochures were distributed to those in attendance.

Committee Updates:

- Employment- Jason Ewers reported the Employment Committee met on 1/21/20 at 9 a.m. at WDC Room #303. They are working on a resource guide for those needing help with employment. They are supporting the Greater Hampton Roads Job & Resource Fair on 4/8/20 with securing extra employers. The next meeting is 2/18/20.
- Community Involvement-Madonna Flores reported they are working on the volunteer Resource Guide and it should be ready in the spring. The next meeting is 1/27/20 at 10 a.m. at WDC. Room #303. Also, will begin planning for the next Health Fair.
- Juvenile Re-Entry- Madonna Flores reported the committee met on 1/21/20. They are seeking Youth Leadership Advisory Board members. Members will be youth that are justice involved.
- Planning-Kathy Hall reported the committee is closed for new members. They will be working on the Community Collaboration Summit, and Town Hall meeting. The Town Hall will include a myth busters Panel at Indian Creek Correctional Center and Norfolk City Jail. Two Hour sessions in the morning and afternoon.

Project Homeless Connect is scheduled for 2/5/20 at 8 a.m. at the Norfolk Scope.

The next Reentry Council meeting is Friday 03/20/20 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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