



Norfolk Re-Entry Council Minutes July 16, 2021

Introductions: Co-conveners Kathryn Hall (VADOC) and Madonna Flores (NDHS) introduced themselves and thanked attendees. Instructions were given to place phones/computers on mute and to use the chat box for attendees to state their name/role/organization for attendance and ask questions.

Program Updates:

- **Norfolk Department of Human Services:** Melissa Ross gave an update on the CARES T.E.A.M. programs including SNAPET, Gateway Academy, and CARES Project.
- **Department of Child Support Services:** Joy Sullivan gave an update on their services, and they are still working hybrid. Contact <http://www.mychildsupport.dss.virginia.gov> (757) 278-5879
- **Institution:**
 - a. **St. Brides:** Raymond Henson gave an update on their programs. New program is Mentoring and exploring letting visitors back in the facility on 9/20/21
 - b. **Norfolk City Jail:** Tammy Lindquist reported the program activities for the female inmates. New initiatives are the Volunteer Yoga Project and Virtual Resource Fair.
- **Probation & Parole:** Melissa Mildrum reported their activities including update about Decision Points classes.
- **Ghent RRC:** Bridget Freeman reported the company RSI name has changed due to new ownership. They provide services for over 57 federal home confinement individuals.
- **Veteran Services:** Diane Murray reported they never closed and continue to provide services to veterans. They re-opened their office on 7/1/21 for in person appointments.
- **CSB:** Rachel Greenberg gave an update on their services to include virtual and in person to the homeless population. Contact phone number is (757) 756-5600.
- **Friends Faith House:** David Brady reported they provide transitional housing. They are booked until November 2021.
- **DARS:** Yohance Goodrich reported they provide services to Vocational Rehab Services for individuals with disabilities. There is no longer a waiting list for services. Contact information yohance.goodrich@dars.virginia.gov (757) 461-7088 or (757) 774-8546.
- **STEP -UP:** Cathleen Monahan reported they never stopped providing services. She had new staff member Mr. Rudy Ramos to introduce himself.
- **2-1-1:** Elaina Dariah reported the 411 on 211 services. She is a community engagement specialist.
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- **DOC Reentry Outreach**– Lashonda Singleton provided an update on community outreach efforts. Her contact number is 804-837-1773.
- **Social Security Administration:** Lizna Odhwani gave an update about Social Security. The office is not opened for in-person services. Individuals should inquire online or Norfolk call 1-866-858-6089. Lizna.Odhwani@ssa.gov
- **Commonwealth Attorney’s Office:** Krista Fulton gave an update on all their initiatives. A new initiative is the “Just Exit Project”; the Conviction Review Team; and Community Violence Interrupters.
- **Community Solutions:** Corey Phillips gave an update on their services at the Taheima Place.
- **Eggleston Services:** Mary Clark reported they received another year grant extension for her program. She serves homeless individuals in Norfolk, Va. Beach & Portsmouth who are looking for employment. Her phone number is 431-7819
- **Minority AIDS Support Services (MASS):** Schwonda Wilson reported they provide minority housing services, community outreach and food pantry. Minimum cost for housing of \$25 per week, maximum cost is \$300 per month. Her phone number is 757-344-6847.
- **Lifelong Journey’s Counseling:** Gary Williams gave an update on their services including opioid treatment and counseling services.
- **Va. Beach Justice Initiative:** Joy Dudley reported they provide services and training for human trafficking.
- **Urban League:** Dycelia Weiss gave an update on their services. They started the Financial Coach Pilot. An overview will be provided 7/27/21 for the community.
- **Foodbank Of SEVA/ES:** Heidi Grass introduced herself. Her contact information is hgrass@foodbankonline.org (757) 273-7294

Committee Updates:

- **Employment-** Jason Ewers reported the Employment Committee met on 5/19/20. Gave an update on a client Joy Sullivan referred indicating how partnerships can work. They will meet next week.
- **Planning-** Madonna Flores gave an update on the five 2021 Town Hall Videos. They are posted online www.norfolk.gov/reentry. Also advised everyone to Save the Date for the 7th Annual Community Collaboration Re-Entry Summit which will be held virtually on 9/20/21. Registration information will be sent out in August.

Closure: Kathryn Hall & Madonna Flores thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting date is September 17th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The Next Meeting: September 17, 2021—platform to be determined

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