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Norfolk Re-Entry Council Minutes May 20, 2022

Introductions: Co-conveners Kathryn Hall (VADOC) and Madonna Flores (NDHS) introduced themselves and thanked attendees. Attendees were advised that cameras and audio have been deactivated due to the panel discussion that will take place.

Housing Panel Discussion: A panel discussion was held today with representatives from Union Mission, Second Chances, Friends Faith House, NCSB-The Center. Salvation Army and Peninsula Rescue Mission did not attend but we will follow up with them afterwards to get answers to questions submitted. Panelist were presented with questions previously submitted or entered in the chat. The panel discussion was recorded and any unanswered questions will be posted online within one week. After the meeting, attendees were asked to complete the post-event survey to provide feedback on the panel discussion.

Program Updates:

- **Norfolk Department of Human Services** - Madonna gave an update on the C.A.R.E.S. T.E.A.M. services including SNAPET and CARES Project. She added that screeners are available online. They will begin recruiting for the Spring Gateway Academy May 24th through June 24th. They are also looking forward to partnering with Tidewater Community College Fast Forward program and Norfolk P&P for enrollments.
- **Department of Child Support Services** – D. Bailey gave an update on their phase reopening. Since COVID-19 most services can be done online through My Child Support portal online. Participants can contact their worker via the portal. Starting March 2022, a statewide Alternative to Court Unit (ATC) was created for case managers to refer a noncompliant case to the ATC Unit to look at the case to prevent it from going to court. The ATC case worker will assist with bringing the case into compliance. If the case is referred to court; there is a third option called the Intensive Case Monitoring Program (ICMP). A Judge can refer a case to this unit in lieu of jail to bring the case into compliance. The TANF Debt Reduction Program is still available.
- **Institution:**
 - a. **Norfolk City Jail** - Tammy Lindquist reported they are working with TCC. On May 26, 2022, they will start working with EVMS and have people Zooming in to speak with women about trauma, mental health, conflict resolutions, and substance abuse. They are aiming to get people into Hopes Clinic upon release if eligible. They are still offering parenting programs. They still have grants although one is ending in September. They received a grant from the Department of Justice to enroll additional students in GED. They are currently looking for part-time workers for GED teachers. They are at full capacity but are not limiting people from coming in currently. Tammy reported that Survivor Ventures and Free Time Virginia help to place 6 – 8 women.

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- b. **St. Brides** – Kimberley Knoll reported a strong focus on programming for the ESC releases. The inmates are focused on T4C and Decision Points. There is a strong focus on the substance abuse and recovery program. 30 participants are getting a SERV safe certificate. There is a forklift graduation also. There is a strong focus on employment and looking to host a job and resource fair in the future with 30 employers. There is a new program called Flaggers and with the certification a person can receive an additional \$2 per hr.
- **Probation & Parole** – Kathy Hall reported they are preparing for the upcoming releases, doing home plan investigations. The office is back open full-time. Kesi Simmons reported they are slowly building back the specialty dockets as it slowed down due to COVID-19. The cognitive counselor will start a new program called Victim Impact in July or August. P&P has a partnership with ODU nursing department who do health seminars for Drug Court participants.

Committee Updates:

Planning: Madonna Flores reported that Call for Presenter applications closed in April and a significant amount of people responded. The Committee is in the process of making selections. The summit will be held Monday, September 19th in person at the Ted Constance Center if there are no issues with COVID-19.

Community Involvement: Tammy advised that a resource guide is online and should be given to all people who are released. They are in the process of updating the guide. She also requested to be notified of any revisions that are needed.

Closure: Kathryn Hall & Madonna Flores thanked everyone for attending. Followed up with a post event survey, Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2022, at 9:00am

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