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Norfolk Reentry Council Minutes
November 15, 2019
Workforce Development Center
9:00 a.m.

Welcome::

Madonna Flores extended greetings to members and guests present. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Presentation: The speaker Ms. Kristin Pine from the Norfolk Family Justice Center gave a PowerPoint presentation on their vision and services provided by the Norfolk Family Justice Center. They had a ribbon cutting ceremony on 11/14/19. She gave us a thorough insight into collaboration and partners involved in providing resources to victims of crime in one central location. The goal is a multi-agency/multi-disciplinary co-located service center that provides services to victims of crimes in Norfolk with an emphasis on victims of interpersonal violence including domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse and human trafficking. The On-Site Partners include YWCA South Hampton Roads, Chesapeake Forensic Specialists, Norfolk Department of Human Services, Norfolk Police Department, and Office of the Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney. She addressed questions. She mentioned Camp Hope for the children. Hotline Number (757) 251-0144. The main telephone number to schedule tours is (757) 330-0376.

DHS Programs- Sharonda Banks gave an update the Reentry T.E.A.M. SNAPET is a voluntary program that assist those individuals with a criminal background who are receiving SNAP benefits in Norfolk to provide them with training assistance and transportation to achieve independence. The Job Search Training Assistance classes are open to all. The W.E.L.L. Support group is open to all women and is facilitated by Ms. Flores every Tuesday at 5 p.m. We have Decision Points (Cognitive Based), Workshops (Professional & Personal), GED Classes are available. We are revamping the Mentoring Program and gender response. The Gateway Academy has started and it is an eight week process. There will be another Gateway Academy starting in February 2020.

Child Support Services- Joy Sullivan reported there is nothing new. They continue to participate in Resource Fairs at Indian Creek, St. Brides, and Norfolk City Jail. There will be E-Filing for Court cases.

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Institutions Updates

St. Brides- Raymond Henson gave an update about their activities. They had a fall Resource Fair in October. They have a new OWDS Specialist. They continue "Decision Points", "Thinking For A Change", and Forklift Training Certification. He reported Indian Creek activities which included they had a Forklift Training Certification and had a Fall Commencement that had 45 graduates from their Reentry class.

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Greensville- Bob Edwards reported their activities. They will have a Fall Commencement on 12/6/19. They have provided Medicaid applications and almost 3,000 applied. They have Forklift Training, Flagger Training and Cognitive Counselors.

Norfolk City Jail-Tammy Lindquist reported their activities. They had a Resource Fair on 11/13/19. They had 6 to graduate from GED Class. Other programs include Art Therapy (Christine Rucker) and Humanities Behind Bars. They have an artist display @ Chrysler Museum and Peninsula Museum.

CSB- Brandi Whitman reported the CSB Intake moved to 7447 Central Business Park Dr. Norfolk 756-5600 on 10/29/19. They have serious mental health issues in Norfolk City Jail. They now have 2 workers at the Hampton Roads Regional Jail. CSB will no longer be at the Olney Road location by 12/31/19. Child Adolescents will be seen at the CSB Va, Beach Blvd. location.

P & P: Kesi Simmons gave an update on their activities. They have Specialty Dockets e.g. Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Reentry Court. Ebony Sessoms continue to collaborate with St. Brides and Indian Creek on a weekly basis. They have a Cognitive Counselor who conducts Anger Management classes, Decision Points, and PEER Support.

VEC-Diane Murray reported she continues to provide veteran services. Melvin Clemons is now the lead in the Norfolk office.

Friends Faith House- David Brady reported they now have a 5th house in Norfolk. They are not taking anyone receiving disability. No sex offender with offense against children and no violent offender. You can send him a letter and they have a few open beds. They attended Indian Creek Correctional Center Resource Fair.

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

Committee Updates:

- Employment- Jason Ewers reported the Employment Committee will meet on 1/21/20 at 9 a.m. at WDC , Room #303
- Community Involvement-Madonna Flores reported they are working on another Resource Guide Series "Community Service & Volunteer". The next meeting is 1/27/20 at 10 a.m. at WDC , Room #303. Also planning for the next Health Fair.

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- Juvenile Re-Entry- Madonna Flores reported the committee is updating the Parent Resource Guide.
- Planning-Madonna Flores reported the committee is on break. They will resume meeting in January 2020 to start planning for the 7th Annual Community Summit to be held in September.

The next Reentry Council meeting is Friday 01/24/20 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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