



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION

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PRRS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING **September 8, 2016 @ 7:30am**

Committee Members Attendance: Diane Scott-Jones, Co-Chair CAC; Tom DeGonia, Co-Chair CAC; Angela Talley, PRRS Chief; Ivan Downing, Deputy Chief of Security and Facility, Tyrone Alexander, Reentry Manager; Tina Michaels, PTS Supervision Manager, Jasper Ezeigbo, RSIII; Anntionette Roberts, RS, Ada Bartley, PRRS Case Manager, Amanda Roberts, PRRS Work Release Coordinator, Marcia Durant, PRRS Nurse; Sidney Katz, Councilmember; Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Katz; Phil Andrews, Director of Crime Prevention Initiatives, States Attorney's Office, Sara Morningstar, Legislative Analyst, MCG, Zachary Trupp, Legislative Aide, Councilmember Berliner, Mara Parker, Legislative Aide, Councilmember Elrich, Bill Sollod, Field Supervisor, Parole and Probation; Amy Bransford, Field Supervisor, Parole and Probation, Bernita Johnson, Welcome Coordinator PRRS, Athena Morrow, Forensic Services Manager, HHS; Eric Brenner, Citizen; Rosemary Austin, Citizen; Melissa George, Social Worker, Reentry Services Manager MCCF; Robert Young, People Encouraging People; Ana Chowdhry Kahn, People Encouraging People; Two (2) current PRRS Residents attended

Welcome and Introductions: Brief introduction of all attendees.

PRRS Division Chief's Report: Angela Talley highlighted the following items during Chief's Report to the Community Advisory Committee:

- Pre-Release Services was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections at the American Correctional Association Conference in Boston, MA on August 8th. All DOCR facilities were found to be in 100% compliance. Program received high praise from ACA hearing board members on our level of operation and success in completing accreditation process. Staff's commitment to program and performing at a high level is directly contributes to program's achievement with accreditation.
- Full Federal Bureau of Prisons monitoring visit August 3rd-4th. No deficiencies noted. Well done by all.
- Several Case manager vacancies. New staff to begin September/October.
- Pre-Trial transition completed with new program move on July 1st. Pre-Trial and PRRS managers will work with both programs to respond to employee concerns and any outstanding issues.
- PRRS Kitchen received funding approval. Project scheduled to begin Spring, 2017.

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Focus Topic: Diversion Opportunities in the Community

Questions/Discussion: Diversion Opportunities in Montgomery County

Councilmember Sidney Katz, Mental Health Courts

-On Public Safety Committee- have seen the deinstitutionalizing of Mental Health hospitals. Montgomery did not have a Mental Health Court to address needs of individuals with mental health issues. Many possess low level crime records or nuisance crimes. Consensus agreement we should be doing more to help those with mental health issues. With Mental health Court we will change the lives of families. Council and County Executive on board.

-Problem solving courts application for Montgomery County has been approved.

- Mental Health approved for Montgomery County in District and Circuit Courts. Courts funded by grant and County funds.

-increase in return on investment, treatment versus jail

Phil Andrews,

-Montgomery County Task Force worked on issue of establishing Mental Health Courts for Montgomery County, learned lessons from other jurisdictions who had established mental health courts.

-Chief Judge, John Debelius, Circuit Court and Chief Judge, Eugene Wolfe, District Court, fully involved

-Mental Health Courts will improve outcomes and results for individuals

-Will reduce crime, prevent individuals from escalating to more serious crimes, further contact with CJS

- Long term cost savings will be realized- reduce incarceration rates, trials

-Individuals must agree to participate, will help them recover, be independent

-Mental Health team to determine eligibility/admittance

-Public Defenders and States Attorney have key roles

-Task Force Report is attached and can also be found on Circuit Court website.

Athena Morrow-Comprehensive Reentry Project (CORP)

- Identify in our system where opportunities exist for diversion, Pre-Booking, Post Booking and Pre-Release

-Certain populations hard to divert, i.e. not good candidates for supervision, homeless

-MH Court will have judge overseeing individuals and will make a difference

-CORP Grant-team of treatment providers, Probation, Pre-Trial, State's Attorney, Public Defender, Health and Human Services.

-participants- recidivist, serious and persistent mental health issues

-address needs while still incarcerated

-follow for 1 year (treatment providers)

-Flagging cases through CATS-Clinical Assessment and Transition Services

-potential for 75 cases, currently 17-18 in community supervision

-Grant for one (1) year

-Robert and Ana-People Encouraging People (PEP)

Pre-Release and Reentry Services Division

- passionate about working with clients with Mental Health and Substance Abuse issues
- provide wraparound services, are on-call, go out in the community to meet with clients, provide weekly status reports, meet with judges

Question: How will you prepare for community risks:

- Mental Health Court-beginning program with low level crimes, so risks should be reduced. Judges also will assess risk. Judges will receive training as part of MH Court grant.
- difficult cases under CORP, public safety increased by releasing with supervision and services versus releasing without.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

Remaining 2016 CAC Quarterly Meeting Dates:

Theme for the Year: Addressing Behavioral Health Needs

Thursday, December 1, 2016: Community Support