



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION

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PRRS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING **December 1, 2016 @ 7:30am**

Committee Members Attendance: Diane Scott-Jones, Co-Chair CAC; Tom DeGonia, Co-Chair CAC; Robert Gree, PRRS Director; Angela Talley, PRRS Chief; Ivan Downing, Deputy Chief of Security and Facility; Tyrone Alexander, Reentry Manager; Tina Michaels, PTS Supervision Manager; Anntionette Roberts, Michael McGregor, PRRS Case Manager; Jaime Sherls, PRRS Case Manager; Marcia Durant, PRRS Nurse; Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Chief of Staff; Sara Morningstar, Legislative Analyst, MCG; Zachary Trupp, Legislative Aide; Councilmember Berliner; Mara Parker, Legislative Aide; Councilmember Elrich; Bernita Johnson, Welcome Coordinator PRRS; Athena Morrow, Forensic Services Manager HHS; Melissa George, Social Worker; Reentry Services Manager MCCF; Larry Wilson, Metro Counseling Services; James Sutton, JAS; Michael Moxley, Counseling Plus; Carolyn McChesney, HHS Access; Kent Mason, Founder of PRC; Three (3) current PRRS Residents attended

Welcome and Introductions: Brief introduction of all attendees.

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

- Director Green: Justice Reinvestment legislation has passed. This legislation will reduce mandatory sentences for 365 criminal charges which will alleviate prison population. The goal is to release 2700 inmates from prison.
- We are continuing to find ways to improve the merging of two programs in one building. Parking is still one of our biggest issues but we have distributed parking permits and are reviewing options that would expand the parking lot. A portable metal detector and lockers have been ordered for the facility.
- The Kitchen Renovation Project is on track and is scheduled to break ground spring, 2017.
- A therapist will be on site starting mid-January to serve the PRRS population.
- Introduction of new Case Managers Jaime Sherls and Brittany Payne. Program's three (3) Work Release Coordinator positions are filled. We will be advertising for Bilingual Case Manager Position and a Resident Supervisor III.
- 56 staff members attended a department sponsored Motivational Interview training-mostly case managers and work release coordinators
- The new Jail Management System will allow us to follow an individual from beginning to end as they move through our department's criminal justice system.
- PRRS conducted three (3) critical debriefings for the Rodney Johnson incident. The purpose of those sessions was to review and debrief the incident, as well as receive recommendations for possible policy or operational changes.
- The holiday season is approaching. Community Corrections will hold a staff holiday party. Community partners are hosting a gift exchange for children of PRRS residents.

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Focus Topic: Community Support

Questions/Discussion: Community Support Available Post Release

Athena Morrow, Adult Forensic Services Manager, HHS

- There are number of initiatives that are available to help those returning to the community especially those who have a higher chance to recidivate.
- First Mental Health Court docket begins 12/2/16 in Circuit Court. District Court may start mid-January.
- The Comprehensive Reentry Project (CORP) is a grant that will allow us to treat those with low level offenses but keep getting incarcerated. The individual will be assigned a “team” that will follow them from incarceration to up to a year after being released. We help with housing and counseling services. This grant does not help only those individuals who are incarcerated but also those in hospitals.

James Sutton, Counselor for JAS

- Our goal is to coordinate a network of community-based services that is person centered.
- Focus needs to be on recovery as well as treatment. It is important and vital that we continue care after they leave our facilities. We encourage friends and family to participate and help with recovery.
- One of the great things about our program is that clients that were released from jail can continue participation in aftercare at PRC post release.
- Please see attachment for more information about the JAS program.

Michael Moxley, Counseling Plus

- Counseling Plus coordinates clients who are returning from different jails that will be residing in Montgomery County.
- They provide group and individual treatment and reunite families.
- Referrals are typically by Parole and Probation.
- For more information, please visit their website
<http://www.counselingplus.com/index.php>

Larry Wilson, Metro Counseling Services Director

- Metro Counseling Services is a for-profit outpatient program established in 1984.
- They usually receive referrals from private attorneys.
- Although they are a for-profit program, they do accept Medicaid and other insurance plans.
- The program provides comprehensive evaluations, education, and counseling for DUI/DWI, substance use, and other criminal offenses.
- For more information, please visit their website
<http://www.metrocounselingservices.com/>

Carolyn McChesney, HHS Access

- Access provides mental health/substance abuse screening and referrals to low income persons of all ages that live in Montgomery County and do not have commercial insurance.

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- They provide case management services.
- There is a psychiatrist on site the helps transition clients.
- They accept walk-ins and phone consultations.
- We also assist our clients become insured.
- For more information, please visit their website
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Program.aspx?id=BHCS/BHCSACCBhavhealthsvcs-p239.html>

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

This meeting concluded our theme of the year. We will send out the new theme to everyone soon. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

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