Pierce County CPTS Meeting Notes

April 5, 2019

INTRODUCTIONS

GUEST SPEAKER: Brandy Oto from Pioneer Human Services

Brandy Oto from <u>Pioneer Human Services' Fawcett Clinic</u> reviewed services available at their walk-in clinic here in Tacoma. Located at 1111 Fawcett Avenue. provides daily assessment for substance use and mental health assessments. Pioneer partners with Pierce County Probation Services and can provide outpatient therapy, monthly after care and individual, couples and family mental health counseling. They also offer mental health groups and individual support. They also offer a unique service of recreational therapies which includes art therapy, yoga and mindfulness/ meditation.

People in need may access the services through the daily walk-in or can also go to Pierce County Resource Center for assessments that typically are conducted on day of or within 24 hours of request for assessment. Accepts Apple Health, and if person is uninsured they will help them sign up. Services are self-referral. They partner with South Sound for medical treatment this includes: pain management, treatment medication, and acupuncture.

Pioneer's focus is on treating the whole person. They offer reentry services in the Tide Flats, provide beds for those releasing from Pierce County Jail (Trueblood). They also offer employment opportunities for their residents.

Participants do not have to have an existing diagnosis, just walk in to get assessed. Most people are able to be seen within the same day of assessment and get started immediately with services. The recreational therapies increases likely of success greatly.

Pioneer housing in Tacoma offer weekly orientations on Tuesday and Thursday, there are waitlist in place. More information <u>here</u>.

In King County they offer Crisis Intervention offering substance use disorder, mental health and crisis services, along with roadmaps to success.

UNGUARDED

Unguarded is an officially approved DOC annual event. This year it will be held at the LeMay Car Museum on Saturday, September 14th, 2019. Each year a nonprofit is selected by the men in Cedar Creek who are the founders and driving force behind this auction. This year the non-profit selected to receive proceeds is Habitat for Humanity. The art theme is homelessness.

There is a pre-auction event that will happen which will feature art of people who are formerly incarcerated. Location to be announced. The online auction will be opened during the Summer Institute on August 21st.

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JOINT MEETING with Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

A joint meeting was held in March with the Coalition and CPTS. It was an opportunity to learn more about the two groups and network. They have requested CPTS join them on the 1st Friday. There was a discussion about the benefits and challenges to joining their meeting. The group consensus was a CPTS member will commit to attend their meeting monthly, which are held every Friday morning. CPTS will request to be added as a quarterly agenda item.

SUMMER INSTITUTE

Deanna Rodkey gave an overview of the upcoming <u>Summer Institute</u>. It will be hosted by the Thurston county CPTS and held at The Evergreen State College in Olympia. The theme is "Vision of Hope". The governor and other policymakers have been invited. The Reentry Council will be present, as will be the job search engine, Indeed, who are interested in determining how they can support re-entry efforts.

The Thurston county CPTS is excited about the proposals they have received. The awards will be focused locally, and the Ron Hawk Tip of the Spear will be facilitated by KC CPTS. Registration is scheduled to happen May 1st. The fee is \$100 which includes food, covering two days of the institute. Scholarships are available upon request.

PIERCE COUNTY RE-ENTRY RESOURCE LIST

Bates work-study students are updating local resource lists specific for people needing re-entry support. It will be reviewed monthly and kept updated.

NEXT MONTH

John Mallea and Jim Ward will be talking about the Employment Pipeline.

COMMUNITY PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Happening May 19-21, in Wenatchee, <u>Correctional Education& Reentry Conference</u>.

--May 17, 9a-4p, Puyallup Nation "Investing in Your Future" Hands on Career Fair, EQC Boat (flyers attached). Vendors and volunteers are welcome to contribute.

--Next phase of Trueblood rollout is coming in Pierce County this Spring

--Numbers 2 Names will be releasing a video in April.

--Juvenile Rehabilitation Program Manager, Christina Valera, has been featured in Seattle Times

--New Connections SPRING BLING happening April 5th & 6th at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, raising funds to provide women with gift cards for personal spending.