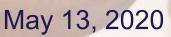


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Call to Order

Judy Fitzgerald Commissioner



Recovery Speaker

Erwin Thomas
RESPECT Institute of Georgia

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Action Items:

- Past Meeting Minutes
- 2019 BHCC Annual Report

BHCC Initiatives

Interagency Directors Team

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Director

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Transition Reentry Committee

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DBHDD

Transition Reentry Committee Co-Chair

Michelle Stanley

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Office of Reentry Services

Department of Community Supervision

Transition Reentry Committee Co-Chair



BHCC Transition Reentry Committee Focus Areas

- 1 Access to RESPECT Institute speakers for partnering agencies
- Forensic Peer Mentor Program
- 3 Employment for returning citizens
- 4 Family Reunification Project



Georgia Department of Corrections Returning Citizens with Behavioral Health Classification

Returning citizens who paroled from GDC back into the community with classification Mental Health Levels 2, 3, and 4

	Level	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020
	Level 2 - Outpatient Treatment	160	153	180
	Level 3 - Inpatient Moderate	15	6	13
	Level 4 - Inpatient Intensive	1	1	0
	Totals	176	160	193



Forensic Peer Mentor Program Enrollment FYTD

Department of Corrections Facilities Day Reporting Centers

7 State Prisons (5 positions)

- Lee Arrendale
- Pulaski
- Baldwin
- Phillips
- Rutledge
- Metro Atlanta
- Phillips Transitional Center

312 returning citizens enrolled

8 Day Reporting Centers (5 positions)

- Atlanta
- Athens
- Griffin
- Morrow
- Gainesville
- Gwinnett
- Columbus
- Rome

329 enrolled

State Hospitals Mental Health Treatment Courts

2 State Hospitals (5 positions)

- Georgia Regional (Atlanta)
- Central State (Milledgeville)

78 enrolled

5 Mental Health Treatment Courts (5 positions)

- Avita (Hall/Dawson Co.)
- Cobb CSB (Cobb Co.
- Highland Rivers (Fannin/Gilmer/ Pickens Co.)
- River Edge CSB (Bibb Co.)
- McIntosh Trail (Spalding Co.)

45 enrolled



Forensic Peer Mentor Program Outcomes FYTD

Recidivism/Re-arrest Readmissions

Program Outcome Highlights (Prison Post-Release)

Prison Release on FPM Peer List: 68

Psychiatric hospital readmission: (3) 4.41%

Re-arrest: (3) 4.41%

Re-Conviction: (0)

Probation/Parole Violations: (0)

Enrolled In Daily Report Centers: 194

Psychiatric hospital readmission: (0)

Re-arrest: (5) 2.57%

Re-Conviction: (2) 1.03%

Probation/Parole Violations: (0)

Of those actively working with FPM:

33% Engaged in Behavioral Health Services

38% Gained Employment

43% Gained Permanent Housing

Forensic Peer Mentors in Treatment Courts FYTD

Program Outcome Highlights

6 Courts Funded for FPM

Census		156
Number of Participant Graduates		31
New Enrollments		39
Permanently Housed		88%
Employed		80%
Episodes of Homelessness	4	2.56%
Re-arrests (new charges)	10	6.41%
Readmission to CSU/Psych Hospital	12	7.69%



Ramona (right) with The Honorable Judge Mary Staley, Cobb County Superior Court

"Having been in the system as a convicted felon in that revolving door of substance use, illness, and trouble with law enforcement, as well as my experience with homelessness, despair, estrangement from family and profound loneliness [gives] me a perspective that comes with that lived experience. I know that if I can recover, anyone can. I try to offer unconditional positive regard and carry hope for others until people find it for themselves, because Recovery is Real and Possible and available to All."

--Ramona Burkett, Forensic Peer Mentor Cobb County Mental Health Court/Cobb Douglas CSB



Other DBHDD-Funded Accountability Courts

Outcomes (October 2019 - March 2020)

Collaborations

- Aspire CSB/Dougherty MHC
- Albany ARC/Dougherty MHC
- Georgia Pines/Mitchell County MHC

Census

246 Participants

Graduates

7 Graduates



BHCC – Transition Reentry Committee

Employment for Returning Citizens

Engage

- Individuals with criminal justice involvement and a serious and persistent mental illness with opportunities for gainful employment
- Employers in dialogue that leads to employing talent from this pool

Educate

- Individuals on strategies for maintaining employment (including soft skills)
- Employers about the benefits of recruiting and hiring from this rehabilitated talent pool

Connect

- Individuals with opportunities
- Employers to benefits and recruitment resources
- Agencies doing similar work (DCS, GVRA, DOL, DOJ, Georgia Justice Project)

Family Reunification Initiative

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Family Reunification, Education, & Empowerment Project

Psychoeducation, Counseling, and Peer Support to Facilitate Successful Re-Entry for Georgia's Returning Citizens

New initiative that will be a family-focused, peer-facilitated, multi-session project

- Forensic peer mentors and certified peer specialists-parent
- Returning citizens and their family/ support network
- Improving communication
- Strengthening family support
- Supporting successful transition into the community



Pilot site: Metro Atlanta Reentry Facility/Central State Prison

Proposed 20 returning citizens in first cohort



Commissioner's Report: COVID-19 Updates

Judy Fitzgerald Commissioner

Legislative Update

Doug Reineke

Director of Legislative Affairs



Hospital Activities

Emile Risby, M.D.

Director of Hospital Services and Chief Medical Officers



Behavioral Health Network

Monica S. Johnson, MA, LPC

Director

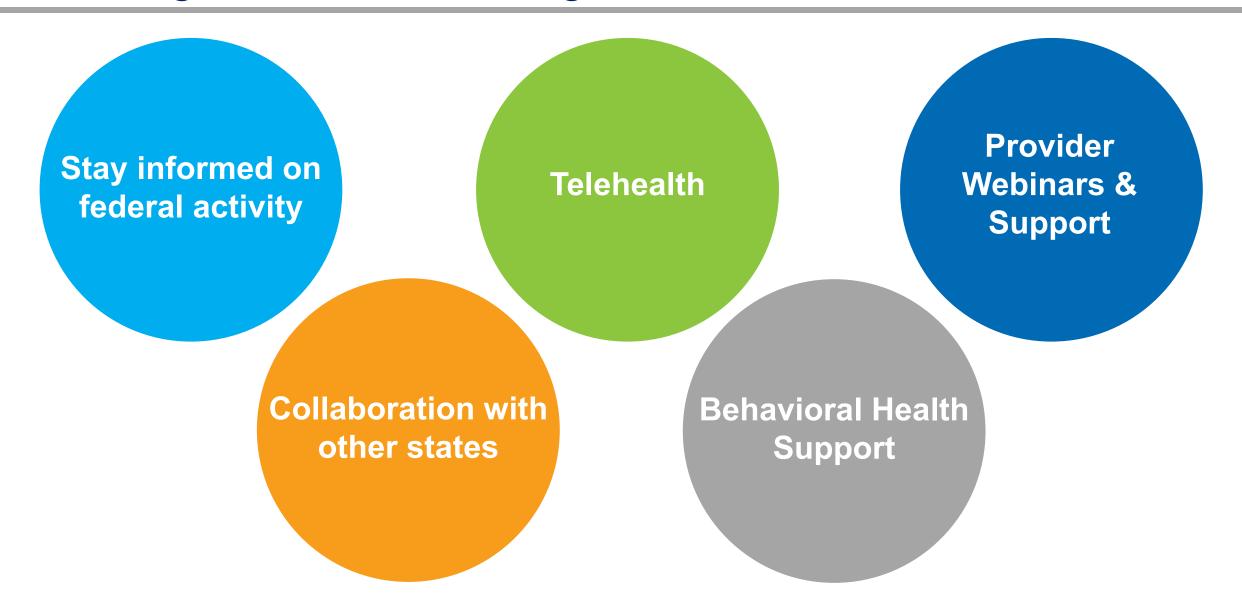
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Supporting the Community and Providers

Strategies for Maintaining Mental Health Wellness



Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line

310 calls since April 6



2x2 Webinar Series

2x2 Series: Daily Self-Care Tips and Support for Health Care and Emergency Response Workers

These WebEx events are designed to provide daily self-care tips and support for health care and emergency response workers.

Each session will provide attendees with mental health tips about managing stress, grief, work/life balance, and wellness.



2,259 participants to date

Access to Housing Support

- Allowances and Flexibility for Georgia Housing Voucher Access
- Flexibilities for Bridge Funding (e.g., unemployed due to COVID-19)
- Partnerships
- Homeless Task Force

Crisis Services

Debbie Atkins, LPC

Director of Crisis Coordination



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Next BHCC Meeting

August 12, 2020