

Okanogan County CPTS

Extra Meeting Notes

June 18, 2020

1. Also see PDF of slides from the meeting for topics of discussion including updates
2. Also see Strategies for Success flyer and Re-Entry Employment Specialist flyer
3. Also see the text of the Zoom chats and poll results (not collated, but you can get a sense of how folks' opinions stack up)
4. Discussion points not included in slides:
  - a. Where are the employment seekers? They are not easy to find currently. Is this related to the ongoing Covid19 pandemic response?
  - b. Current phase 2 physical distancing guidelines and related business closures/limited hours, pre-Covid employment status (folks who didn't lose their job and who are now just waiting for their position to re-open), high-risk status or high-risk family members
  - c. After July 25, one phase of the Covid-related stimulus \$ will end so people receiving unemployment insurance payments will lose the extra \$600 per week
  - d. OBH: Substance use disorder programs are still in business. Unfortunately due to the virus we are working virtually. However if anyone needs services they can call 826.6191 and ask for sud services. We are endeavoring to return contact the same day and we have a range of services available. Also ClubHouse not physically open but providing all services (daily check-in calls, meal delivery, and more!)
  - e. Vicky from NW justice project states that they want to reduce legal financial obligations (LFO's) wherever possible.
    - i. Foresees cross-referrals with Dayla/Re-entry employment specialist
5. County Commissioner Chris Branch asked what types of diversion or alternative sentencing programs are already in place
  - a. OK County has DUI court and Drug court, but participation in these both require charges, sentencing, prosecutor agreement, etc.
  - b. Dan Boyle with OBH works closely with Drug Court and DUI Court and reports that folks in these programs are doing well
  - c. No formal adult SUD pre-arrest diversion programs currently in place
    - i. Sheriff Hawley points out that Deputies can use their own discretion to avoid arrest at times, but of course this is complicated and depends upon the other party's agreement, etc.
    - ii. Sheriff also notes that what is missing is the element 'warm handoff' to treatment
    - iii. Kathleen notes that a Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program would put the two pieces together (avoid arrest/jail and facilitate/require connection to treatment)
6. Next steps/to-do's not included in slides:
  - i. Vicky from NW Justice Project would like to participate in a Recovery Coach training
  - ii. RCORP naloxone program will contact Dottie Marchand about offering/doing naloxone distribution on the Colville Reservation
  - iii. RCORP will also contact Colville Correctional Facility about same
  - iv. RCORP/FHC/OBH continuing to develop Re-entry Case Manager position, with hopes of hiring by Sept/Oct
  - v. Solicit interest in developing Re-integration Road Map for Okanogan County