Reentry Newsletter

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

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Clark County Jail to Become an OTP

On 07/25/2019, the Clark County Jail, in partnership with Columbia River Mental Health Services, announced their application to become the first jail in the State of Washington licensed as an Opioid Treatment Provider (OTP).

In support of the OTP application process, Sheriff Atkins said, "Providing inmates a full range of opioid use disorder treatments strengthens our public safety mission and improves community livability."

An addiction study in Washington State found the risk of death from drug overdose was 129 times higher in the first 2 weeks after release from incarceration compared to the general population.

The benefits of becoming an OTP branch site would allow for augmented Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services, expanded connection to community partners, increased patient capacity, and expansion of the work the Clark County Jail is already doing to reduce opioid addiction and overdose deaths.

https://www.columbian.com/news/2019/jul/25/nonprofit-clark-county-jail-to-take-on-opioid-addiction/

Chief Ric Bishop (CCSO) and CEO Craig Pridemore (CRMHS)

Reentry Team Trains in Massachusetts

Commander Kimberly Beltran and Jail Discharge Planner Anna Lookingbill attended a technical assistance training July 18-19 at Middlesex County Sheriff's Office (MSO) in Massachusetts at the Middlesex Jail and House of Correction. The training brought together teams of correctional staff from across the nation to learn about MSO's medication-assisted treatment services.

Special thanks to Advocates for Human Potential for funding the training opportunity and Sheriff Koutoujian for hosting the event.

For more information on medication-assisted treatment go to http://www.rsat-tta.com/

MAT Technical Assistance Training Attendees

Middlesex Jail and House of Correction

Reentry Grant Partnership Updates

Title: Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Act: Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness (BJA-2018-13632)	**Title**: Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration: Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (TI– 18-009)
Awardee: Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)	**Awardee**: Columbia River Mental Health Services (CRMHS)
Focus: Use evidence-based screening, assessment, in-custody treatment and post release support for 400 persons over 2 years with co-occurring disorders and medium or high criminogenic risk.	Focus: Providing medication-assisted treatment induction, in-custody treatment and post release support for 450 eligible persons over 3 years.
Progress: The BJA grant is completing the first required planning year. The BJA Advisory group meets quarterly and the required Planning & Implementation Guide has been finalized and submitted. CCSO is finalizing operational elements and the grant's clinical partner, Columbia River Mental Health Services, is finalizing staffing and services. NPC Research is working with CCSO to develop a plan for data collection and analysis. CCSO anticipates program launch in October 2019 and will provide services for 2 additional years.	**Progress**: The SAMHSA grant started providing services to clients in mid February. To date, 77 persons have received chemical dependency assessments, medical evaluations and been inducted (started on medications) while in-custody. Grant participants also attend treatment groups and receive post release support provided by Columbia River Mental Health Services (CRMHS). NPC Research is working with CRMHS and CCSO for data analysis. The grant will continue services for 3 more years.
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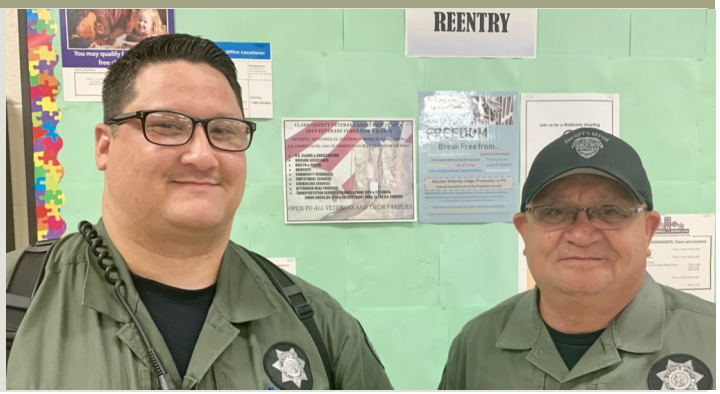
Changes to the Reentry Team

The Reentry team continues to grow. In addition to Commander Kimberly Beltran, Kelly Anderson, Anna Lookingbill, Sergeant Michelle Addie, Deputy Cris Dumitrescu, Deputy Vince Johnson and Deputy Curtis Egbert, Reentry would like to welcome:

- **Deputy Eugene Toman (L)**
- **Deputy Jay Costello (R)**



The mission of the Clark County Corrections Branch is to promote and maintain public safety through effective correctional and reentry practices

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Reentry Sergeant: Michelle Addie
Discharge Planner: Kelly Anderson
Discharge Planner: Anna Lookingbill
Ops Commander: Kimberly Beltran
Chief Corrections Deputy: Ric Bishop

CIT International Conference Presentation

Medication-Assisted Treatment AND CIT for Corrections

Sheriff Chuck Atkins is pleased to announce the Clark County Corrections Branch and partner agency Columbia River Mental Health Services have been selected to present two presentations at the 2019 Crisis Intervention Team International Conference in Seattle, WA August 26-28, 2019.

Presentations entitled "**CIT for Corrections: In-Custody Risk Avoidance**" and "**Medication Assisted Treatment in Clark County Jail**" will be paneled by corrections staff and members of our partner agencies.

Both presentations highlight coordination with the jail's Reentry Program. Started in 2014, the Reentry program offers a range of in-custody services through community partnerships including housing, chemical dependency, recovery support, peer mentoring, education, employment and more.

CIT International, Inc. is a nonprofit membership organization whose primary purpose is to facilitate understanding, development, and implementation of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs throughout the U.S. and worldwide in order to promote and support collaborative efforts to create and sustain more effective interactions among law enforcement, mental health care providers, individuals with mental illnesses, their families, and communities and to reduce the stigma of mental illness. http://www.citinternational.org

Reentry Provider Meeting

The Reentry Program hosts a quarterly meeting to provide networking and education opportunities for organizations serving adult criminal justice involved clients. Meetings are 10-11 am. 2019 dates:

Thursday, January 24 **Thursday, April 25**
Thursday, July 25 **Thursday, October 24**

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