Kentucky Department of Corrections

Blackburn Correctional Complex Launches Substance Abuse Program

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Jan. 10, 2020) – Blackburn Correctional Complex, a minimum-security state prison in Lexington, and the Department of Corrections Division of Addiction Services are excited to announce the launch of a substance abuse program (SAP) at the prison on Jan. 6. This program, the first in the prison's history, will allow treatment for up to 50 males who suffer from substance use disorder.

 "Blackburn is excited to welcome the substance abuse program to the facility," said Warden Amy Robey. "We understand the importance of providing evidenced-based treatment to justice involved individuals and the benefits of treatment for the individual, family, and greater community."

SAP is a six-month program that utilizes evidence-based curriculum from Hazelden Betty Ford. The curriculum uses a cognitive behavior therapy modality to address criminal and addictive thinking. Royia Manley has been hired to lead the clinical services at this treatment program.

Blackburn was also chosen as one of the pilot sites for the use of two different forms of FDA approved medications for opioid use disorder, Vivitrol and Buprenorphine. These medications are treatment resources for individuals with an opioid use disorder who meet clinical and medical protocols. This pilot was made possible in part by funding through Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) and funding through the Office of Drug Control Policy.

"We are very appreciative of BCC Warden Amy Robey and her staff on their assistance and support in creating this program," said Addiction Services Director Sarah Johnson. "This additional substance abuse program allows us to offer more treatment opportunities to individuals in need of substance use disorder treatment, which increases their likelihood of successful reentry to the community and long-term recovery."

Editor's note: photos attached

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