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Drug use, drug abuse, drug dealing, fighting, abusing, and breaking laws will always be part of our society. All of these issues continue to be a problem in our community, and it does not seem to be reducing in any way. Addicts are overdosing and dying by the droves while jails and prisons are overwhelmingly overcrowded. Probation officers are overworked. Public defenders and state attorneys are seeing the same individuals coming in and out of the courtrooms year after year. The system that we have in place does not seem to be reducing drug dealing or any other crime. Something has to change; punishment is not always the answer if our county would like to lower the recidivism rates, robberies, theft, assaults, distributing drugs, or any other crime. Brooks Behavioral Health Services will be part of the solution.

Society should punish people that break the law but imagine if there was a facility that could treat substance abuse and criminality with treatment. No one wants to spend an excess of money to house criminals for months and even years. But on the contrary, if we don't spend our resources wisely, the cost will be our properties, assets, family members and our life or well-being.

The problem with incarcerating criminals is they are sentenced or punished without having an individual person-centered plan focused on identifying the root causes of criminality or specialized treatment goal that can address criminal thinking along with substance abuse. The current system relies on a judge determining a length of time an individual must serve in the judiciary either incarcerated or on probation. If incarcerated, the desire of the judge is that every person knows their issues and finds a program that may help fix their problems while being supervised by a probation/parole officer. The offender's responsibility is to make sure they abide by the probation conditions.

Some individuals may receive a court-ordered substance abuse treatment which only touches on behaviors that are directly related to their substance abuse issues. Other persons may be granted the option of a problem-solving court, only if their maladaptive behaviors didn't manifest in violent crime which would disqualify them from this opportunity.

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Do we want to continue problem-solving the growing issue of criminality in the same way, with the same process? If not, how long until we change? How about now? What if there is a facility in Frederick County that came alongside the criminal justice system to treat the addiction to the lifestyle of breaking laws and help change the belief system of people that want to discontinue their maladaptive patterns?

Brooks Behavioral Health Services is what Frederick County has been looking for to help make the community a better place to live and raise children. BBHS will unite Frederick County initiatives specializing in counseling, criminology, economics, education, medicine, spirituality, and any other community resource that will help reform criminal behaviors, thoughts, and patterns. BBHS will provide Frederick County more than justice; it will give peace of mind to Frederick's citizens, businesses, and neighborhoods. We will identify and treat criminality by examining the criminogenic needs of addicts, explore how needs relate to the user's risk factors, and determine the responsivity of how the treatment is provided to each client.

Some individual need more than just the conventional substance abuse treatment, they need substance abuse treatment from a facility that specializes in criminality reform.

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