

Amplifying & Stabilizing Therapeutic Adventure Work - Transformation Through Relationship

*RFP for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal
Recovery Funds*

PIVOTPOINT WNC

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Application Form

Question Group

Buncombe County requests proposals for projects to help the community recover from and respond to COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts.

Buncombe County has been awarded \$50,733,290 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Recovery Funding), as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. To date, Buncombe County has awarded projects totaling \$23,093,499, leaving a balance of \$27,639,791 available to award.

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This infusion of federal resources is intended to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Buncombe County is committed to investing these funds in projects that:

- Align to county strategic plan and community priorities
- Support equitable outcomes for most impacted populations
- Leverage and align with other governmental funding sources
- Make best use of this one-time infusion of resources
- Have a lasting impact

Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP and any addenda issued hereto.

[Click here for the full terms and conditions of the RFP](#)

Organization Type*

Nonprofit

Nonprofit documentation

If nonprofit, attach IRS Determination Letter or other proof of nonprofit status.

[IRSLetterofTaxExemptStatus.pdf](#)

Name of Project.*

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New/Updated Proposal*

Is this a new project proposal or an updated version of a proposal submitted during the earlier (July 2021) Recovery Funding RFP?

Updated version of previously submitted proposal

Amount of Funds Requested*

\$170,463.00

Category*

Please select one:

- Affordable Housing
- Aging/Older Adults
- Business Support/Economic Development
- Environmental/Climate
- Homelessness
- K-12 Education
- Infrastructure and/or Broadband
- Mental Health/Substance Use
- NC Pre-K Expansion
- Workforce

Enhance behavioral and mental health services

Brief Project Description*

Provide a short summary of your proposed project.

In Buncombe County, overdose deaths have risen between 400% and 600% since 1999 and nearly doubled statewide since 2014. Rates of use, overdose, and death continue to rise. PIVOTPoint WNC (PPWNC) requests \$170,463 for a 2-year project to increase access to subsidized therapeutic outings for the communities most impacted by the pandemic. \$9,253 of the proposal covers a portion of the overhead costs associated with this project. \$161,210 of the proposal covers the direct costs – including the re-stabilizing of employment compensation directly impacted by COVID-19 – directly improving the lives of over 300 unduplicated Buncombe County community members at various stages of the substance use recovery process. Our proposal serves a bifurcated purpose of: 1.) increase access to subsidized outings for the communities most impacted by the pandemic; by, 2) addressing the deep employment crisis by providing stabilizing compensation for contracted PPWNC facilitators.

Project Plan*

Explain how the project will be structured and implemented, including timeframe.

This is a two (2) year project. Grounded in theoretical principles of Adventure Therapy (AT) and Wilderness Therapy (WT), we combine the therapeutic benefits of the adventure experiences and activities with those of more traditional modes of therapy (Newes & Bandoroff, What is Adventure Therapy?). More specifically, we use hands-on, tangible and practical activities implemented in the natural environment to challenge, instruct, and practice pro-social, interpersonal, problem-solving, communication and self-regulation skills. PPWNC will address the continuum of needs of participants by providing multi-modal and innovative interventions that effectively reduce substance use/abuse and improve the building of interpersonal skills.

Suggested duration of engagement is 3-months, during which outings will be scheduled in consideration of each referring agency's schedule, client availability, and need. Outings will be delivered with a frequency ranging from 1-4 outings per week for the duration of each program cycle. While participating in outings with PPWNC, clients work with facilitators who have years of experience working specifically with the substance use population. Through intentional, small group facilitation, PPWNC experiences introduce and support a mindful approach to living, which effectively supports substance use reduction among participants. Throughout the outdoor experience, participants are encouraged to reframe their relationships with themselves, which allows them to reframe their overall approach to relationship-building and maintenance. This reframing and recalibration forms the foundation of recovery for many individuals.

Specific experiences will be planned/scheduled in partnership with referring/partner agencies and the clients themselves, including a combination of hiking, rock climbing, paddling and biking. Facilitators have a minimum of 5 years direct-care experience working with the target populations and all have outing-specific safety training and credentials including, but not limited to: Swiftwater Rescue; Raft Guide training; Nature-Connected Coach; WFR; neuro-feedback technician; Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (CSI+) training; Motivational Interviewing 1; and, Clinical First Responder (CFR 1) training. The organization contracts out with industry-standard-certified specialists when mountain biking and rock climbing. Facilitators are peers who have personal experience with substance use recovery. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), peer delivered services are emerging as a promising practice in both behavioral health and substance use/abuse treatment and prevention. Peer delivered models can provide strength- and experience-based support to individuals in recovery or treatment as they inspire work, serve in a partnership role with clients in recovery, and provide evidence of a roadmap to recovery.

Statement of Need*

Describe the need that this project will address. Include data to demonstrate the need, and cite the source of the data.

COVID-19 has exacerbated conditions for our clients and impacted those providing our services. As mentioned in the Project Description, the COVID-19 crisis has intensified the precarious nature of [contract] jobs, leaving many workers with little support when they needed it most [1]. Providing stability and removing barriers to optimized performance, such as food and rent insecurities, are essential to promote the efficacy of our organization's work. And the need for this work is ever apparent. In Buncombe County, the number of overdose deaths has risen between 400% and 600% since 1999. Statewide, the number of overdose deaths has almost doubled since 2014 [2].

According to the North Carolina Medical Society, 2016 costs associated with opioid use disorders totaled over \$21,000,000,000 [3]. Over 91% of the population using illicit drugs in North Carolina did not receive substance abuse treatment between 2009-2013 [4]. Approximately one in three people imprisoned in North Carolina are serving time for a drug or property offense as of May 2018, and 71% of screened incarcerated people reported having a substance use disorder requiring intermediate or long-term treatment [5]. These concerns illuminate the growing need for services that specifically address substance use and addiction while also decreasing client justice-involvement.

References:

[1] Companies Must Step Up to Protect Their Contract Workers for the Remainder of the COVID-19 Crisis and Beyond, December 2020.

[2] North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services presentation - Jan. 2018.

[3] North Carolina Medical Society - North Carolina Opioid Report - January 2018.

[4] Recovery Connection, Lakeview Health, Substance Abuse Statistics - 2019.

[5] NC Policy Watch (09/05/2018): New report lays out roadmap for ending mass incarceration in North Carolina.

Link to COVID-19*

Identify a health or economic harm resulting from or exacerbated by the public health emergency, describe the nature and extent of that harm, and explain how the use of this funding would address such harm.

The proposed programmatic development addresses the impact of COVID-19 on multiple levels. This project supports the enhancement of access to mental health and behavioral health support services for disproportionately impacted Buncombe County community members. By re-stabilizing direct-care workers of the organization who lost compensation due to COVID, we are re-stabilizing the effectiveness of our therapeutic work. Contract employees whose pay is directly related to the deliverables of our therapeutic adventure work have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

The project responds to the needs of both underserved populations and essential frontline workers disproportionately affected by COVID-19. By providing therapeutic adventure work to small groups of recovery, diversion, and other behavioral health program residents at a time, direct-care staff at each sober living facility in Buncombe county can provide for more direct care at each program and their burden is lessened. We are proposing to expand offerings to low-income, financially underserved populations in Buncombe County. This funding will enable us to provide fully subsidized, evidence-based therapeutic adventure work to the individuals involved with area programs such as Veterans Treatment Court, Adult Drug Treatment Court, Justice Resource Center, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and the Department of Juvenile Justice, Sobriety Court, as well as addiction treatment organizations at various levels of the recovery process. As reported in The Wall Street Journal and according to provisional overdose-drug data released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "The deaths from drug overdoses form a twin public health crisis with Covid-19 and show how the human toll of the pandemic extends well beyond the estimated 377,883 U.S. deaths involving that disease last year." Our focus remains here.

Population Served*

Define the population to be served by this project, including volume and demographic characteristics of those served.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need for recovery support services among both individuals in recovery, and for individuals at risk of developing SUD. We aim to reduce the social isolation, anxiety and depression that has become elevated among program participants during the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of social distancing requirements and other COVID-19 avoidance strategies, many individuals experiencing SUD no longer have access to the critical in-person treatment or therapy programs that were previously available prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (Dunlop, et al., 2020). Moreover, many individuals in recovery from SUD, including many of our participants, are unemployed or underemployed. These individuals are also uninsured or underinsured and already have difficulty obtaining or maintaining necessary treatment. The confluence of these risk factors makes the population of individuals experiencing SUD who participate in our programs particularly at risk, disproportionately affected by COVID-19, and also underserved. Through our work with Buncombe County diversion and treatment programming, nearly 40% of our current clients are people of color (30% Black and 9% Latinx). The success of the deliverables proposed is also assessed through an increase in the frequency of engagement by individuals – the more engaged in the programming clients

become, the higher their frequency of attendance. Therefore, a conservative increase in unique individuals engaged is a direct and positive indicator of the effectiveness of our programming.

Over the 2-year project, we will directly serve 410 unduplicated individuals as follows:

- 55 youth in 60 outings;
- 125 adult females in 175 outings; and,
- 230 adult males in 200 outings

Results*

Describe the proposed impact of the project. List at least 3 performance measures that will be tracked and reported. If possible, include baselines and goals for each performance measure.

In 2021, 65% of all Buncombe County Treatment and Court Diversion graduates were our program participants. An investment in the project will enable us to maintain momentum with this collaboration and meet the growing need for our services with this population. The overarching goal is to reduce the social isolation, anxiety and depression, elevated among program participants during the COVID-19 pandemic. We aim for participants to achieve the following objectives during the project:

Year 1

- 45% of participants will report an improved personal sense of positive social integration;
- 50% of participants will report an improved sense of interpersonal relationship building skills;
- 50% of participants will report an improved personal sense of well-being; and
- 55% of participants will report an improved sense of intrapersonal relationship-building skills.

Year 2

- 50% of participants will report an improved personal sense of positive social integration;
- 55% of participants will report an improved sense of interpersonal relationship building skills;
- 55% of participants will report an improved personal sense of well-being; and
- 60% of participants will report an improved sense of intrapersonal relationship-building skills.

Data will be collected on these measures at baseline as well as 3 months and 6 months following the completion of the outing. Clients are tracked during each outing with pre- and post-trek, Likert-scale self-assessment questionnaires. Recent participants and family members are also strong indicators of our program results: "Thank you to the county for offering access to PIVOTPoint, it's the best program here," stated a recent Sobriety Court graduate. A recent client parent notes, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being such an open outlet and positive influence for our teen and for us as a family during this journey. Thank you for providing healthy life tools and a safe environment for positive growth, healing and discovery."

Evaluation*

Describe the data collection, analysis, and quality assurance measures you will use to assure ongoing, effective tracking of contract requirements and outcomes.

We use the Feedback Informed Treatment model to assure that the voice of the client is heard. Through this process, students/clients have the opportunity to highlight any variances in language, norms, and values. This positive feedback loop not only serves to shape future service delivery, but also the data collection process. Determining if changes need to be implemented is done by the Program Director in conjunction with regular monthly meetings with the facilitators. An Educational Consultant will conduct all QI efforts. After each outing, the lead facilitator will implement one of the FIT measurement tools to assess the Session Rating Scale (SRS). If the student is an adolescent, the Child Outcome Rating Scale (CORS) will be utilized. To complete the feedback loop, the FIT assessment tool also includes a supervisory assessment tool which will be used quarterly to provide organizational checks and balances; This will enhance the efficacy of these

assessment tools, strengthening relationships at all strata of our operations. Confidentiality and informed consent are an essential part of any therapeutic program. We are committed to promoting a culture of safety by using standardized confidentiality agreements and informed consent. All information collected will be stored electronically, behind dually-encrypted management systems.

Resources:

Brattland, H., Koksvik, J. M., Burkeland, O., Klöckner, C. A., Lara-Cabrera, M. L., Miller, S. D., ... & Iversen, V. C. (2019). Does the working alliance mediate the effect of routine outcome monitoring (ROM) and alliance feedback on psychotherapy outcomes? A secondary analysis from a randomized clinical trial. *Journal of counseling psychology*, 66(2), 234.

Miller, S. D., Hubble, M. A., Chow, D., & Seidel, J. (2015). Beyond measures and monitoring: Realizing the potential of feedback-informed treatment. *Psychotherapy*, 52(4), 449.

Equity Impact*

How will this effort help build toward a just, equitable, and sustainable COVID-19 recovery? How are the root causes and/or disproportionate impacts of inequities addressed?

We are positioned to expand our offerings to low-income, financially underserved populations in Buncombe County. The organization will continue to provide fully subsidized, evidence-based therapeutic wilderness experiences to individuals involved with area programs such as Veterans Treatment Court, Adult Drug Treatment Court, Justice Resource Center, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and the Department of Juvenile Justice, Sobriety Court, as well as recovery programs throughout Buncombe County. Participants include adolescents, young adults and adults – those assessed as at-risk, and those in recovery from SUD. Participants will reflect a diverse cultural background, including but not limited to the BIPOC community in Buncombe County, marginalized and underserved youth, veterans, and adults.

Michelle Alexander reveals that the criminalization of color is evident within our local justice-system, stating, “One in three young African American men are currently under control of the criminal justice system in prison, in jail, or on parole- yet mass incarceration tends to be categorized as criminal justice issues as opposed to a racial justice or civil rights issue (or crisis).”

Although outdoor behavioral health programming for providers and recipients is historically White, because of our work with Buncombe County diversion and treatment programming:

- nearly 40% of our current clients are people of color (30% Black and 9% Latinx)

As an organization, we take a strong anti-racist stance in all aspects of program development and operation. We pursue equity internally through ongoing training (micro-aggression training, equity audits, DEI, etc.) and community outreach. We are committed to promoting parity on a multitude of fronts (gender, ableism, ageism, etc.), recognizing the impact of years of systemic and structural oppression. We take active steps to have a Board that reflects the heterogeneous socio-cultural expressions of its constituents.

Project Partners*

Identify any subcontractors you intend to use for the proposed scope of work. For each subcontractor listed, indicate:

- 1.) What products and/or services are to be supplied by that subcontractor and;
- 2.) What percentage of the overall scope of work that subcontractor will perform.

Also, list non-funded key partners critical to project.

Since PPWNC was founded in 2017, it has facilitated outings for an estimated 1500 unique individuals with substance use disorder. Additionally, PPWNC has been the recipient of several grants, which has allowed it to expand access to its programs. Most notably, PPWNC has an established partnership with the

Department of Juvenile Justice and has received a Dogwood Health Trust grant. With additional funding, the organization will expand its reach to a significant number of individuals in the region.

We contract with industry-standard-certified specialists when mountain biking (The Professional Mountain Bike Association (PMBIA) Level 1 Mountain Bike Instructor Certified); rock climbing (The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) Single-pitch Instructor Certified); and paddling (assuring safety team members have Swiftwater rescue credentials, and verified river guiding experience). To ensure compliance with state and CDC requirements and recommendations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we work directly with referring agencies to engage groups of participants rather than emphasize individual engagement. The following organizations have previously or will serve as primary referral sources but are not formal partners in this endeavor: Veterans Treatment Court, Adult Drug Treatment Court, Justice Resource Center, Sobriety Court, Buncombe County School System, area charter schools, and Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) – all with an intentional focus on supporting individuals both assessed as at-risk and those at various stages of the recovery process within the county.

Capacity*

Describe the background, experience, and capabilities of your organization or department as it relates to capacity for delivering the proposed project and managing federal funds.

We have reached our capacity to serve the residents of Buncombe County with our current organizational model. An investment in PPWNC would enable us to increase our capacity and meet the growing needs of our neighbors for substance abuse recovery. We provide services through funding by individual donors, Charitable Foundations, Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Dogwood Health Trust as well as other local funding sources. PPWNC currently has two employees and a number of independent contractors. For delivery of services, our Executive Director has over 7 years experience providing therapeutic wilderness experiences, and has the following credentials: Credentialed Nature-Connected Coach; Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, NCI+ de-escalation/nonviolent communication training, and involvement in the local recovery community for over 8 years. Our Program Director has the following credentials: Wilderness First Responder and Adult and Child CPR certifications; NCI+ de-escalation/nonviolent communication training; more than 4 years supervising direct-care staff in a therapeutic wilderness setting; and, over 5 years of experience working with the substance use and mental health population both in residential and wilderness therapy settings. Our treasurer has over 50 years of accounting experience, working with organizations that receive funds from Federal, state and local agencies. He has worked with organizations funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and other government funding sources.

Budget*

Provide a detailed project budget including all proposed project revenues and expenditures, including explanations and methodology. For all revenue sources, list the funder and denote whether funds are confirmed or pending. For project expenses, denote all capital vs. operating costs, and reflect which specific expenses are proposed to be funded with one-time Buncombe County Recovery Funds.

Download a copy of the budget form [HERE](#). Complete the form, and upload it using the button below.

Recovery-Funds-budget-PIVOTPoint WNC.xlsx

Special Considerations*

Provide any other information that might assist the County in its selection.

Buncombe County Letters of Support.pdf

The guiding ethos for PPWNC is “Transformation through Relationship.” The organization recognizes that rapport and the therapeutic alliance are the greatest determinants that shape positive client outcomes. By focusing on the safety and stability of our team and ensuring their monthly compensation is stabilized, our organization is better equipped to facilitate our transformational therapeutic adventure work. For the opportunity for change to occur, it is essential that we counter the impacts of COVID-19 on our team by securing and providing stable compensation, so that they can cultivate these relationships with clients. Strong rapport and community relationships within a professional setting are at the foundation of the trust inherent in a successful therapeutic relationship. It is upon this foundation that the pillars of long-term recovery and healthy decision-making can be made.

The proposed project will enhance the following for those living with substance use disorder:

- emotional regulation through self-reflection;
- enhanced realistic appraisal of individual strengths,
- weaknesses, and self-imposed limitations; and,
- interpersonal skill building

These are essential skills for long-term sustainable recovery, which we provide through challenge-based therapeutic adventure programming. The increased awareness cultivated at PPWNC leads to better decision-making abilities, not only in these immediate times of extended trauma, stress, and uncertainty; but also, throughout the life of participants. The demand for our work in Buncombe County continues to expand at an exponential rate – as shown in the attachment; the need for our services is documented and the need for fundamental stability for our therapeutic behavioral and mental health services is essential to promote the highest quality deliverables for the populations we serve.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- IRSLetterofTaxExemptStatus.pdf
- Recovery-Funds-budget-PIVOTPoint WNC.xlsx
- Buncombe County Letters of Support.pdf

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Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
April 10, 2019
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 947

FRIENDS OF PIVOTPOINT WNC

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

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			Total	\$ 628,120.00		



Drug Treatment Court

Amanda Jo Murphy
Program Coordinator

4/8/21

Dear Committee Members,

This letter is in support of PIVOT Point and the opportunity for them to expand the work they do for our community and with Drug Treatment Court. This organization is truly invaluable to our population of people involved in the justice system. 80% of the people coming through our justice system struggle with mental health and substance use challenges. Many of them need more than traditional 12 step programs, they need connection, they need to heal holistically, and in ways that best serve their success and growth and PIVOT Point is an organization that can do this. Through their services that provide therapeutic wilderness experiences, PIVOT Point is an immense asset to our Drug Treatment Court participants. I cannot express enough how much we value the relationship we have with PIVOT Point. We would benefit greatly from their ability to expand and increase the wonderful work they are doing.

Amanda Jo Murphy BA, NCCPSS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Amanda Jo Murphy'.





Justice Service Department

Sala Menaya-Merritt
Diversion Services Program Manager

April 23rd, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write and submit this letter of support for Mr. Matt Nannis and PIVOTPoint WNC services.

The Justice Resource Center (JRC) and the programs housed under its umbrella such as the Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) and our other treatment courts are always seeking out strong and dependable collaborative partnerships to provide services to our participants/clients. PIVOTPoint WNC Services is one of those partnerships.

The safe atmosphere that they provide for our individuals who suffer from the disease of addiction is one key resource that assists in recovery. The program provides diverse practices in their approach which includes coupling their outings with mindfulness practices – it is a unique and positive way to engage and support the recovery process.

The JRC, without hesitation is proud to support the work and partnership of PIVOTPoint WNC. We look forward to the continued partnership and support.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. My email is: sala.menaya-merritt@buncombecounty.org

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sala Menaya-Merritt
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4/15/21

Re: Matt Nannis
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support for PIVOTPoint NC for initiating the efforts in requesting funding. I believe this program will create remarkable changes and results in the lives of many youth and adults, their families, and our local community. PIVOTPoint NC has done an excellent job in expanding much needed services to at-risk youth and adults who lack services for support through their recovery from substance use disorders and mental health challenges. Those who have been privileged to engage in the PIVOTPoint NC program have been able to experience support, connection, and advocacy. Each participant has been exposed to authentic compassion and understanding to elevate their desired quality of life.

PIVOTPoint NC has done great work with Buncombe County's Treatment Court programs and Department of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Council to allow equal access to needed services. In order to continue the great work PIVOTPoint NC is doing, financial support is needed to allow additional access. There is an exponential need in Buncombe County to look beyond the confines of a building and utilize nature to connect each participant to themselves and others as they discover recovery is possible.

In conclusion, I deeply support the efforts of PIVOTPoint NC to seek funding to expand to a greater reach. Your support for this program will highly impact individuals, families and our greater community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melisa Enclade, MSW, LCSW-A, LCAS



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April 7th, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

The Buncombe County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is honored to voice our unwavering support for Mr. Matt Nannis and PIVOTPoint WNC services.

The success of the VTC is dependent on our strong partnerships with community providers and their implementation of evidence-based best-practices. As a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor and Nature-Centered Coaching candidate, Mr. Nannis provides culturally-congruent and ethically-sound care, with a strong emphasis on person-centered treatment. Through the modality of experiential learning, PIVOTPoint provides a safe atmosphere for individuals suffering from the disease of addiction to strengthen their recovery resiliency and resolve. Incorporating mindfulness practices into their outings, PIVOTPoint is able to meet an individual at their unique stage of change-preparedness and help them to self-determine a path towards recovery.

The VTC is proud of our partnership with PIVOTPoint WNC and we look forward to our continued collaboration to support justice-involved veterans. It is the VTC's hope to leverage PIVOTPoint WNC four (4) to five (5) times per month as we see the value to our participants to be well worth the return on investment.

Please feel free to email any questions/concerns to: kevin.rumley@buncombecounty.org

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