



OAR

FY27 Charlottesville
Work session

Alignment with the City

Primary Impact: Charlottesville provides comprehensive, trusted public safety services and treats everyone with respect and dignity

Indirect Impact:

Economic prosperity
Adult Education and Vocation
Partnership

Foundational Designation: Providing safe, evidence-based and cost-effective alternative to incarceration for Central Virginia and providing services to City of Charlottesville residents who are or were incarcerated

City's Core Values:

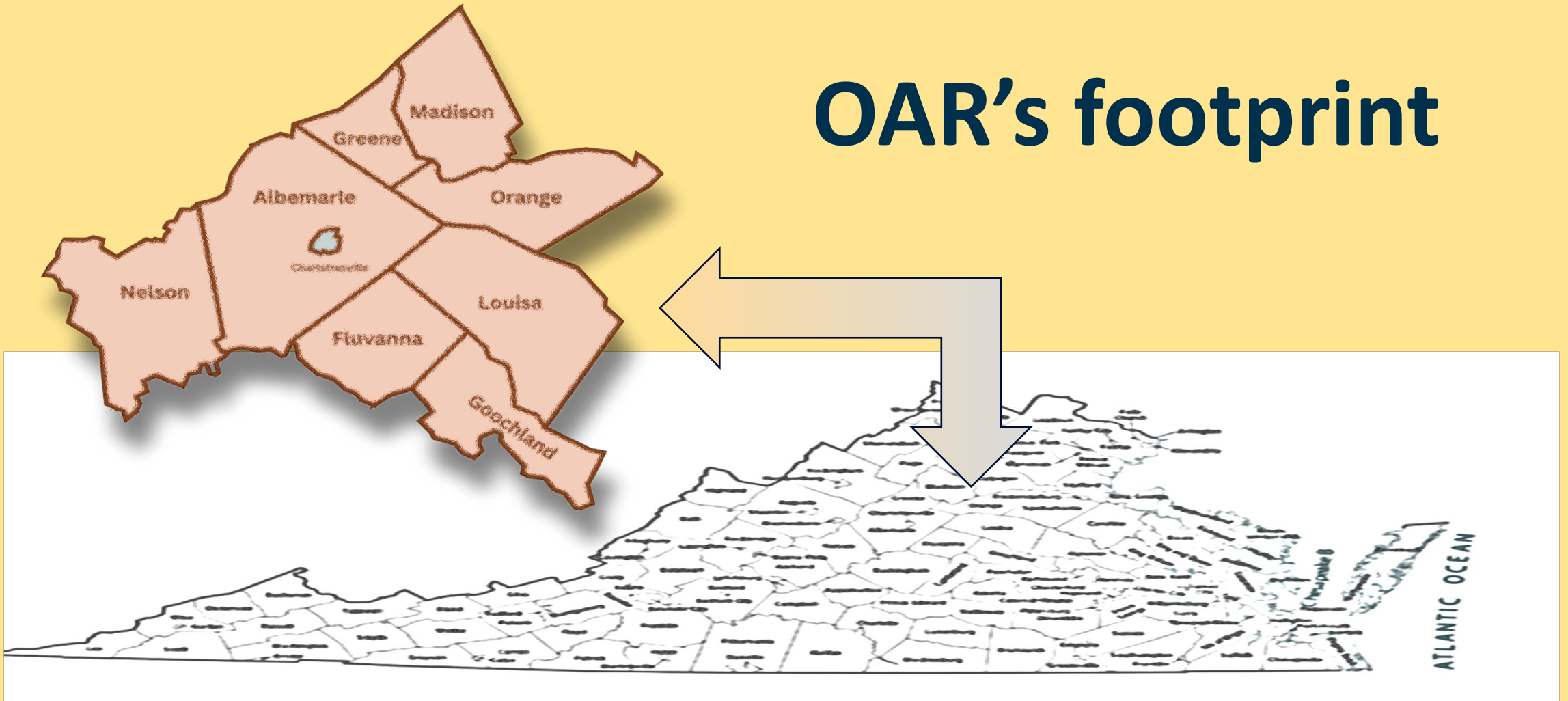
Commitment
Integrity
Respect
Innovation
Collaboration

About Us

- Has been providing service to the city of Charlottesville since 1971
- Regional Community Corrections Agency providing Pretrial Services, Local Probation, Reentry Services, Peer Support Services, Recovery Courts, Therapeutic Docket, and Criminal Justice Planning for Charlottesville and the 8 surrounding counties. (Pop = 305,906 / 3080 sq miles)
- Serve approximately 4000 people annually
- *“Where everyone has the opportunity for success”*



OAR's footprint



Why OAR?

- Research tells us that in as little as 72 hours people begin to lose their pro-social ties and their risk to re-offend increases
- Successful reintegration should begin on day one
- Over-supervising and over conditioning low risk people causes harm
- There are research driven best practices that can reduce reoffending
- Individualized success plans based on risk and need reduce reoffending and increase success
- Alternative responses to incarceration and the adversarial court process yield the best long term outcomes
- Approximately 50% of crimes are committed by individuals who do not reside in the jurisdiction of the offense so a siloed response is not as effective
- Effective use of public money
 - Cost per day per inmate at ACRJ = \$152.45
 - Avg. length of stay at ACRJ = 33 days
- OAR is an integral part of a larger system that has produced lower reported crime rates, reductions in jail population and a rebooking rate less than the national average over the last ten years

Pretrial Services

Provides pretrial investigation and supervision for defendants prior to trial

Utilizes an evidence based risk and recommendation matrix to provide neutral information for bond hearings. (*Maximize release*)

Utilizes evidence based supervision strategies. (*Maximize public safety and Court appearance*)

Release and supervision based on RISK and not finances

Funding FY26 - \$861,458

State = 79%

Local = 21%

Clients served FY24 – 2621

Cville = 31%

“I have met nothing but caring people here at OAR in Charlottesville”

Local Probation

Sentencing alternative for individuals convicted of misdemeanor and class 5/6 felony offenses

Utilizes supervision strategies designed to reduce the likelihood of re-offending

Supervision is individualized and based on risk to reoffend versus one size fits all or charge based

Funding FY26 - \$904,649

State = 83%

Local = 16%

Fee for service = 1%

Clients served FY24 – 1463

Cville = 18%

"Was not expecting that this would be as "nice" of an experience as it was!"

Adult Recovery Court

Alternative Court response for individuals with substance use disorders charged with felony offenses within Albemarle and Charlottesville

Collaborative team with the Circuit Court Judge, Commonwealth's Attorney, Law Enforcement, Defense, Region Ten, Peer Support and OAR

Phased approach to supervision and treatment in which intensity is lessened as milestones are reached

Graduation occurs after a minimum of 1 year program participation, employment and 4 months of continuous sobriety

Funding FY26 - \$395,446

State = 60%

City = 25%

Albemarle 15%

Clients served FY25 - 56

Cville = 42%

Albemarle = 58%

"They were very encouraging and supportive in getting started in recovery"

Therapeutic Docket

Alternative Court response for high risk individuals suffering with serious mental illness who have been charged with felony/misdemeanor offenses within Albemarle and Charlottesville

Collaborative team with the General District Court Judge, Commonwealth's Attorney, Defense, Region Ten, Partner for Mental Health, Peer Support and OAR

Phased approach to supervision and treatment in which intensity is lessened as milestones are reached

Graduation occurs after a minimum of 9 months participation and demonstrated successful management of their illness

Funding FY26 - \$264, 689

State - 30%

City – 37%

Albemarle – 23%

Clients FY25 - 58

City – 36%

Albemarle – 64%

“Everyone in the office really do care and saved my life!”

Reentry Services

Services designed to address pre-release transition planning and evidence based class facilitation, immediate post release emergency services, and long term case management to reduce reoffending and improve self sufficiency

Serves ACRJ, CVRJ and the local prisons

Facilitates community collaboration by chairing the local reentry initiatives – Reentry Councils and Reentry EBDM committee

Reentry Services are voluntary

FY26 Funding - \$631,886

State = 39%

Federal = 8% ***

Local = 53%

Clients FY25 - 743

City = 35%

Albemarle = 15%

Outlying = 50%

“OAR reentry has been very helpful with me in reaching my goals.”

Peer Support Services

New program in FY26

Staffed by individuals with lived experience

Designed to enhance the services provided by OAR's Recovery Courts and Therapeutic Docket

Funding in partnership with the City, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Nelson, Orange and Madison as a regional Opioid Abatement Award

FY26 Funding

State = 95%

Local = 5%

Equal share from
each jurisdiction

"OAR is one of the first places I have dealt with in the legal system that actually cares about us."

Criminal Justice Planning

Planning position that is staff to the Thomas Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board and the Charlottesville/Albemarle Evidence Based Decision Making Team

Conducts local research and analysis to inform system stakeholders to make data driven decision making

Project manager of the partnership with UVA's System Engineering School and School of Data Science

Produces annual reports to inform local elected officials of trends within the criminal justice system so decisions can be made using local data

FY26 Funding = \$87,602

100% local funding and requests are based upon jurisdiction population size

"I think this OAR office has been the most respectful I've been to! You guys are great!"

Additional Programming to other jurisdictions



Fluvanna Adult Recovery Court

Nelson Adult Recovery Court

Orange/Madison Adult Recovery Court

Rural Reentry Services

*"I've only had good positive
experiences with OAR"*

Challenges

- Wage competition and job retention- wages are consistently 10% lower than similarly situated positions
- Uncertainty in Federal funding and grant opportunities
- Future legislative changes
- Growth (office space)
- Local/state funding imbalance
- Reimbursement funding
- Meeting the community needs with less – Harder to be an agency of “Yes”

Agency Successes

- Successful relocation within the city
- Receives local funding support from all jurisdictions served
- Fundamental funding designation for several programs
- Growth of agency especially programming in outlying jurisdictions (Peer support/Recovery Courts/Reentry/Opioid Abatement)
- Federal funding cuts did not derail service delivery



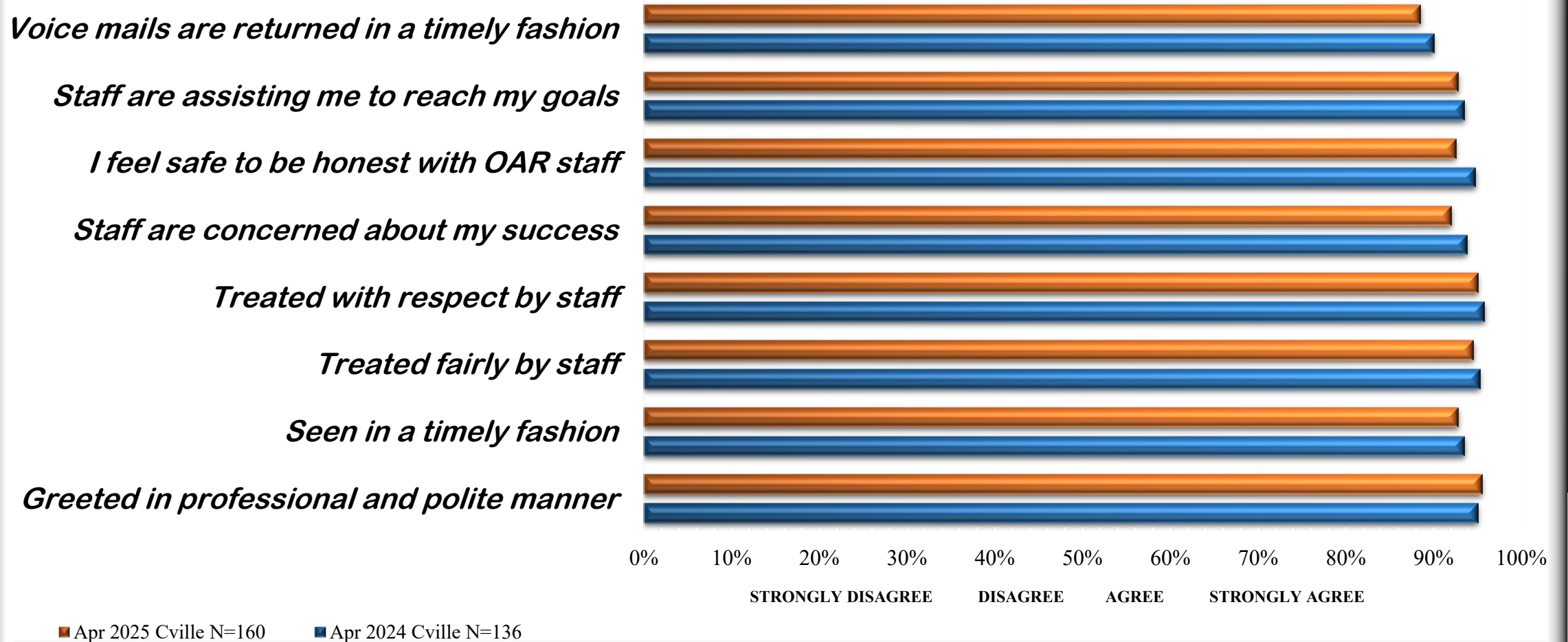
Our talented staff

- Staff are trained/certified on a variety of risk reducing, evidence based and harm reduction skills
 - Effective communication
 - Risk assessment (MH/SUD/Recidivism)
 - Success planning
 - Trauma responsiveness
 - Intimate partner violence
 - Substance use disorders
 - Mental health first aid
 - Reentry Specialist
 - Peer Recovery Specialist
 - Cognitive Behavioral Interventions
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Revive Narcan training



Client Survey results

OAR Client Survey Summary - Charlottesville



Client success

Pretrial public safety and appearance rates above 90%

Clients that complete OAR probation supervision are 2.5 x less likely to re-offend


485 Recovery Court graduates

105 Therapeutic Docket graduates

254 MRT graduates (CBT programming for high risk individuals)

Research determined that despite being at high risk to reoffend, reentry clients are less likely to reoffend than the general jail population

Award winning partnership between the CCJB and UVA



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Thank you for the
longstanding
partnership
between
Charlottesville
and OAR

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