



# Indiana Department of Correction Transitional Healthcare

New and Improved....Oh wait we are just new!

# Transitional Healthcare Team



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# Transitional Healthcare Department Oversight

- Established health care coverage for releasing persons
- Intensive release planning for the special-needs population
- Officer Breann Leath Maternal Child Healthcare Unit
- Transitional Healthcare Facilitators and Liaisons
- Community partnerships with CHMCs, sister agencies, and vendors
- Advocating for prevention of a justice response to a social determinants of health issues

# History of the Transitional Healthcare Department

## **Prior to September 2019:**

- Medicaid Processing Unit and Special Needs Releases under umbrella of Case Management and Re-Entry Services
- Re-Entry planning under umbrella of Contracted Medical Vendor
- Creating band aid responses to social determinants of health issues

## **September 2019:**

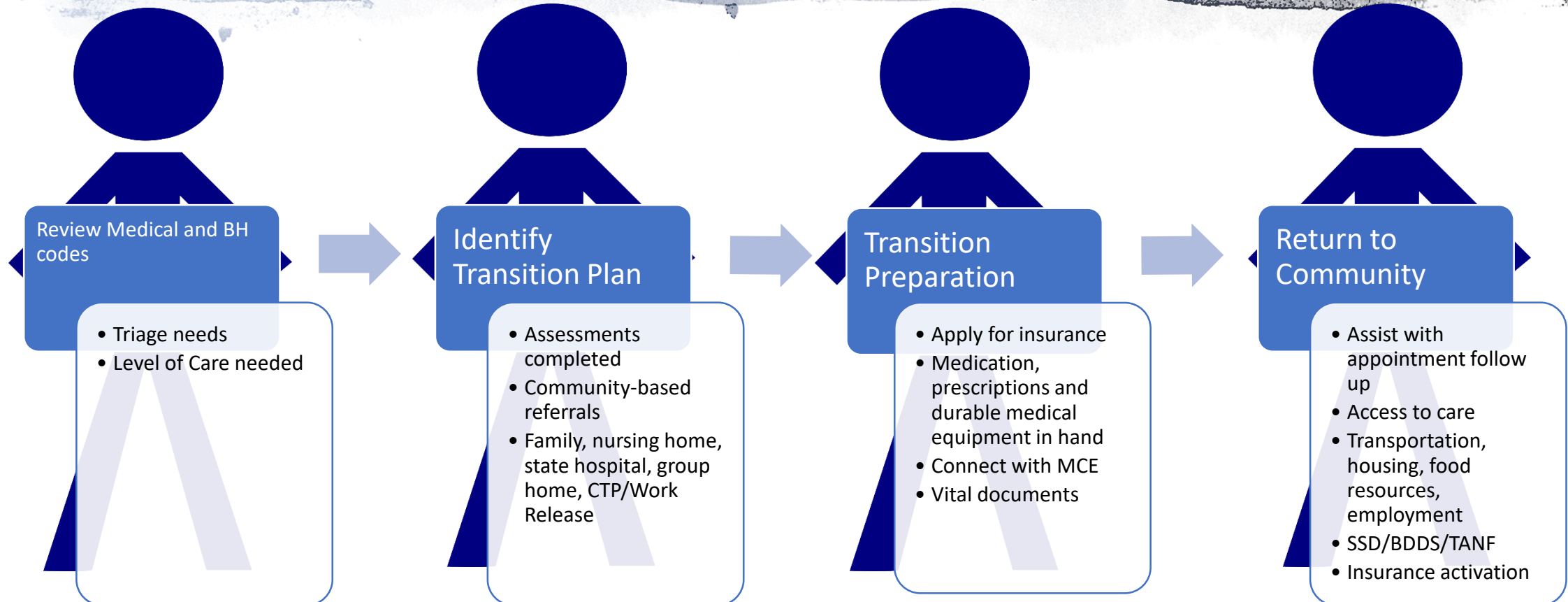
- Establishment of the Transitional Healthcare Department under umbrella of the Medical Division

# Case Management vs. Transitional Healthcare

**Case Management:** RNR model, case planning, program referrals, progress reports, placement

**Transitional Healthcare:** Medical model, review medical records. Social service or community service referrals

# Transitional Healthcare



# Numbers 2019 Let's Talk Numbers 2019

- **Recidivism rate for severe mental health codes:**
  - C Code: 39%
  - D Code: 35%
  - E Code: 40%
  - F Code: 45%
- **Recidivism rate for severe medical health codes:**
  - B Code 31%
  - C Code: 10%
  - F Codes: 31%
- **Upcoming releases within 3 years over 65: 320**
- **Officer Leath MCHU:      Babies: 10      Pregnant Moms: 11**
  - **Average monthly releases that require THD assistance: 50**

# How do we release plan?

- Triage by medical/mental health need
  - Ability to care for one's self
  - Psychotropic injections, prescribed life determining medication, need for durable medical equipment
- Identifying social determinants of health
  - Access to care, income level, food insecurity, employment status, racial segregation, gender inequity, education
- Review time served in IDOC and age
- Best releasing location that offer's best success for transitional care into community



# COVID 19 Release Planning

- **Changes daily due to active COVID cases within IDOC**
- Facilities with active cases must:
  - Quarantine and test all upcoming releases within the next 10 days
  - Release with a mask and COVID education
  - Contact releasing placement of COVID 19 exposure
  - Attempt to secure food delivery assistance as needed
  - Contact local health department for contact tracing if needed
- All facilities must screen releasing offender, provide mask, and educational information about COVID 19



# GUIDELINES FOR RELEASE

PROVIDED BY THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

## SCREENING PROCESS

IDOC is screening all releasing individuals for COVID-19 symptoms and performing temperature checks within 24 hours of release.

### CLEARs release screening process:

- Release as normal
- Ensure individual has a face covering
- Provide COVID-19 prevention information

### DOES NOT CLEAR release screening process:

- Immediately place individual under medical isolation
- Evaluate individual for medical treatment and COVID-19 testing
- Ensure individual is wearing a face covering at all times

*\* IDOC is testing all releasing individuals if the individual's housing facility has had a COVID-19 positive staff or offender case in the last 10 days.*



## **RELEASE FROM MEDICAL ISOLATION/QUARANTINE\***

If an individual under medical isolation or quarantine is to be released before the recommended 14-day medical isolation or quarantine period is complete, the following should be initiated:

### **CONFIRMED POSITIVE & SUSPECTED**

- Contact local health department to which the offender is being released for further monitoring
- Contact family member or placement facility prior to release
- Provide additional guidance to offender and offender family in accordance to CDC guideline for release
- Ensure safe transport and continued shelter
- Continue medical care through IDOC Transitional Healthcare Team
- Ensure individual has a face covering
- Provide COVID-19 prevention information

### **NEGATIVE CASE, BUT INDIVIDUAL IS ILL**

- Ensure safe transport and continued shelter
- Continue medical care through IDOC Transitional Healthcare Team
- Ensure individual has a face covering
- Provide COVID-19 prevention information

*\* IDOC is currently testing all individuals under medical isolation and quarantine for COVID19.*

# Current THD Initiatives

Medicaid Taskforce

Activating SNAP  
benefits for  
releasing citizen

Transitional  
Healthcare  
Facilitators

IDOC/SOAR  
Partnership

Regional Recovery  
Hub

To Go Naloxone  
Bags

Hep C Transition  
Planning

Continued  
partnership with  
CareSource and  
special population

# What Support We Need From You

- **Address barriers to social determinants of health through community partnerships**
- **Address recidivism rates for offenders with severe mental health and medical codes**
- **Enhance focus on recidivism for minority population related to social determinants of health**
- **Increase attention for releasing long term offenders**
- **Educate stakeholders on services provided by THD**
- **Increase maternal health services for the pregnant population**

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# Questions

