

**Benchmark Activity:10.2 The local health department shall carry out or assist others agencies in the development, implementation and evaluation of health promotion/disease prevention programs and educational materials targeted to groups identified as at-risk in the community health assessment.**

**Durham County Board of Health  
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: January 11, 2017

Agenda Item Subject: Formerly Incarcerated Transitions (FIT) Program Update

Attachment (s): PowerPoint presentation

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Purpose:        \_\_\_\_\_        Action  
                    X              Information only  
                  \_\_\_\_\_        Information with possible action

**Objectives:** Provide Board of Health members with an update of the Formerly Incarcerated Transitions (FIT) program.

**FIT program summary:**

- Utilizes existing state and local resources to assist formerly incarcerated persons suffering from chronic disease with all aspects of successful reentry including a linkage to medical services.
- Community Health Worker – key employee for care coordination and navigation.

**FIT Program Goals:**

- Connection to needed resources
- Reduction in:
  - preventable negative health events
  - emergency room utilization
  - hospitalization (and increased chances of disability)
  - recidivism

**Funding Sources for FIT Program:**

- North Carolina Department of Public Health, Chronic Disease and Injury Section, Aid-to-Counties grant
- Duke Endowment grant obtained by UNC Department of Family Medicine

**FIT Program Updates:**

- Connection with Transition Clinic Network (TCN)
  - CHW is currently enrolled in online training with TCN, anticipated graduation date Spring 2018
  - Monthly coaching calls
  - On-going sharing of resources (e.g., research findings, patient education materials, etc.)

**North Carolina Department of Public Safety Transition Sites:**

- Originally scheduled to open at the beginning of FY 17-18
- Central NC Site (e.g., Wake County) is not yet open; no word on an opening

**Current Activities:**

- Clients Seen
  - Number of clients released who are living with chronic illnesses has been relatively low
  - Current Caseload
- Networking, on-site hours at CJRC
- Issues and Challenges
  - Many clients returning to the community have been adverse to change
  - Some clients have seen ongoing engagement as a stressor

**Competing Services:**

- Urban Ministries
  - Proximity to other services provided
  - Many similar services
- Community-based clinics
  - Familiarity
  - Individuals feeling attached to prior providers

**Key Partners:**

- Lincoln Community Health Center
- Urban Ministries
- Durham Center Access
- Criminal Justice Resource Center
- Probation and Parole
- NC Department of Corrections

**Recommended Action:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Approve
- \_\_\_\_\_ Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
- \_\_\_\_\_ Approve & forward to \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Accept as information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Revise & schedule for future action
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (details): \_\_\_\_\_