

Agenda Item Number:

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: April 28, 2021

Agenda Item Subject: FIT Program Update

Attachment(s): PPT Presentation

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Tommy Green

Purpose: Action
 Information only
 Information with possible action

Summary Information:

Tommy Green, FIT Program Coordinator will be giving an update on the FIT program and current caseload data. This update will include an introduction to the FIT Connect program (FIT's response to people released early from incarceration during COVID) and a new statewide Technical Assistant project that in the works.

Recommended Action: Approve
 Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
 Approve & forward to _____
 Accept as information
 Revise & schedule for future action
 Other (detail):

FORMERLY INCARCERATED TRANSITION PROGRAM

HENRY "TOMMY" GREEN, CPSS -
COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER



ORANGE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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UNC Family Medicine
Program Director
Program Manager
Research Faculty
Research Assistants

Transitions Clinic Network
TA Providers

Orange County Health Department
Community Health Workers
Supervisor

Piedmont Health Services
Healthcare Providers

Orange County

Durham County Health Department
Community Health Workers
Supervisor

Lincoln Community Health Center
Healthcare Providers

Durham County

Center for Community Transitions
Community Health Workers
Supervisor

Charlotte Community Health Clinic
Healthcare Providers

Mecklenburg County

UNC Psychiatry
Community Health Workers

WakeBrook
Supervisor
Healthcare Providers

Advance Health
Healthcare Providers

Wake County

Triad Adult Pediatric Medicine
Community Health Workers
Supervisor
Healthcare Providers

Guilford County Health Department

Guilford County

BURDEN OF DISEASE

Study of 1,100 people returning home = 80% men and 90% of women had a chronic disease that required management

High percentage of:

- Heart failure
- Diabetes
- Kidney disease
- Serious life-limiting diseases
- Dementia
- HIV, Tuberculosis, and Hepatitis C
- SUD
- Mental health illness

Serious mental illnesses in jails



In state prisons, prevalence of serious mental illness is 2 to 4 times higher than in the community.

CURRENT CASE LOAD

TOTAL : 73 (40 ACTIVE)

Not Active:

- 20 connected to healthcare
- 20 Graduates of program
- 5 connected to social services benefits
- 5 deceased (2 overdosed)
- 8 lost to follow up
- 2 reoffended

Active:

- 40 connected to healthcare
- 32 fulltime employment
- 30 connected to social services benefits
- 16 participating in drug treatment programs
- 8 reoffended
- 10 M.A.T clients

OC FIT recidivism rate is 14% as oppose to the state average of 40%



NC FIT RESPONSE TO COVID: FIT CONNECT



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NCFIT launched FIT Connect in April 2020. FIT Connect focuses on linkages to essential health services for people being released early from the state prison system and has created a statewide network of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to partner in connecting to services. FIT Connect has received over 1,000 referrals from the state prison system since its start.

FIT OFFERS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE...

NCFIT Team Members



Evan Ashkin, MD
NCFIT Program Director and Co-Project Director



Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein, PhD
Co-Project Director



Yvonne Jones, MS
Technical Assistance Project Manager



Tommy Green, NCPSS
Lead Community Health Worker

FIT Program Selected as Technical Assistance Manager for NCDHHS Investment

The FIT Program was selected by the NC Dept of Health and Human Services to be the Technical Assistance Manager for an \$11 million investment the state is making in reentry and pre-arrest diversion for people with substance use disorder and mental illness. In these efforts they are partnering with the NC Harm Reduction Coalition and the Duke Opioid Collaboratory on a twenty-month, \$1 million grant.

QUESTIONS

