



September 29th, 2023

Jay Chaudhary, JD
Director Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction
Indiana Family and Social Services Administration
Division of Mental Health and Addiction
402 West Washington,
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Chaudhary:

As indicated in the Professional Services contract between Hamilton Center Inc. and the Division of Mental Health and Addiction for FY 24, we are including our Jail Diversion Plan as requested. Hamilton Center Inc. as a Community Mental Health Center has taken steps from FY 21 to shift from a behavior response-driven system to one that focuses on recovery. We understand and recognize the importance of reducing criminal justice involvement and avoiding unnecessary hospitalization for individuals who are best served through mental health services as opposed to incarceration.

Hamilton Center Inc. continues to identify opportunities, as outlined in our last Jail Diversion Plan submitted in FY 21 in our six-county traditional catchment area (Sullivan, Greene, Vigo, Parke, Vermillion and Owen County) as well as the remaining five Hamilton Center services counties to divert people with behavioral health disorders from the criminal justice system to community-based treatment.

The attached document outlines opportunities that will be a focus of Hamilton Center for FY24 to strengthen partnerships with Criminal Justice Institutions and improve outcomes of consumers involved. We will continue to utilize the sequential intercept model as the roadmap for diverting individuals from the justice system to treatment. Please accept this as our required Jail Diversion Plan as requested within our Department of Mental Health and Addiction FY 24 contract.

Sincerely,

Melvin L. Burks, CEO
Hamilton Center Inc.



Intercept Specific Strengths

Hamilton Center Inc. continued services/strengths related to the Sequential Intercept Model.

Intercept Zero Strengths

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Center Award for Vigo County, awarded additional grant through FY 26
- 24 Hour Mobile Crisis Unit In Vigo County
- 24 hour crisis line for all Hamilton Center service areas
- Walk in and open access scheduling for all locations
- Hamilton Center Leader in New Citizen Program
- Member of Local Coordinating Council in all service counties

Intercept One Strengths

- Strong Relationship with Law enforcement in Sullivan, Greene, Vigo, Parke, Vermillion and Owen County
- Crises Intervention Training (CIT) in Vigo County-Invited all catchment counties
- Crisis Diversion Center accessible 24/7 for law enforcement related drop offs for crisis assessments for all counties served

Intercept Two Strengths

- Justice involved individuals are referred for outpatient services from all counties via one referral method, referrals sent to courtreferrals@hamiltoncenter.org
- Hamilton Center Inc. partners with Drug Court in both Vigo and Parke Counties, and staff attend monthly staffings
- Hamilton Center Inc. partners with Veterans Court in Vigo County and staff attend monthly court hearings
- Hamilton Center is a Certified Recovery Works Provider

Intercept Three Strengths

- Hamilton Center Inc. continues to operate both the AMHC and PAIR Diversion programs in coordination with the Vigo County City and Division 6 courts.
- Hamilton Center is a Recovery Works Certified Provider and provides services while incarcerated in the following counties; Vigo, Vermillion, Parke, Sullivan, Clay and Green Counties as requested
- Strong relationship with Superior Court in Owen County
- Strong relationship with Superior Court Greene County
- Strong relationship with superior and circuit court in Sullivan County



Intercept Four Strengths

- Open access at all Hamilton Center locations removes the barriers from service provision upon release
- Hamilton Center has certified navigators to assist consumers with obtaining benefits after release from incarceration
- Recovery works consumer referrals can be sent to recoveryworks@hamiltoncenter.org
- Court referrals can be sent to Courtreferrals@hamiltoncenter.org

Intercept Five Strengths

- Strong relationship with Vigo, Owen and Clay County Community Corrections
- Strong relationship with probation in Owen, Parke, Vigo, Clay Vermillion county (putnam Juvenile)
- Referrals from Probation in Greene County and Greene County Drug and Alcohol
- Putnam County Crises Assessments completed for community corrections
- Sullivan County HCI sits on Community Corrections board
- Referral Source for Marion and Hendricks County Parole, Probation and Community Corrections



Intercept Specific Opportunities

The below are opportunities or goals that Hamilton Center Inc. will work to increase related to diversion of individuals from incarceration to mental health and addiction treatment. Goals below are tied to specific Intercepts.

Intercept Zero Opportunities

- Increase Intensive Community Treatment Services in all service areas
- Mobile Crisis Services expansion to counties outside of Vigo

Intercept One Opportunities

- Provide Mental Health First Aid Training with Law Enforcement in all Service Areas
- Provide Question Persuade Refer Training with Law Enforcement in all Service Areas
- Participate in the Crises Intervention Response Teams trainings in all counties

Intercept Two Opportunities

- Continue to take part in the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council and provide feedback as to how to better serve the incarcerated population
- Develop Strong relationships with all law enforcement to better use mobile crisis and the Crisis Diversion Center as a drop off point prior to arrest

Intercept Three Opportunities

- Continued relationship building with Medical providers with all county jails
- Training for all satellites on forensic population & develop Forensic Teams at all satellite offices

Intercept Four Opportunities

- Continued development of re-entry programming and services in all counties

Intercept Five Opportunities

- Continued development of diversion programs, pilots, partnerships post arrest to ensure increased treatment options to limit risk of re-incarceration