OFMHS Diversion Navigator Process

The diversion navigator program is focused on breaking the cycle of people committing new crimes after they have been released from jail.









Eligibility

Diversion navigators **identify people** in custody charged with a misdemeanor up to a Class C felony, and who meet criteria for the diversion program.

Clients must have had two more cases dismissed due to a competency finding that they were not competent to stand trial. Some exclusions may limit participation in the program.

The goal is for this to occur prior to a 10.77 evaluation being signed.

Interview and information gathering

Diversion navigator attempts to interview the person in custody.

The meeting is an **interview to** determine the person's willingness to participate in Trueblood Settlement diversion programs and explore the availability of other community-based services the person needs.

Diversion Plan

A diversion navigator submits a recommended diversion plan to the court and/or directly to attorneys either at or before the first appearance or arraignment.

The recommended diversion plan includes:

- Determination of the defendant's willingness to participate.
- A plan for continued services that the person is eligible for and willing to work with.
- Assessment of the appropriateness for assisted outpatient treatment.
- Case Closure/Warm Hand-off: The recommended diversion plan is sent to the court, the diversion navigator's work will continue if the defendant's charges are dismissed and the defendants is ordered to participate in the diversion plan.

Coordination of Community Services

Diversion navigator provides the following services:

- **Compliance Monitoring and Reporting:** The diversion navigator acts as a liaison. They assist their client in accessing services outlined in the recommended diversion plan and report back to the court on the defendant's progress.
- Coordination of Care: The diversion navigator coordinates the defendant's access to community case management and mental health services. This may include Housing and Recovery through Peer Services, Forensic Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, and substance abuse disorder and/or mental health or therapy treatment.
- Interim Community Liaison: The diversion navigator completes case management duties, ensuring that the transition to existing communitybased support services is successful. This includes access to transportation, housing and treatment services the client needs.

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Treatment Summary

Once the defendant begins participating in the diversion program, the diversion navigator immediately begins working on a coordinated transition.

At the end of the six-month diversion period, the diversion navigator will send the court a summary of treatment. This outlines services that the client has been connected to and progress made accessing resources in the community.