



# Staging a Successful Community-Based Restoration:

## *Partnering with Community Behavioral Health from Transition to Restoration*

### ■ WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS?

- Individuals who are unable to fully understand and participate in their legal proceedings because of a mental health condition or intellectual or developmental disability (or both).
- Many of these individuals present with barriers that can be addressed in the community and have the same challenges that many of your current clientele have – the only difference is, they have been found incompetent by the court.

### ■ WHAT IS A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION?

- In collaboration with Forensic Services and other community-based partners, making sure services and supports are in place so that the individual can successfully transition into the community to receive their services.
- Components may include ACT services, medication evaluation and management, case management, peer support, supportive housing, benefits attainment, etc.

### ■ WHERE ARE THESE CLIENTS NOW?

- Clients who are transitioning are in custody awaiting an inpatient bed to receive these services. Many of these individuals are appropriate from a clinical and public safety perspective to be in the community or have reached a level of stabilization that the court is willing to consider changing their orders to allow community-based restoration.

### ■ WHY ARE COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS NEEDED?

- There are not enough inpatient forensic beds to meet the needs of Coloradans requiring competency restoration. It is important to identify and transition individuals who are appropriate for outpatient services in order to maximize the use of inpatient resources for those who truly need a higher level of care.

### ■ HOW CAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERS CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THESE TRANSITIONS?

- Work with Forensic Services to identify needs in your communities that may not exist or may be underutilized.
- Partner to identify training needs for staff to work with this population.
- Coordinate in-house services such as ACT teams, medical support, SUD services, housing, peer support, and crisis services to seamlessly integrate forensic clients into your system.

