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NEW BERKS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DEVELOPMENT SPACE PROGRAMMING UPDATE

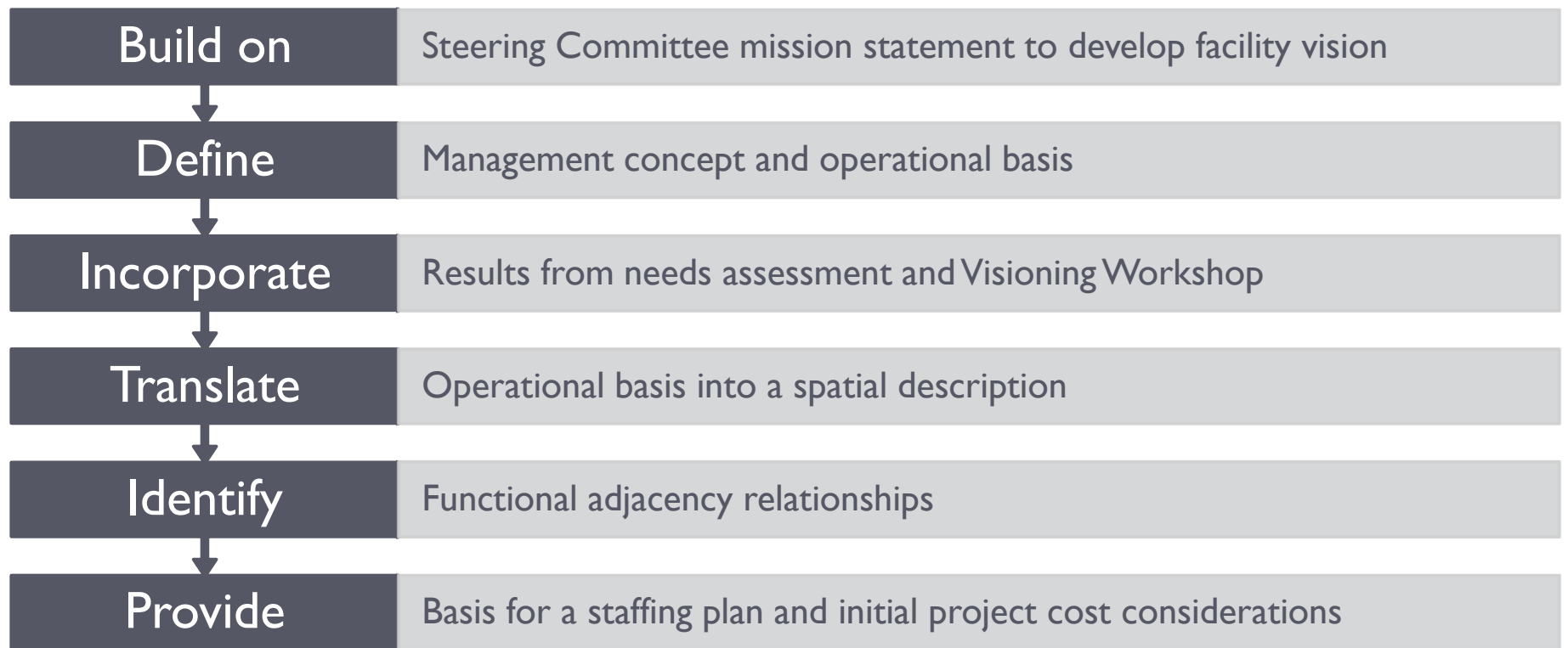
AUGUST 4, 2022

AGENDA



1. Process
2. Operational Assumptions
3. Housing Summary
4. Space Program Summary
5. Next Steps

PROCESS – OVERALL



PROCESS - METHODOLOGY



- Toured Davidson County, TN and Franklin County, OH facilities in April
- Conducted stakeholder and public Project Visioning in May
- Conducted program sessions with Prison Working Group between May and August 2022 by topics

Public Entrance and Visitation	Medical and Specialty Services
Facility Administration	Inmate Programs
Staff Entrance and Support	Inmate Services
Main Control	Food Service
Intake-Transportation-Release	Building Support and Warehouse
Housing	Staff Training Center

PROCESS - MISSION STATEMENT

*The Berks County Correctional Facility provides **secure, safe** and **compassionate** confinement of the temporarily incarcerated. We accomplish this by providing cost-efficient services focusing on **rehabilitation, recidivism reduction** and **social restoration** with an emphasis on **education** and **self-improvement**. Through **evidence-based programming**, those confined are more prepared to re-enter the community as **law-abiding** and **productive citizens**.*

PROCESS - VISIONING PROJECT GOALS



- Provide a safe, supportive, and healing environment for inmates, staff and visitors
- Ensure appropriate and adequate space for inmate programming and recreation
- Provide a normative environment where possible for inmates
- Incorporate technology to advance operations and programming
- Leverage the site location to enhance access and connection to nature
- Exceed industry standards, plan for flexibility and future populations
- Deliver a holistic approach to justice, connect with community agencies
- Incorporate clientele experience and feedback
- Create a hub of services starting at intake to connect back to community at release
- Continue to work with stakeholders on justice system improvements
- Evaluate total cost of ownership to make informed decision

KEY OPERATIONAL ASSUMPTIONS



INCORPORATION OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT



PRIORITIZATION OF ADAPTABLE CELLS



IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR MANAGEMENT TOOLS



MEANINGFUL INMATE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS



CREATION OF FACILITY TONE



INCORPORATION OF HEALTHCARE BEST PRACTICES



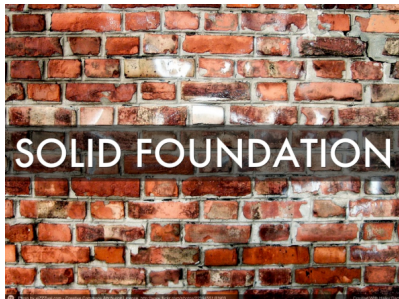
SEPARATION OF INTAKE/ TRANSPORTATION/ RELEASE FUNCTIONS



INTEGRATION OF VIRTUAL COURT SERVICES



KEY OPERATIONAL ASSUMPTIONS



Incorporation of Needs Assessment

- Plan for projection of 960 beds
- Utilize offender profile data to guide Housing classification and Programs

Implementation of Four Management Tools

- Classification – implement a system checklist to evaluate and manage inmate's risk
- Services – target inmate services and programs based on offender profile
- Direct supervision – provide more normative housing environment with inmate access to services and programs in/adjacent to housing unit
- Professional staff – ensure number and quality of properly-trained staff



KEY OPERATIONAL ASSUMPTIONS



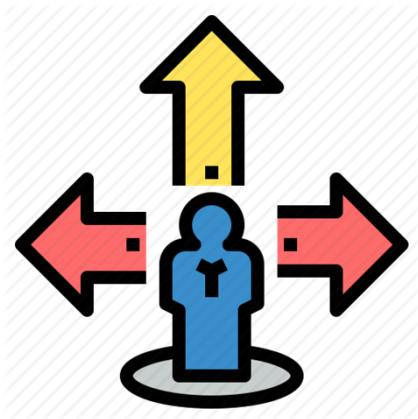
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Creation of Facility Tone

- Balance – provide secure/open and restrictive/therapeutic spaces
- Visitors, staff, and in-custody – set expectations
- All spaces – incorporate from Public Lobby to Staff Areas to Intake to Housing to Release



Separation of Intake/Transportation/Release Functions

- Law Enforcement – separate law enforcement and jail duties
- Intake – both open and secure spaces; match spaces to operational flow
- Transportation – provide areas for secure staging and transport
- Release – separate function and connect persons to other services

KEY OPERATIONAL ASSUMPTIONS



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Prioritization of Adaptable Cells

- Recognize majority of population with medical/mental health issues
- Recognize current and future public health concerns
- Strive to avoid falls, fights, and failures!
- Provide majority beds on floor (bunk-less!)
- Provide accessible cells in Healthcare and meet/exceed American Correctional Association requirements



Meaningful Inmate Services and Programs

- Continue and expand opportunities of inmate workers
- Ensure access to multi-purpose rooms, classrooms, and program areas

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KEY OPERATIONAL ASSUMPTIONS



Incorporation of Healthcare Best Practices



- Define Medical Housing as sheltered environment for patients with fragile or complex medical or mental health conditions
- Define Special Housing as services to inmates with acute and severe mental illness separated into stages of care representing level of acuity and treatment needs
 - Stage 1 Psychiatric Observation
 - Stage 2 Crisis Management
 - Stage 3 In-patient Care
 - Stage 4 Sheltered Housing (therapeutic)

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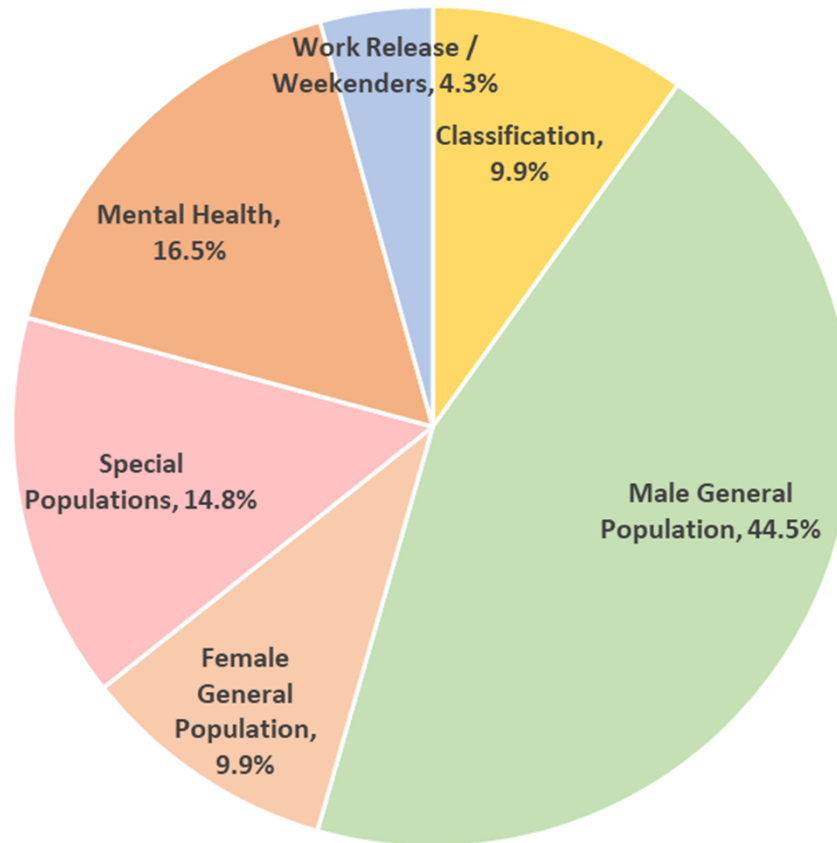
Integration of Virtual Court Services

- Continue and expand use of video court

HOUSING SUMMARY



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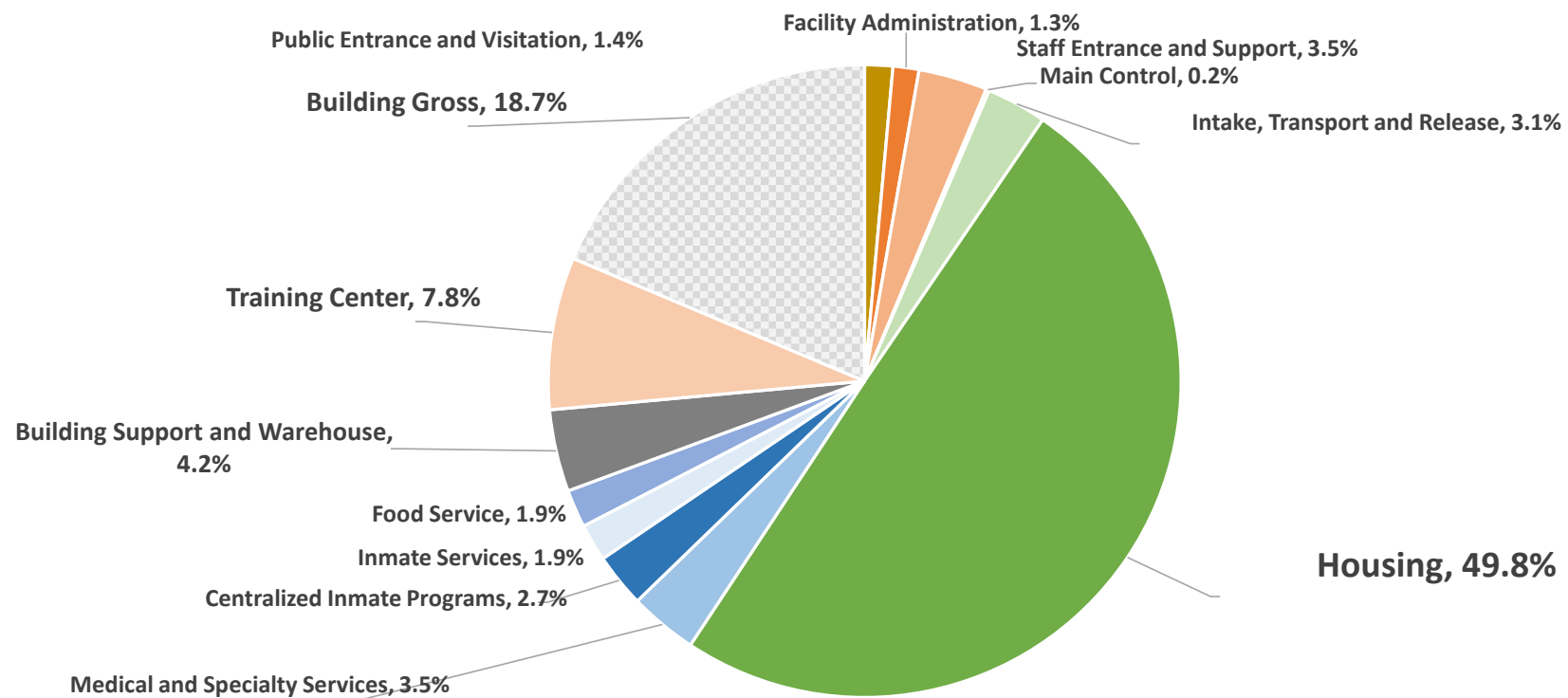
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SPACE PROGRAM SUMMARY



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NEXT STEPS



- Identify Staffing Impacts
- Update Facility Space Standards & Cost Benchmarks
- Develop Financial Model



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