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Mobile Integrate Health fills gaps in Rural Healthcare

Monticello, IN - The City of Monticello and the Monticello Fire Department are excited to announce the creation of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program also known as the Community Paramedicine Program.

The Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program fills the gaps that are prevalent in healthcare, especially in more rural and aging communities. It works to meet the quadruple aim for healthcare which includes:

- Better outcomes
- Improved patient experience
- Improved clinician experience
- Lower healthcare costs

This is accomplished by:

- Increased access and communication with primary care physicians for the medically underserved
- Help with chronic disease management
- Prioritize preventive care and follow up care for high-risk members of our community

Services provided upon the orders of our medical team include:

- Assist patient communication with their provider
- Post hospital discharge instruction compliance
- Monitor vital signs
- Provide cardiac monitoring
- Diabetes management

- Fall risk assessment & prevention/in-home safety checks
- Immunizations including influenza and COVID-19 for homebound patients
- Evaluating and assisting patients with individual needs

These and other services will help White County residents age in place and provide proactive care to prevent future hospitalization.

In 2021, The Monticello Fire Department and Indiana University Health White Memorial Hospital collaborated on the Community Paramedicine Program pilot project. During the 6-month pilot program Monticello Fire Department saw 50 patients and had a 100% non-readmittance rate.

After the program's success the West Central Region of IU Health agreed to provide first year funding to establish and sustain this program until further funding can be achieved. The commitment by our local IU Health White Memorial Hospital team under the guidance of President Mary Minier and Chief Nursing Officer Renea Smith connected our Community Paramedic Team, FF/Paramedic Chad Walther, and FF/Paramedic Nick Green with the families and individuals that would benefit most from this program.

The Mobile Integrated Healthcare program also received financial support from the Indiana State Department of Health and IU Health White Memorial Hospital. Our Community Paramedic(s) will be working with other funding agencies and grantors to provide necessary support moving forward.

This partnership provides our community with another resource to improve overall community health.

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