

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

May 14, 2019

Attendees: Cindy Haynes, Victoria Thornton, Katie Mallette, Cheryl Scott, Greg James, Amanda Khalil, Nidhi Sachdeva, Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein, Carlyle Johnson, Larry Greenblatt, Karen Verhaeghe, Sarah Regala, Jeffrey Littrell, Elijah Bazemore, Patricia K., Charles Browning, Doma Rosser, Margaret Ruth Slade, Joanie Ross, Rasheeka Fogg, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga

The group convened and began introductions. Cindy welcomed Buncombe County Detention Center staff visiting with us. Cindy, Major Bazemore, Dr. Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein and others met with Buncombe prior to this meeting to discuss Durham County Detention Center's MAT program.

The minutes were approved as submitted. Cindy announced that our guest speakers from NC Healthcare Association had a conflict they are unable to join us today to discuss their work with peer support services in NC. She informed the group that Nicholle and Madison will plan to make the next meeting.

The Peer Support Specialist (PSS) Training was completed last week. Three PSS have been hired. DRRC is also providing additional PSS for backup coverage in Duke and Duke Regional Emergency Departments outside of regular hours. Paul Nagy will provide the supervision. Dr. Eucker to share the dedicated line with ED providers. Cindy has created a flyer to increase awareness of the PSS services and Dr. Eucker use the flyer in ED. Dr. Greenblatt asked if possible, could we have a flyer for the ED lobby or maybe a post card? Major Bazemore suggested having the information displayed on the monitor in the Duke ED lobby. There are prompts in EPIC to ask opioid questions. In addition, Dr. Browning will speak at the Alliance Health Opioid meeting. Alliance has funding for one time infrastructure expense; DRRC is interested for training or promos in the Emergency Departments.

Dr. Browning spoke about the committee's ongoing goal of reducing stigma for people of color and having access to available treatment. He asked the group how we look at our programs for barriers and how can we open them. Looking at simple steps like transportation. What specific demographic questions are we asking participants? Joy has some articles to share with the group about the opioid epidemic and how its killing Black Americans. Joy will send the articles electronically to Cindy to share with the group. Dr. Browning said he has not seen the data breakdown. Carlyle said he could look at Medicaid vs. uninsured and share with the group.

Major Bazemore and Lauren informed the group we were awarded MAT grant we applied for in March. Durham was one of thirteen grantees awarded. Five people will travel to Washington, DC to participate in monthly conference calls to learn best practices.

Data use agreements in the final stages. Business associates agreement with WellPath. We need to have Rapid Opioid Dependence Screening (RODS) tool uploaded in the system to capture data during the initial assessment. MAT waiting for DEA approval for license. Using a 4-tier approach: 1) continue patients already on meds (first 90 day); 2) initiate/expand to opioid use disorder patients (new); 3) pregnant women; 4) partnering with methadone clinic (BAART). We are requesting an additional meeting to discuss patient outcomes after PSS and FIT (LCHC and Hope Center). Doodle poll will be sent for the meeting.

Next steps are:

- Have NCHA to present at May Meeting on Peer Support Work in NC.
- Create a flyer, post card, and/or infomercial for Duke ED about PSS services.
- Dr. Browning to present at the Alliance opioid meeting.
- Joy will share articles with the group per Cindy.
- ID five people to participate on the planning grant.
- Upload RODS tool in the WellPath system.
- Coordinate meeting for to discuss provider f/u (Hope Center, Lincoln).
- Meeting for data management.
- Go live July 1st for MAT in detention center (focus is tier 1 patients, update monthly).
- Order medication for MAT.
- Coordinate conversation around Alliance funding data.
- Carlyle to look up Medicaid vs. uninsured access to care for Black Americans.
- Reschedule June 11th meeting.

Please note our meeting time has changed. We will begin at **3:00 PM** instead of 4:30 PM at the Durham Department of Public Health in the 2nd floor conference room.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled TBD at 3:00 PM, Location TBD