

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

August 13, 2019

Attendees: Cindy Haynes, Nidhi Sachdeva, Hillary Murphy, Amy O'Regan, Greg James, Charles Browning, Stephanie Eucker, Larry Greenblatt, Karen Verhaeghe, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga

The group convened, Cindy welcomed everyone and began introductions.

The minutes were approved as submitted. Cindy provided an update on the Emergency Overdose: Local Mitigation to the Opioid Crisis AA490. The state has given us a time extension. The grant will now end on October 31, 2019 instead of the original date of August 31, 2019. Also Alliance is receiving supplement funding from the State SOR grant and is going to offer support to expand PSS in the ED, hospital, and jail until September 30, 2020.

For the Peer Support Specialist (PSS) in the ED, Dr. Eucker shared that she met with Joy and Elizabeth Shillings from Wake Forest to see how their program is working. For Duke we have had about 5 to 6 patients. People are interested in the PSS services but we are trying to figure out the uptake. Dr. Eucker is currently walking through the ED with the PSS. Wake Forest uses an EMR tool. The other option for us at Duke is that we are expanding to intake team. Dr. Eucker spoke with Dr. Dana Clifton and Joy and agreed this would be easy to include. Durham County EMS to call when patient is in the waiting room and we also pitched expanding PSS to the jail. Protocol from Helen Re: EMS "How to contact DRRC staff".

Joy mentioned that we currently have time for the detention center right now. We are working with Tremaine at discharge. Joy is attending detention center subcommittee. She states there is may be concern having patients to come back through DRRC lock doors after being released. Dr. Eucker suggested changing the PSS hours to 6:00 or 7:00 AM and talked with Rasheeka at DRRC about the possible schedule change. Joy stated that she would have to run the schedule change by the PSS because they were hired to work in the afternoon (1:00 -11:00 PM) and we would need to see if their schedules would permit the change.

Dr. Browning wants to push awareness into Duke Regional because DRRC is not receiving referrals from them. Dr. Greenblatt suggested talking with Barbara Griffith and Katie Gallbirth. Cindy stated that Katie is the contact that Fred Johnson recommending reaching out to at Duke Regional as well. Dr. Greenblatt offered to send an introduction email to connect everyone. Dr. Greenblatt also mentioned that Duke Regional is implementing a screening tool program for OUD for people being admitted. In addition, Dr. Greenblatt suggested reaching out to Drs. Aparna Kamath and Jason Tatreau. Dr. Browning knows Jason will send him an email. Dr. Browning stated that one of the barriers we are facing is when the patient is discharged where to fill the prescription if discharged after hours and on weekend. Dr. Carlyle Johnson with Alliance Health had previously mentioned that he could look into this issue. The Alliance

currently has a contract with Gurley's and may be able to negotiate extending times. He will get back with group on this.

For the MAT in the Detention Center update, Major Bazemore and detention team were attending Bureau of Justice Planning Initiative to Build Bridges between Jail and Community Based treatment for Opioid Use Disorder Conference for technical assistance in Washington, DC. Major Bazemore and team will give an update at the next meeting. Cindy announced that The MAT program will kick-off in the Detention Center on September 2, 2019. We will begin with Tier One which means that individuals who arrive at the Detention Center and are currently participating in a MAT will be continued on medication while in the Detention center and connected by to their provider post release.

Cindy announced that the DJT recommended we submit a LOI for the FORE (Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts). The LOI is due August 25, 2019. We will focus on expanding the peer support services in the ED, Hospital, and Detention Center. Cindy shared the priority areas for the LOI and asked for feedback from the group. Cindy and Ryan Bell will be leading this effort along with someone from the county, as the LOI has to be submitted from Durham County Department of Public Health.

Next steps are:

- Cindy and Ryan to coordinate and write the LOI and budget with Durham County staff and submit on August 25, 2019 by 11:59 PM.
- Dr. Browning and Joy to reach out to Duke Regional (Barbara Griffith, Katie Gallbirth, Aparna Kamath, Jason Tatreau).
- Carlyle to follow up with Gurley's and work with team for SOR funding.
- Major and detention Center team to provide and update on the visit to Washington.

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 September 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM, Location TBD