

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

September 10, 2019

Attendees: Victoria Thornton, Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein, Tremaine Sawyer, Elijah Bazemore, Amy O'Regan, Donna Rosser, Larry Greenblatt, Stephanie Eucker, Cindy Haynes

The group convened, Cindy welcomed everyone and began introductions.

The minutes were approved as submitted. Cindy informed the group that the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) Letter of Intent was successfully submitted on August 25, 2019. Special thanks to Ryan Bell from the data team and Marissa Mortiboy from Durham County. We have received notice that our letter was received and are now awaiting the invitation to apply. The notification request for the full proposal is scheduled for the end of September. During the Durham Joins Together Task Force we learned that we have several partners who have submitted LOI for the FORE grant. We have decided to wait and see if FORE recognizes that there are a lot of applications from Durham and request us to partner with each other. Lincoln Community Health Center and UNC submitted a LOI for FORE. Cindy reminded the group that 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. Dr. Carlyle Johnson was not at the meeting to give an update but Cindy reminded the group that Alliance is receiving supplement funding from the State's SOR grant and Alliance is use the funds to support and expand PSS in the ED, ED/MAT, hospital, jail, and social determinants of health (i.e., housing and transportation) until September 30, 2020. Dr. Eucker inquired about the funding for pulling the data. Cindy stated that she thought Ryan was looking into that but she will follow up on the request and let Dr. Eucker know something soon.

Cindy announced that Dr. Browning and Joy were both away attending a conference and sends their regards. Cindy informed the group that the latest update with the PSS in in the ED was to date there has been eight calls from big Duke. Of the eight referrals, four went to DRRC. Three were continuations and one was on methadone. Also with the expansion of services there were 14 inductions overall. DRRC continues to report that they have not received any calls from Duke Regional. Flyers for PSS and DRRC services went out to everyone. Cindy asked Dr. Eucker to add to the updates. Dr. Eucker reported that she met with Joy, Carlyle, and Cindy on housing issues for those on MAT. Currently our resources for housing in the community are all abstinence based. We are looking to reach out and collaborate with current housing facilities to discuss how we could support them in allowing those on MAT to be housed in their facilities. Dr. Johnson with Alliance offered to use funding to assist with these efforts. We will meet again to discuss the logistics. Tremaine mentioned that the county has housing for those post released from jail and placement is handled by the case manager. Dr. Eucker suggested that Tremaine join the next housing meeting. The team will let him know when the next meeting takes place.

Major Bazemore reported that the detention team went to Washington, DC on August 13, 2019, as part of the planning grant requirements. The discussing was about why we applied, looking at best practices to keep from reinventing the wheel with implementing MAT in the Detention Center. One of Durham's greatest strengths is the level of collaboration we have within this group which was highlighted during the meeting. The challenge is in setting up the continuum of care (i.e., barriers such as funding to facilitate medication distribution and treatment and how long will we have funding to continue Phase I of the MAT program. Our goal is to have a fully implemented MAT program and Treatment. Major said the only negative thing about the conference is it could have lasted another four hours. Everyone was so engaged and networking for their programs. As for the MAT program I the Detention Center, we have successfully started Phase I as of September 2, 2019. To date we have had 2 individuals and one has been released, the other is in custody on suboxone. We will have a meeting on next Tuesday at noon. Going forward, Major Bazemore wants the team to come up 2 days/month probably at noon that we can meet. Major emailed the measurement tool to the group. Currently our measurement tool the DSM5 tool loaded in the EMR. He also sent from DC the action plan which includes: established regular meeting, getting our updated medical record, measuring tool, and how we can get data from Duke that may have had some engagement in the ED.

Dr. Lauren Brinkley Rubinstein also noted that we need a PI for the data and Dr. Eucker if she would be willing to be the PI. Dr. Eucker agreed. Major Bazemore asked if we needed to include EMS. Dr. Eucker stated that EMS data isn't quite where it needs to be yet, so not sure it would be helpful at this point. Major talking with Dr. Browning and Joy about clinical staff in the Detention Center and Dr. Carlyle is assisting with that. We have the courts available and deciding the role of probation. Discharge planning will need to be looked at in Phase 2 and meeting with Alliance and DRRC for tracking method. Major wants to be able to put alerts in the ED. Major stated overall great training, the next challenge is Tremaine and how to run treatment program and housing in the community. Tremaine stated the housing is limited but he has a contact with housing case manager. The case managers manages the housing for the program. Tremaine has identified all of the clean housing. We will include Tremaine in the future Alliance, DRRC, and Duke ED housing meetings.

Major suggested a 4 hour training for Judge Evans and Probation and bring in all our stakeholders. Currently they are putting together a 2 hour training and NCHCA is willing to conduct the training for probation staff and Judge Evans. Dr. Thornton suggested using the YouTube Video "Opioids 101" for the training. What kind of education do we need for housing to include those in treatment? Karen stated that Burton & Reynolds housing are open to talking about housing for patients in treatment provided that someone is checking on the individuals in treatment and assure the bills are being paid. Karen stated she could help with this. She has worked with housing for years and could be a resource for us. Dr. Eucker asked if they have a place to lock up their medication and who would be in charge? Tremaine stated that he has talked about having patients carry their own lock boxes. Use of illicit drugs will get them put out and the providers could make site visits.

Dr. Brinkley-Rubinstein updated us on the JACOIN (Justice Community Opioid Inpatient Network) grant she mentioned during the task force meeting in August. It is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse that will fund 10 hubs across the U.S and touch 84 counties. All grants had to include at least 5- geographically distinct communities in their application.

Next steps are:

- Detention Team Meeting next Tuesday 9/17/19 at 12:00 noon.
- Include Tremaine in future housing discussions for treatment.
- Cindy to follow up about funding for Duke data pull.
- Follow up with Carlyle (Alliance) on funding.
- Get the DSM5 loaded in the Detention Center's EMR.
- Alliance and DRRC to work with Detention Center to hire clinical staff.
- Plan a coordination meeting for those working on specific grants.
- Discuss coordination of a training for stakeholders on opioid misuse and treatment.

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 October 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM, Location TBD