

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

October 8, 2019

Attendees: Cindy Haynes, Helen Tripp, Carlyle Johnson, Elijah Bazemore, Donna Rosser, Cheryl Scott, Victoria Thornton, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, Tremaine Sawyer

The group convened, Cindy welcomed everyone and began introductions.

The minutes were approved as submitted. Cindy informed the group that unfortunately that we were not asked to submit a final application to the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE). Our current funding from the State ends on October 31, 2019. The County is pursuing another FOA from the State RFA #A371 Community Linkages to Care for Overdose Prevention and Response (CLC). The deadline for the application is October 25, 2019.

Dr. Carlyle with Alliance announced that he will contact his CFO to follow up on receiving supplement funding from the State's SOR grant. Alliance is to 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.

Joy announced that the PSS numbers are not significantly up, with the new funding from Alliance we want to look at training and expanding the referral pool. Currently working with community paramedicine and willing to allow the Detention Center to use the PSS. Major Bazemore is working on release for PSS. Joy also mention that DRRC is averaging 1-2 calls per week. The PSS are doing more in the crisis center than ED right now. Joy is receiving calls from Dr. Dana Clifton and she has met with the social worker. Carlyle mentioned that once the state collaborative funds are received, we will engage Duke Regional and try to identify champions to talk with their champions. Major Bazemore asked the group if it would be possible to create a conference to educate doctors about the available services. Carlyle added that there are locals available with experience to assist with this for example NCHCA and Wake Forest Baptist Medical. We could aim for February 2020 for the conference.

Major Bazemore provided an update on the Detention Center MAT Program. The MAT program began on September 2, 2019. To date we have 10 individuals (5 on Suboxone and 5 on Methadone). Major stated on the behalf of Sheriff, he wanted to thank everyone for their contributions to the program.

In November we will have a 4 hour work session to break down what phase two of the MAT program will look like and the key components. We need to address next steps understand chain of custody. Major to create another action plan for December/ January. Also want to look at what other jails are doing, how to start suboxone and methadone. Our training consultant advised us to put together another team to visit another jail and look at the program as a model. Lauren is working with NIDA to discuss guidelines for local DEA. If something needs to be

changed, let them know and they will work with local DEA. Carlyle informed the group that the Alcohol Drug Council wanted to do something on substance abuse. They interviewed Major Bazemore and Sheriff Birkhead. During the interview Major described the wonderful collaborative we have with our team and how everyone is invested in our success. The December 13, 2019 OPDACC meeting will focus on MAT in the jail system.

Next steps are:

- PSS training utilizing staff.
- Carlyle to follow up with CFO regarding funding.
- Detention Center to finalize document (s) and prepare for phase 2
- In planning for training, reach out to Nicole Karmon with NCHCA.
- Prior to scheduling conference, reach out to Elizabeth Shillings, Robyn Jordan, and Jai Kumar.
- Joy to follow up with Dr. Eucker on how DRRC and how other states embedded staff.
- Include Tremaine in future housing discussions for 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 November 12, 2019 at 3:00 PM, Location TBD