

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

December 10, 2019

Attendees: Helen Tripp, Donna Rosser, Mitch Knisely, Carlyle Johnson, Elijah Bazemore, Tremaine Sawyer, Keyanna Terry, Cindy Haynes, Stephanie Eucker, Larry Greenblatt, Clarence Birkhead, Cheryl Scott

The group convened, Cindy welcomed everyone and began introductions.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

RFA #A371 Community Linkages to Care for Overdose Prevention and Response Update (Cindy Haynes)

Community Linkages to Care for Overdose Prevention and Response----Continued support for Peer Support in the ED and additional funding to pay for a 50 percent program coordinator to connect patients in the ED to Peer Support services. Significant focus on Duke Regional ED. \$275,000 for 33 months. New physician champion identified at Duke Regional (Laura Alkalon).

Alliance Health SOR Supplement Funding (Dr. Carlyle Johnson)

Carlyle, Dr. Eucker, Dr. Alkalon and Joy meeting on Thurs-December 19th to discuss coordination of grant funding between SOR funds and funds from AA491. SOR stands for State Opioid Response. It is a 2 year federal grant. In March 2019, Alliance Health was contacted by the state and was offered funds under the SOR Supplement for Peer Support and LCAS in the Durham Detention Center (\$283,000) and an additional \$735,000 for ED MAT programs in Durham and Wake Counties. Also \$179,000 for housing and transportation. Must spend funds between now and September 2020.

Helen mentioned that her Community Paramedics program looking at the possibility of starting MAT in the community for patients who refuse transport to the ED. Stanley County has started MAT in the field and Halifax County is preparing to start.

PSS Services in ED Update (Dr. Stephanie Eucker, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga & Dr. Browning)

Program not making much progress in the ED's at Duke Main or Duke Regional. It is hoped that the Project Manager position paid for by AA491 will make a difference in linking patients to peer supports.

MAT in the Detention Center Update (Major Bazemore, Dr. Lauren Brinkley-Rubenstein, Shonicia Jones)

Since the program began on September 2, there have been 25 participants 13 started on Suboxone and 12 on Methadone. In January, there should be a Peer Support an LCAS in the Detention Center. Durham County Detention has received a recommendation from State Opioid Office to be a Medication Unit. Through the Implementation Grant, staff (5 members of the Detention Team are going to Washington DC on January 5th. The TA said that Durham is much farther along than others. Carlyle Johnson, Major Bazemore, and Sherriff Birkhead are featured on the Alcohol and Drug Council's Website. Durham was spotlighted for their work with MAT in the Detention Center. Cindy to send the group the link to the video.

Next steps are:

- Need to begin planning for sustainability of programs
- Durham County, Alliance, and Duke to meet and discuss budget for programs
- Start January 1, 2020, to identify resources
- Begin meeting with Data Group
- Community paramedics to share their data and come up with unified tracking
- Reach out to the county and state for additional support of initiatives/programs.

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 January 14, 2020 at 3:00 PM, Location TBD