

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

March 12, 2019

Attendees: Cindy Haynes, Stephanie Eucker, Carlyle Johnson, Karen Verhaeghe, Gayle Harris, Rita Hunter, Katie Mallette, Cheryl Scott, Margo Faulk, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, Elijah Bazemore, Tremaine Sawyer

The group convened and began introductions. The minutes were approved as submitted. Joy Brunson-Nsubuga provided an update for the Peer Support Specialist (PSS) & Training. Joy informed the group that two peer support specialist have been hired and another round of interviews will take place next for the third PSS and a backup PSS. Georgi counseling will provide the three day training for the PSS and Drs. Eucker and Burroughs will provide the supervision of the staff.

Gayle asked if Joy would look at the budget and update money will be spent. Joy agreed to submit upcoming bills/estimates to the county by April 4th. Joy mentioned that Sharon Partridge has reached out to the health department to get naloxone. Gayle confirmed that the health department can cover naloxone.

Dr. Eucker reported that she and Joy met to discuss the PSS. Duke leadership is on board, need a scope of work. Dr. Eucker is working on the details, anticipating workflow to be approved in the next couple of weeks. Both Emergency Departments to be involved in this project. Dr. Burroughs is at Duke Regional. Joy stated that currently they respond in 30 minutes, may need to adjust in the future depending on the volume. We need further conversation to discuss downstream referrals, resources, subsequent meeting to be scheduled. Dr. Eucker and Joy stated the plan is to start PSS in ED project early April.

Major Bazemore announced that he and Dr. Lauren Brinkley-Rubenstein submitted the proposal for the Building Bridges Between Jail & Community-Based Treatment for OUD. The grant pays for jail-based linkage to care. Lauren stated that we expect to receive a response by summer 2019. There is a new grant to fund 15 jails selected to participate, currently working on the proposal, meeting scheduled March 18th.

Gayle recommended developing a plan for the county related to opioids. Major Bazemore also announced that he met with Dr. Ashkin (Formerly Incarcerated Transition, FIT Program) and everyone is on board and at least one person has been referred to FIT.

Cindy announced that the key outcomes for the PSS in ED have been discussed with Ryan Bell, the contracted evaluator. Dr. Eucker and Cindy suggested that Ryan speak with Joy to discuss metrics and outcomes. Joy has reached out to Ryan to provide input via email. However, we need to have follow up meeting to discuss specific indicators and the IRB process. Cindy will coordinate a meeting and/or conference call. For the jail MAT program, Lauren will handle

developing metrics, outcomes, and evaluation. Many thanks to Lauren for agreeing to take lead on this effort.

Cindy reported that Dr. Greenblatt followed up with Dr. Maslow at Duke about treatment for minors. Not much available for minors. Dr Carlyle Johnson mention the barriers for access to MAT for minors may involve you have to be 16 years old for suboxone and 18years old for methadone. We may need to fail at other level to get consideration for treatment.

Next Steps:

- Lauren will work on letters of support
- Cindy will work with Dr. Eucker on workflow if needed and schedule a data meeting.
- Cindy to email group with the link to opioid conference.

Cindy announced the State Opioid Conference is scheduled for June 11th-12th at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh (1101 Gorman St, Raleigh, NC 27606). Registration is \$50, breakfast and lunch included.

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 for April 9th at 3:00 PM, Location TBD