

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

October 9, 2018

Attendees: Cindy Haynes, Carlyle Johnson, Elijah Bazemore, Rita Hunter, Gayle Harris, Fred Johnson, Marissa Mortiboy Joanie Ross, Karen Verhaeghe, Clarence Birkhead, Cheryl Scott, Tremaine Sawyer

The group convened and began introductions. The minutes were approved as submitted. Cindy provided a copy of Durham County's Application in response to State's Opioid Crisis RFA #A361 for the group to review. In reviewing the grant proposal the group wanted to know about the process for the Peer Support Specialist. There needs to be a prior authorization and a comprehensive assessment prior to services rendered. Carlyle informed everyone that he will be on a conference call tomorrow and he would be able to update the group at the next meeting. Cindy also informed the group that during the Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force meeting on the September 26th, on behalf of the committee it was proposed to have the county to provide funding to support the implementation of the MAT program for those post released from the jail and the uninsured. The focus for the purpose of this grant we will work with the Medicaid population and build a case to show that offering MAT services for the uninsured is beneficial.

Next Cindy shared a copy of the DRAFT protocol provided by Dr. Browning for the group to review and make recommendations. There were a few items that needed to be confirmed and updated on the DRAFT. Specifically spelling out of acronyms and the frequency of urine drug screen (UDS) follow up (See Section 2. Initiation #vii). In addition, the group wanted further clarification to answer questions such as what would happen if the client's UDS was positive while in jail, and would there be any legal issues/punitive damages for the client receiving MAT services? Major Bazemore will check guidelines per the NCCHC Accreditation standards and confirm if frequent UDS can be done in the jail. Major Bazemore stated that after being in custody for 14 days the client will get a UDS and the 1st physical, then in 1 year a 2nd physical which probably includes assessment protocol.

Gayle said we will need to be specific in the write up of the consent form so that it will not lead to legal issues in the system for a positive urine. We also need to know what the financial impact for CCS. Gayle will look in to that and report back to the group. Sheriff Birkhead offered to assist with securing information about UDS if needed. The group agreed that we would need to continue MAT for those admitted to the jail and continue post release and we will need to include permission in consent to contact the current MAT provider.

Major Bazemore stated that ideally the nurse will be responsible for contacting the treatment provider. The nurse does the initial screening and if patient is identified as in active treatment the nurse will contact the treatment provider. Gayle asked if there are other programs like this.

Cindy stated that Vance County are working with Vance County jail. Their Medical Director, Dr. Guthrie is waived and Vance is now offering MAT at the Vance County Health Department. Fred asked if Vance identified the jail as another primary site. Cindy will follow up with Dr. Browning and ask Vance County about their MAT program.

Please note, our meeting time has changed. We will begin at **5:00 PM** instead of 5:30 PM at the Durham Department of Public Health in the 2nd floor conference room.

Next steps are:

- Group to begin planning implementation of grant for early 2019 during meeting.
- Major Bazemore will confirm Accreditation approval of frequent UDS.
- Gayle to find out the financial impact for language to include in contract.
- Cindy will follow up with Vance County and Dr. Browning.
- Carlyle will update on Peer Support prior authorization for services.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 5:00 PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room A.