

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

November 13, 2018

Attendees: Elijah Bazemore, Stephanie Eucker, Joanie, Ross, Carlyle Johnson, Rita Hunter, Lysha Best, Victoria Thornton, Karen Verhaeghe, Tremaine Sawyer, Gayle Harris, Michelle Lyn, Shonicia Jones, Margaret R. Slade, Fred Johnson, Cindy Haynes

The group convened and began introductions. The minutes were approved with said corrections. Cindy informed Gayle that the State requires the health director to inform them of Katie Mallett being contract administrator for this grant by November 30, 2018.

Major Bazemore provided an update on the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) Standards for UDS. He informed the group that an UDS can be done but it can't be punitive for those on MAT. UDS are currently done on pregnant women. We would need to look to at NCCHC to see how the program would best fit and stay in compliance with the standards. The Detention Center would need additional staff to implement this program. Major Bazemore stated that Mecklenburg County is accredited and he could reach out to them to see what they are doing?

Gayle sent Cindy a resource for the work being done in California. Cindy will forward the group information on California's MAT in the jails. Cindy also shared that she had spoken with Dr. Browning. He was out of state in Arizona at his other site and Joy was out due to a family emergency. Joy will provide the PSS scope of the work for the Agreement Addenda and job posting. Dr. Browning shared that Vance County Medical Director, Dr. Shauna Guthrie is waived and now administering MAT in the Vance County Health Department. Vance County is working with Dr. Browning and the Methadone Clinic to get MAT in the jails. Vance received funding from a structural grant and they are working on a campus care model. They have support from leadership on this grant which may lead to the campus of care and 23 hour care. Members of the group agreed to follow up with other states to see what how they are doing MAT in the jail. Victoria will contact California, Shonicia will contact Vermont & Rhode Island, and Carlyle has a contact in Vermont he can follow up with as well.

Cindy asked Fred Johnson if he could share with Dr. Eucker who he spoke with previously at big Duke about peer support specialist (PSS) having access to Duke Emergency Department. Dr. Eucker was instrumental in getting naloxone approved in the Emergency Department and is will to assist with getting peer support specialist access. Fred and Dr. Eucker will schedule a meeting to discuss PSS access. Gayle informed the group that the County could complete the vendor process online and certify the PSS to be inside of the Duke ED. Carlyle also updated the group on the prior authorization for the PSS. For Medicaid you do not need prior authorization within the first 14 days for PSS. The ED can bill Medicaid for PSS.

For the jail we need to identify the workflow. Once the client enters the jail and is booked, during assessment determine if they are currently in MAT, then individual will continue the MAT and contact the client's MAT provider (need to determine other steps such as transporting client, # of PSS). Peer support will connect when the client is post released from jail to connect to DRRC and other community-based resources for treatment. Major Bazemore is going to coordinate a meeting to put together a workflow. The meeting will be held on November 29th at 3:00 Pm Room 219 at the Sheriff's Detention Center. Major Bazemore will send Cindy the meeting information to share with those interested in attending.

Gayle also informed the group that Ryan suggested hire individuals for the external evaluator and data analyst positions due to the complexity of subcontracting with Duke at this time.

Cindy provided a recap so to of tasks the need to be completed.

Next steps are:

- **(November 16th)** Joy Brunson Nsubuga will provide scope of work for PSS
- **(November 20th)** Fred Johnson and Dr. Eucker -PSS access to Duke ED Meeting
- **(November 29th at 3:00 PM)** Major Bazemore - jail workflow with PSS Meeting
- **(November 30th)** Gayle to inform the State office of the County contract administrator by
- **(December 1st)** Peer Support Specialist, Evaluator and Data Analyst positions to be posted
- **(February 15, 2019)** 1st Progress Report & survey due to State Office

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.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for December 11th at 5:00 PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room B.