

Durham Joins Together Saving Lives
August 28, 2019
Minutes

Co – Chairs: Dr. Wanda Boone, CEO of Together for Resilient Youth (TRY) and Wendy Jacobs, Chair of Board of Commissioners

Attending: Helen Tripp, Vera Reinstein, Tonya Stencil, Alexis Cooper, Anita Brown-Graham, Shannon Teamer, Nancy Kneepkens, Angeloe Burch, Gudrun Palmer, Earl Chestnut, Jan Paul, Charles Browning, Carlyle Johnson, Lysha Best, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, Michele Easter, Stephanie Poley, Mindy Solie, Tamala McDowell, Tammy Jacobs, Clarence Birkhead, Howard Eisenson, Spencer Bradford, Cindy Haynes, Ryan Bell, Donna Rosser, Wendy Jacobs, Nicole Schramm-Sapyta, Wanda Boone, Scott Proescholdbell, Beth Steenberg, Lauren Brinkley-Rubenstein

	Agenda Items	Notes
5:30-5:35	Welcome and Organizational Structure - Wendy Jacobs, Task Force Co-Chair	
5:35-5:45	Personal Introductions – Committee Members	
	Committee Reports	
5:45-5:55	Data – Ryan Bell & Michele Easter (See attached report)	<p>Michele began by giving an overview of data from the DHHS Injury and Violence Prevention Branch on ED Visits for Opioid Overdose for both North Carolina and Durham County. She compared and contrasted data from Jan-July 2018 – Jan-July 2019. Stepping down as Co-Chair end of August.</p> <p>Ryan gave an overview of the Data Committee’s activities for the last quarter to include, developing a Data Use Agreement between Duke and the Durham Recovery Response Center (DRRC), beginning a Quality Improvement Project including Duke’s Institutional Review Board, creating a data “wish list” for Duke E.H.R. data, and negotiating a feasible plan for regular sharing of aggregate data, exploring other funding opportunities (FORE).</p> <p>Wendy acknowledged Michele’s work as co-chair of the Data Committee and thanked her for her service over the past year.</p>
5:55-6:05	Prevention and Education – Dr. Angeloe Burch, Sr. and Dr. Wanda Boone (See attached report)	Wanda reported on the committee’s work which included the use of the Public Health Model to approach prevention, publishing a substance use report for Durham County and companion reports on juvenile arrests, perception of risks and

		resilience, and Whole Health Ambassadors training. Because of the work that we have done with our Whole Health Ambassadors program, SAMSA has asked us to write a white paper on the peer model that we are using.
6:05-6:15	Treatment and Mental Health – Cindy Haynes and Dr. Ashwin Patkar	Cindy reported on the committee’s projects over the last quarter which include, Peer Support Specialists in the Duke Emergency Department, MAT in the Durham County Detention Center (Beginning September 2), and grant funding to support these projects. Dr. Laura Brinkley Rubinstein also reported on the grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which will begin in 2020.
6:15-6:40	Joy Brunson Nsubuga, MA, LMFT, LCAS, CCS, Recovery Services Administrator II – Report on MAT Pilot Joy, Dr. Charles Browning and Lysha Best reported on MAT services offered at the Durham Resource Recovery Center and the use of Peer Support Specialists	Since inception of the Peer Support Specialist Program Pilot (June 2019), there have only been 8 calls to the DRRC for Peer Support services. DRRC Continuum of Care persons from Duke/Duke Regional ED or Duke Main brought in by a Peer Navigator to the DRRC would experience the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment for Opioid Use Disorder 2. If criteria met, Buprenorphine induction begins 3. If successful, set up with Peer Bridger for transport to Outpatient Bridging Program the next day 4. Begin intake into the outpatient program 5. Assessment for the level of whole-person experience 6. Treatment through the DRRC’s bridging Office-Based OBOTC 7. Bridging into long-term MAT in the community. Peer Supports follow clients for 90 days from the time of initial contact, to bridging into long-term MAT in the community. Services have now been expanded to include Duke hospital unit and EMS referrals as well as walk-ins to the DRRC. Although there have only been 8 calls from Duke ED for Peer Support Specialists, there have been 14 walk ins to the DRRC for induction services. Challenges: Increase awareness of Peer Support Specialists and DRRC services at Duke and Duke Regional to increase utilization.

6:40-6:50	<p>Status of Work with UNC SOG and Summary Sheet - Dr. Wanda Boone, Task Force Co-Chair</p> <p>Wanda introduced Anita Brown Graham who presented a review of the UNC SOG Project. Durham is one of 10 sites who received this grant.</p>	<p>The UNC School of Government through its NC Impact Initiative received a grant to take a statewide look at how community collaboratives could utilize the Collective Impact Model to combat opioid and other substance abuse issues. There are 10 sites across the state. 3 sites (Including Durham) are county-based, 5 sites are county and municipalities within the county in partnership, 1 site consists of 3 counties, and 1 site consists of 5 counties.</p> <p>This is a 2-year effort which focuses on peer learning across the 10 sites. Forums are held periodically with the next being held in Winston-Salem in September. We are about halfway through the initiative. This summer, it was decided that faculty associated with the Opioid Response Project would be assigned to teams and Anita has been assigned to Durham County.</p>
6:50-6:55	<p>Improving Access to Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Services for Underserved Populations and Communities</p> <p>Report on LOI Grant: Grant Overview and Next Steps – Ryan Bell</p>	<p>Prior to Ryan’s report, Wendy reported that she attended the Statewide North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference. She attended a session on State Responses to the Opioid Crisis where Emily Gangi highlighted the work that we are doing in Durham County.</p> <p>Wendy also noted the lack of support at the state level, as well as funding cuts for mental health services. This is why it is so important that we seek grant funding opportunities.</p> <p>Ryan reported on the most recent RFP sought by the DJT Task Force. Wanda sent out this grant announcement from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE).</p> <p>The areas of focus for this RFP fit very well with our existing efforts. Ryan and Cindy worked with Marissa Mortiboy and Tara Blackley from Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) to prepare the 3-page Letter of Intent (LOI) and budget which was submitted on August 25. The grant award is up to \$300,000 a year for 2-years. Funding is proposed to enhance existing programs involving Peer Support Specialists and MAT in Jail programming. At the end of September, we should find out if we are invited to submit a full proposal. Once invited, we have about 3-months to submit the proposal.</p>
6:55 – 7:00	<p>Discussion, Questions, Feedback, Next Steps</p>	<p>Two other agencies (Lincoln Community Health Center and UNC Hospitals) also submitted LOI’s for this same RFP. There is concern that this may hurt chances of either agency receiving an</p>

	award. In the future, there should be a greater effort to invite other agencies to collaborate on such funding opportunities.
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Schedule for Durham Joins Together committees:

Treatment/Mental Health – 2nd Tuesday of each month – 3:00pm – 4:30pm – 2nd Floor Human Services Building

Prevention/Education – 2nd Wednesday 10:30am – 12:00noon Golden Belt Building 2 3rd floor, 3rd Tuesday of each month – 4:00pm – 5:30pm – Golden Belt, Suite 6 – 010 (corner of Morning Glory and Belt St)

Data – 1st or 2nd Tuesday of each month – 8:30am (day depends on the availability of members)

Policy – To be determined

Next Durham Joins Together Saving Lives Taskforce – December 3, 2019 – 5:30pm – 7pm – 2nd Floor Human Services Building, Conference Room A