

**Durham Joins Together Saving Lives  
December 3, 2019  
Minutes**

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

Attending: Anne Sporn TRY, Donna Rosser DCoDPH, Lindsey Bickers Bock DCoDPH, Katie Mallette DCoDPH, Nancy Kneepkens TRY, Phillip King DCoEMS, Mark Strange CJRC, Gudrun Parmer CJRC, Karen Verhaeghe Duke Well, Larry Greenblatt Duke Population Health, Cindy Haynes Duke Population Health, Major E. Bazemore DCo Sherriff/Detention, Victoria Thornton, Crissi Rainer Duke, Ryan Bell Duke Univ. , Scott Proescholdbell NC IVPB, Stephanie Eucker Duke ED, Carlyle Johnson, Alliance Health, Marissa Mortiboy DCoDPH, Ben Rose DCoDSS, Phillip Graham RTI, Wanda Boone TRY, Wendy Jacobs BOCC, Crishna Murray TRY, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga DRRC, Earl Boone TRY

	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	
5:45-5:50	Status of Work with UNC SOG and Summary Sheet - Dr. Wanda Boone, Task Force Co-Chair	<p>This initiative is the result of three organizations-- Together for Resilient Youth (TRY), Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) and Durham County Board of Commissioners coming together to apply for a UNC School of Government grant</p> <p>As a result, four Committees were formed: Policy, Data, Prevention and Education and Treatment Mental Health., We have taken part in three forums in an attempt to bring us together for collective impact.</p> <p>Our goals, vision and mission have been established.</p> <p>Forum 3 was about data we will collect from all committees</p> <p>Exercise: Developing KPI's (Key Performance Indicators)</p> <p>We have been able to identify initiatives and strategies that each committee will work on.</p> <p>If you have thoughts or questions about additional information to be collected, you have an opportunity to express concerns following committee reports, or by sending us an email.</p> <p>QUESTION: How often is data shared?</p> <p>Depends on type of data</p>

		<p>ED Overdose data shared monthly</p> <p>Peer Support/Whole Health Ambassadors TBD deals with how long someone is in treatment.</p> <p>QUESTION: Do we only have access to ER Overdose data? At present, we have data on ER overdose. We have some EMS data as well.</p> <p>COMMENTS: May be important to share data on EMS responses; numbers agreeing to and refusing hospital transport; and if transported to hospital, how well are peer supports connecting with those patients.</p> <p>COMMENT: May be a need for a data sharing agreement with Duke and EMS. Data reporting on peer supports should also include the Detention Center</p>
	Committee Reports	
5:50-6:00	Data – Ryan Bell (see attached report and data sheet)	<p>Ryan shared recent Durham County data on ED overdose visits and racial disparities by substance.</p> <p>QUESTION: What strategies do we have for dealing with the age group 25-54 as well as the racial disparity?</p> <p>Naloxone kits are distributed, posters and other interventions. It would be helpful to know where these overdoses are occurring so that we know where to focus our efforts.</p> <p>EMS has information on where overdoses are occurring. May be useful to know how many overdoses are among the uninsured who do not have access to preventive services. Lincoln has a robust treatment program for the uninsured that is low cost.</p> <p>Starting MAT in the detention center is another way to reach those who otherwise don't have access.</p> <p>Using peer supports to establish community linkages to care following overdose and buprenorphine induction in the ED. Data Committee will undergo slight reorganization in which Ryan will rotate through Prevention &amp; Education and Treatment Mental Health Committee meetings to gather information about data needed. The Data Committee will meet on an as needed basis.</p>
6:00-6:15	Prevention and Education – Dr. Angeloe Burch, Sr. and Dr. Wanda Boone (see attached report) Whole Health Ambassadors – Crishna Murray	<p>Wanda shared information on the committee's efforts as detailed in her report. She is also the recipient of a Dogwood Award from the State Attorney General. Nancy Kneepkens talked about</p>

		<p>posters and brochures on opioids in English and Spanish produced by TRY that are distributed free of charge in the community.</p> <p>Crishna Murray talked about the Whole Health Ambassador Model developed by Dr. Boone.</p> <p>To date 121 individuals trained and certified. The premise is that there is a shared experience between the individual involved in substance misuse and their family, work, community, church and others involved in their life. Whole Health Ambassadors dedicate themselves to promote whole health in the community. The program involves the 10 Whole Health and Resiliency Factors: ACE's, race, implicit bias, historical trauma, environmental trauma, the science of stress, the power of human connections, maintaining a positive attitude, connecting with more than one's self.</p> <p>This is a 2-day training that covers 7-sessions that equip program participants for their role and responsibility in helping someone throughout their recovery journey.</p>
6:15-6:25	<p>Treatment and Mental Health – Cindy Haynes (see attached report)</p> <p>A361 Grant Update: Peer Support in the ED – Cindy Haynes</p> <p>A371 Community Linkages to Care Grant Award– Lindsey Bickers Bock</p>	<p>Cindy reported on mental health treatment committee activities as detailed in her quarterly report. She also reported on the end of funding awarded from RFA 361 and new funding streams from Alliance Behavioral Health through the SOR Grant.</p> <p>QUESTION: How many persons were assisted/connected through RFA 361.</p> <p>ANSWER: Very few due to several scenarios.</p> <p>Lindsey Bickers Bock reported on the AA491 Community Linkages to Care Grant Award which is a state grant for 33 months of funding.</p> <p>Overall, the goal is to continue the Peer Supports in the ED. More of the work has happened at Duke Main and that there is continued opportunity for growth with Duke Regional. As a result, the grant will also support a project manager role to engage in provider recruitment and training. This will be a contract position working at about 50 percent. Injury Prevention Health Educator, Donna Rosser will also provide support to this role.</p>
6:25-6:30	<p>Report on Impact of Cuts to State Funding for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment – Wendy Jacobs</p>	<p>Wendy shared that Rob Robinson and Ann Oshel, from Alliance Health reported on state funding cuts for Mental Health and</p>

		<p>Substance Use Disorder treatment to the Board of County Commissioners. There is no money from the state legislature allocated for this purpose. The Policy Committee will take up this cause. There is a need for education and advocacy where this is concerned.</p> <p>The Durham County Detention Center is the only one in the state and 1 of 12 in the country implementing MAT.*</p>
6:30-6:45	Durham Joins Together Report to BOCC	<p>We need to prepare a report to present to the Board of County Commissioners and to the Board of Health on the progress this task force has made over the past two years. The BOCC February work session is scheduled for February 3. Committees should prepare presentations.</p> <p>Phillip Graham, with RTI offered to use his resources to pull together a presentation on behalf of DJT.</p> <p>COMMENT: Major Bazemore expressed concerns regarding sustainability of current projects. Cindy also inquired about the possibility of requesting funding from the Board of County Commissioners.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Wendy explained that the request can be made to the BOCC; however, the availability of local funding is affected by state funding cuts as well. The County and City have had to fund programs for which state funding has been cut. She also shared the example that the BOCC has received \$40,000,000 of requests for \$11,000,000 of revenue.</p>
6:45 – 7:00	Discussion, Questions, Feedback, Next Steps	<p>In response to an earlier question, Wanda explained that rather than their being two separate entities, TRY is an integral part of Durham Joins Together Task Force.</p> <p>Phillip Graham would like to be added to the agenda for the March 19 meeting to discuss NIDA research projects focusing on prevention of SUD's and underlying causes.</p>

\*NOTE: It has been brought to our attention since the taskforce meeting that Durham Co. was the 2<sup>nd</sup> to implement MAT in the Detention Center with Rutherford Co. being the 1<sup>st</sup> since 2017.

Schedule for Durham Joins Together committees:

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

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

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

Policy – To be determined

Next Durham Joins Together Saving Lives Taskforce – March 19, 2020 – 5:30pm – 7pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Human Services Building, Conference Room A