

Durham Joins Together Saving Lives

June 23, 2022

Minutes

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

Attending: Dr. Wanda Boone, -Pinnacle Community Development Corporation/TRY, Paula Harrington-Freedom House Recovery Center/Oxford Houses/TRY, Nancy Rosales, Nathalia Rosales and Crystal Taylor-TRY, Brenda Howerton, Wendy Jacobs and Heidi Carter-Durham County BOCC, Dr. Monique Holsey-Hyman-Durham City Council, Dr. Kimberly J. Sowell-Durham County Manager, Lois Harvin-Ravin-Durham County Veterans Services, Ben Rose-Durham County DSS, Cpt. Helen Tripp-Durham County Community Paramedics/EMS, Gudrun Parmer-Durham County CJRC, Rod Jenkins, Kristen Patterson, Lindsey Bickers-Bock, Lacie Scofield and Donna Rosser-DCoDPH, Dr. Nicole Schramm-Sapyta-Duke Brain Science, Amy O'Regan-Duke School of Medicine, Jesse Battle-TROSA, Dr. Carlyle Johnson-Alliance Health, David Crispell-Jubilee Home, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga-Recovery Innovations/DRRC, Randy Tucker-RCOD, Marcus Clark-DHA Resident Services, Claretta Foy-Lincoln Community Health Center, Margaret Roach-Student UNC-Chapel Hill, Major Sean Barnes-Durham Sheriff's Office

	Agenda Items	Notes
5:30-5:35	Welcome - Wendy Jacobs, Task Force Co-Chair	Commissioner Jacobs welcomed everyone to the June 23, 2022, meeting of the Durham Joins Together Saving Lives Task Force. Invited everyone to introduce themselves and their affiliations. Thanked all in attendance as well as agencies/organizations representing a part of the system and ecosystem addressing substance and medication misuse in Durham.
5:35-5:55	Introduction of County Manager Dr. Kimberly J. Sowell – Wendy Jacobs, Task Force Co-Chair Presentation and Q&A Brief Update on Opioid Funding and Plans for Next Steps	Commissioner Jacobs introduced County Manager, Dr. Kimberly J. Sowell to give brief update on where the county is with opioid funding process and next steps. Reminded attendees that Steve Mange from NC DOJ was invited to provide information on opioid lawsuit during December 14, 2021 meeting. Invited Dr. Sowell to provide Durham specific information.

		<p>Dr. Sowell provided brief history of opioid litigation led by coalition of US Attorneys General, resulting in \$26 billion settlement. Of which, NC will receive \$750 million over 18 years. Fifteen percent withheld for state directed use and 85 percent allotted to counties and municipalities. Durham County's allocation is \$11.5 million over same 18 years. Funding to be used for treatment, recovery, harm reduction and prevention.</p> <p>Before funding can be requested, MOA outlining whether funds to be spent on Option A or Option B strategies must be signed and resolution passed by Durham County BOCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Option A strategies very specific• Option B strategies less specific and overarching. Will require more community collaboration. <p>Dr. Sowell outlined steps in process as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BOCC to discuss action plan during August 1, 2022, Work Session.• Use consultant(s) to facilitate community engagement and assist with development of inventory of existing strategies in Durham County• Based on information gathered, prepare proposal to submit to BOCC to help with decision on Option A or Option B.• All steps must occur before funds can be requested.• BOCC must have all critical information needed to make decisions. Will reach out to stakeholders for input and feedback prior to final stages in process.• Request for access to funds will occur this year. No deadline for which funding must be spent. However, want to put funds to good use as soon as possible.• Will be deliberate in developing spending framework that will produce most positive outcomes for community. <p>Dr. Sowell asked Board Chair Howerton if she had anything to add. BOCC Chair Howerton added the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• media has indicated to communities that monies will become available by August of this year. It will not happen that quickly.
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5:55-6:05	NC Injury Prevention Branch and Local Data Overview, Dr. Wanda Boone, Task Force Co-Chair	Dr. Boone shared local overdose data from the NC IVP Branch. Details and access to PowerPoint slide set forthcoming.
	Committee Reports	
6:05-6:25	Prevention and Education –Dr. Wanda Boone	<p>Dr Boone reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham Joins Together to Save Lives initially started to look at ways to prevent overdose. As a group, decided to look at other areas of substance use prevention. • Shared information on makeup of Prevention and Education Committee (TRY Coalition), to include community stakeholders (Community members) and external stakeholders (Those in participatory research and academic partners). • Shared slide depicting most vulnerable areas in Durham County. Often areas of focus because focus needed. • Reported on collaborative prevention efforts to address adverse experiences (Childhood, climate, community and cultural) affecting individuals and families living in most vulnerable areas in Durham County to include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID-19 – In last 6 months, TRY conducted 600 tests and vaccines, while providing information on stress, grief and substance use prevention with Duke. ○ Family Risk Factors – Held Coping Together virtual family assistance prevention effort. Three weekly sessions with 64 families and over 192 participants. <p>Change Your Words Change Your World – Evidence-based, research-informed expressive writing course shown to decrease</p>

		<p>depression, stress and rumination, while increasing resilience. In last year held 4 sessions , resulting in 8 community members trained to facilitate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared data on substance use, suicide risk, mental health, and education involving youth. When looking at data, TRY uses cultural competence when framing work with young people. . Highlighted usefulness of report from Gang Prevention Taskforce, Durham County YRBS data, Durham County Community Health Assessment and other documents. • Shared information on TRY’s youth organization, LIFT-Living in Future Tense and College TRY, on the campus of North Carolina Central University. • In July, Dr. Boone will present with Deputy Director of CDC on topic of youth mental health and substance use. <p>Commissioner Jacobs thanked Dr. Boone for presentation. Asked that all questions be held until the end of committee reports. Shared that taskforce uses collective impact model and that both, Prevention and Education and Mental Health/ Treatment Committees meet monthly.</p> <p>Revisions and access to PowerPoint slide set for this section forthcoming.</p>
6:25-6:45	Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders – Gudrun Parmer and Carlyle Johnson	<p>Carlyle and Gudrun reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlyle recalls when DJT Task Force began, was impressed Durham County recognized not opioid crisis alone, but polysubstance crisis. If not for Fentanyl, would see more stimulants relative to opioids. • Announced he and Gudrun Parmer now Mental Health SUD Committee Co-Chairs, formerly chaired by Cindy Haynes. Acknowledged her great work in this role. • For committee report, will provide brief overview of activities and invite feedback on reports for future meetings of DJT Task Force.

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6:45-7:00	Discussion, Questions, Feedback, Next Steps	Dr. Boone invited others to join Prevention and Education Committee (TRY). Asked for other questions/comments.

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	Next Meeting: September 22, 2022 Location TBA	

Schedule for Durham Joins Together committees:

Prevention/Education – 2nd Wednesday 10:30am Virtual

Mental Health and SUD/Treatment and Data – 2nd Tuesdays 3:00 PM

Policy – To be determined