

Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force

Mental Health Treatment Committee

Minutes

November 9, 2021

Attendees: Elijah Bazemore, Tremaine Sawyer, Larry Greenblatt, Spencer Bradford, Donna Rosser, Wanda Boone, Gudrun Parmer, Marc Strange, Tammy, Michele Easter, Carlyle Johnson, Joe Mckinney, Lacie Scofield, Chris Giattino, Susan Kornett, Rod Jenkins, Cindy Haynes

The group convened, Cindy welcomed everyone and began introductions.

The minutes were approved.

Alliance Health

Deadline for adding Orange and Mecklenburg Counties to catchment area are changed to December 1, 2021. Working on that as well as Tailored Plan transition. Just received some allocation letters and expecting more. Have funding to support Detention Center MAT Program. Thinking about putting toward recovery support housing. Looking at logistical options. Suggested good time for housing group to reconvene. Purchased Naloxone. Offering to community partners for distribution. Contacted OTP and Lincoln to see if they need any.

Cindy asked if any updates on Tailored Plan.

Carlyle said mainly we are meeting with State and looking at specific details of Tailored Plan. We are actively recruiting a network of primary care specialty, pharmacy, durable medical equipment, and other medical providers. Alliance should have readiness reviews over next several months.

EMS Opioid Data with Race/Ethnicity Stats (Captain Helen Tripp)

No Report. Captain Tripp not in attendance.

Duke ED Peer Support Services

Susan reported she met with big Duke recently. They are still working to overcome VendorMate challenges with Duke Main and Duke Regional. They have an upcoming meeting with Duke Main about use of iPads. Susan stated they were able to secure them. The Peer Support Specialist Catherine Scott no longer with team. DRRC is currently looking for part-time peer to replace her. Susan has another Peer Support Specialist at DRRC connecting with hospitals and overdose response at Detention Center. DRRC is looking to hire someone right away.

Michele asked, if we do know someone, how do we connect them?" Susan said they have an ad for Peer Support Specialist posted on indeed.com. Lacie Scofield said Susan had sent her the direct link and asked if she could share with group. Susan agreed. Lacie shared link in chat. Lacie said she will email to group as well.

PSS Services in Duke Regional ED (Dr. Jason Tatreau & Dr. Aparna Kamath)

Susan reported that we are close to finalizing Duke VendorMate process. We are still connecting via email and telephone referral. We are looking to go into hospital soon. Cindy stated she is reaching out to VendorMate for another vendor. Lacie stated the process nearly completed. DRRC budgeted for cost prior to pandemic. We only have HR documents to upload.

DRRC OBOT

Susan reported they have 2 full-time and 1 part-time clinician for the OBOT program. Now we are able to accommodate more intakes from EMS and Detention Center. The program is continuing to grow. Susan stated she is looking forward to using high quality videos to showcase OBOT program offerings.

Housing Update (Group)

Lacie reported new housing options to be added to housing resource document on the website. The resources are Project Fam and Magnolia's Recovery. Cindy will schedule meeting of group as suggested by Carlyle after Thanksgiving to further discuss support for SUD Housing. Major Bazemore added that Detention Center needs housing for those who are discharged and homeless. The individuals could be from STAR or MAT programs.

Program Coordinator (CLC Grant)

Lacie began her report with commending Catherine Scott for a job well done. Tina Clayton will help for now until DRRC hires a new Peer Support Specialist and Brittany will take over the referrals from the Detention Center. We also have one of the Community Paramedics (Bill) who is out on medical leave for 12-weeks. This means the PORT is cut in half. Our priority populations of CLC grant are post-overdose and justice involved. If necessary, to enroll fewer participants, will be from DRRC Crisis Center until peer hired.

Lacie shared update on numbers from start of CLC program thru end of October 2021. She emailed the document to members prior to this meeting.

Next month, Ryan will share another data report from clinical questionnaires conducted at 3, 6 and 9 months and hopefully additional medical records data. We were having trouble because of new rule at Duke. Michele suggested PACE and Dr. Eucker suggested using a student to gather data. We will use whichever method costs less.

Lacie shared with the group that Crissi Rainer is out on maternity leave. She gave birth to **triplets** two weeks ago.

Lacie also shared the CLC Educational Initiatives

For the SUD Resource Guide- we plan to print 2700 hard copies with updates to include EMS as Naloxone provider, food resources, additional housing resources mentioned earlier and a link to access an online evaluation of the guide. Let Lacie know if you want copies of guide. We also have plans to translate the guide into Spanish.

We have a CLC Employment Initiative-We will plan to address employment as social determinant of health. Working with Opioid Response Network which is SAMHSA-funded, to offer training for employers. They connected us with a professional consulting firm (C4

Innovations), who will conduct Recovery Friendly Workplace training on January 20, 2022, at no cost. Lacie asked Donna to share update on the OUD webinar.

Donna reported that the CLC Hospital Provider Initiative-Live OUD Provider webinar series was offered to Duke providers in May 2021. The recorded sessions are now available to any provider for CEUs and contact hours. The Alliance paid for an additional 175 slots. To date, only 59 slots have been used and 2 pending. Donna informed the group that the training is only available thru December 31, 2021. We want to use all slots available. Sent brochure out to DJT Task Force today. Asked Cindy to send out to MHT Committee members.

Detention Center MAT

Major Bazemore informed Carlyle about wanting to meet to coordinate with the 4 providers in community concerning discharge planning. Carlyle agreed to meeting with Major Bazemore, Tremaine and Tammy at 10:30, on November 15.

Major reported the core team meeting is on Tuesdays. Our goal is to start inductions on Monday, November 15, 2021.

As of November 9, we have served 100 on Suboxone, 58 on Methadone. Currently we have 10 in custody (6 Suboxone, 4 on Methadone). There were 5 individuals on Suboxone to return to custody and 6 individuals on Methadone to return to custody. Major Bazemore thinks the numbers are very good.

Major stated the Detention Center will officially try to launch Phase 2 (Induction) on November 15. The team excited about launch but realize challenges they will face. Planning for a work session in early December to bring everyone up to speed.

Cindy announced DJT Task Force Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Will receive meeting link closer to date of meeting.

Carlyle recommended as an agenda item for December 7th meeting—State Opioid Settlement. Thinks that Durham County will receive \$11,582,000 and Durham City will get \$2,400,000 over a period of 18-years. Planning for use of funds would be timely topic for discussion.

Cindy invited Dr. Boone to share comments. Dr. Boone stated she was excited to hear about work of the Mental Health Treatment Committee. She said she will add State Opioid Settlement to DJT Task Force meeting agenda and will invite Steve Mange to speak. They are conducting interviews. There will be a court case where witnesses will be called to testify. She asked if Helen has included number of Naloxone reversals in her reports and indicated hotspots in Durham. Durham is still the only county with more overdoses in Black people than in white people. Dr. Boone hopes that it is a matter for discussion with this group as in the Prevention and Education group.

Cindy mentioned concerns expressed about current platform. Informal poll of group to see if interested in moving to Zoom. After discussion, decided to use WebEx for December meeting and will discuss other options if difficulties continue.

Next steps are: Update

- Cindy to schedule SUD Housing meeting late November – Early December
- Durham County to host Training for Employers “Creating a Recovery Friendly Workplace
- Lacie to update Housing Resources

Please note our meeting will convene from **3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Virtually**.

***Our next committee meeting is scheduled December 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM via WebEx and phone.**