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**Durham Joins Together Taskforce Meeting Report**

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| **Committee** | Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee |
| **Committee Chair**  **or Co-Chairs** | Tremaine Sawyer, Durham County, Justice Services Department  Lacie Scofield, Durham County, Department of Public Health |
| **Date** | 23 September 2023 |

**Committee members:** *Please identify names of attendees and affiliation (example: Donna Rosser, Durham County Department of Public Health)*

Carlyle Johnson, Alliance Health; Sheriff Clarence Birkhead, Cindy Haynes, Duke Population Health; Donna Rosser, DCoDPH; Helen Tripp, DCo EMS; Carolynn Crowder, Lincoln CCHC; Arthur Payne, Morse Clinic; Lacie Scofield, DCoDPH; Marc Strange, DCo JSD; Kim Chansen, RII; Michele Easter, Duke Psychiatry; Tremaine Sawyer, DCo JSD; Tammy Vaughan, DCSO; LA Cuttler, Hope Centre; Lawrence Greenblatt MD, Duke Population Health; Amy O’Regan, Duke; Kelley Waggy, DCo JSD; Jesse Battle, TROSA; Kristen Patterson, DCoDPH; Lindsey Bickers-Bock, DCoDPH; Kay Sanford, NCHRC; Alicia McKinney, DCSO; Eric Morse, Morse Clinic; Pablo Silva, El Futuro; Ana Bonilla, DCoDPH; Wendi Watson, NCCU; Fred Johnson, Duke; Quanisha Archer, DCoDPH; and others.

**Current Activities:**

Discussed current MOUD and MAT Treatment Options and Providers in Durham County. Recent invited speakers included the leadership of Oxford House and advocates from Disability Rights NC who are working to combat healthcare discrimination against people with SUD.

Housing subcommittee has drafted “Talking Points on MAT and Housing” and is meeting monthly to combat stigma around MAT and housing. Members are setting up meetings with housing agencies who prohibit or restrict residents from taking MAT. The purpose of these meetings is to dispel MAT myths and address perceived barriers. Subcommittee recently welcomed Freedom House Recovery Center and Oxford House to the team.

Received various updates from all members.

**On-going activities:**

Provide status of Durham County’s NOS funding decision process.

Discuss ways to increase access to Peer Support for SUD and to provide a support network for Peer Support Specialists.

Develop ideas and actions to address housing barriers for people with SUD and justice-involved populations.

Updates from all programs and agencies as available.

**Metrics/Measures:**

CLC, regular data reports

MAT, program numbers

**Next Steps:**

Receive updates from Housing Subcommittee

**Next Meeting & Location:**

October 10, 2023 via Zoom