Durham Local Reentry Council Minutes

March 20, 2024

Ontario Joyner, LRC Coordinator, starts the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Introductions from everyone in attendance.

Ontario introduces the house rules and the purpose of the LRC. He explains that LRC aims to make positive connections with community members to serve and provide opportunities and resources for people returning from incarceration. The LRC’s main goal is to reduce recidivism and provide ample support for justice-involved individuals in Durham. He introduces the subcommittee structure of housing, employment, and other supportive services.

**Partner Presentation**

***Kyma Lassiter, Rebuild*** – A division of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency manages several programs that support long-term disaster recovery and resiliency including homeowner recovery, infrastructure recovery, affordable housing, resiliency, strategic buyout, and local government grants and loans. Rebuild NC is helping families impacted and return to safer, more resilient homes. The ReBuild NC Homeowner Recovery Program provides assistance to repair, rebuild, replace or elevate homes damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Matthew or to provide reimbursements for completed repairs. To qualify for assistance from the Homeowner Recovery Program, homeowners must meet all federal funding guidelines. This includes meeting eligibility requirements as well as completing the program’s Duplication of Benefits review. Program staff may request the documentation and completed forms necessary to determine your program eligibility. The eligibility criteria for the Homeowner Recovery Program include, but are not limited to:

* Your home must have been damaged as a direct result of Hurricane Florence and/or Hurricane Matthew.
* You must have owned the damaged home at the time of the disaster (Hurricane Matthew on Oct. 8, 2016, and/or Hurricane Florence on Sept. 14, 2018), and you must currently own the home.
* You must have occupied the damaged home as a primary residence at the time of the disaster(s).
* You must be lawfully present in the United States.
  + Individuals prohibited from receiving federal public benefits from the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act may not receive assistance from ReBuild NC.
* Your current total household income must be at or below 150% of the Area Median Income (AMI) limit or demonstrate a hardshp as defined in the [Homeowner Recovery Program Manual](https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/ncorr-hrp-policy-manual-v90-final508/open).

The damaged home must be an eligible structure type and located in a disaster-declared county. Federal funds used by the Homeowner Recovery Program are subject to requirements of the federal Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act, which prohibits any person, business or other entity from receiving federal financial assistance for any part of the loss resulting from a major disaster if that person has already received financial assistance from any other program, or from insurance or any other sources for the same loss. This means Homeowner Recovery Program participants may not receive funding from multiple sources to be used for the same purpose. If funds are received from multiple sources for the same purpose, there will be a duplication of benefits.

To ensure compliance with these federal regulations and avoid duplication of benefits, ReBuild NC considers the amount of disaster assistance homeowners receive from other sources when calculating the funding they may receive from the Homeowner Recovery Program. Other sources of assistance might include FEMA, SBA, private and NFIP insurance, and/or other sources.

Note: Receiving assistance from these other sources does not mean you are ineligible for ReBuild NC, but it may impact the amount of funding you qualify for.

***Kina Edawards and Martha Carlough, Samaritan Health*** – We are dedicated to providing the highest quality services, regardless of our patients’ ability to pay. We prioritize the health and hope of our fellow community members who do not have access to the care they deserve.

We schedule longer appointments than a traditional clinic, so that we can listen to and honor our patients’ stories, and create together a concrete plan of action to meet their needs.

Our clinical results are outstanding. Through the talent and resources of our medical staff, we offer both primary care and six specialties onsite: endocrinology, gastroenterology, nutrition, optometry, orthopedics, and physical therapy. In addition, we partner with every possible resource to fill additional needs offsite. To register as a medical patient with Samaritan Health Center, you will need to provide us with the following information:

ONE proof of identification, such as:  
• Driver's license or NC ID of any kind  
• Consular document  
• FAITH ID

Proof of income for entire household (must be under 300% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](https://www.samaritanhealthcenter.org/s/2024-Federal-Poverty-Guidelines.pdf)):  
ONE month of income documentation for each person earning money in household: paystubs, unemployment, Social Security, or any other income. Please provide a letter of support if someone outside the household is providing for daily expenses. Please provide paystubs for most recent month. If you are paid in cash, please provide a signed, dated letter from your employer describing your work and monthly pay.

Any health clinics where you have been seen in the last year (including Lincoln, Walltown, Holton, Lyon Park, Healthcare for the Homeless, VA, or any doctor’s office)

Only proof of limited or minimum essential medical insurance (such as Family Planning Medicaid) is accepted. We recommend that patients with full medical insurance connect with a clinic that accepts your coverage.

When you have gathered this documentation, you can either fill out our [New Patient Referral Form](https://www.samaritanhealthcenter.org/patient-application) or call our [New Patient Line at 919-407-8154](tel:+19194078154). Leave your name, date of birth, and a working telephone number that accepts messages. We will leave you ONE message to schedule an intake appointment.  
  
At your intake appointment, we will review your paperwork, verify eligibility, and sign new patient documents.

To make, cancel, or reschedule an appointment, please call [(919) 407-8226](tel:+19194078226).

If you are unable to keep your appointment, we require 24 hours’ notice to cancel or reschedule. Patients who miss an appointment without prior notification will have one opportunity to reschedule. It is your responsibility to contact us. After a second no show, we may discharge you from our practice.

Please bring any medications you are currently taking and documents from any recent hospital visits to your appointment.

While not a required fee, the suggested donation per visit is $20. Thank you for participating not only in your own healthcare but also in helping us extend our services to more patients.

CLINIC POLICIES

Samaritan Health Center strives to provide excellent healthcare in a professional environment. The following guidelines were established to make everyone’s visit to Samaritan efficient and comfortable.

Please be early for all scheduled appointments to fill out necessary paperwork.

No cell phone usage.

No smoking.

Please keep children quietly occupied.

The use of profanity or rudeness toward staff or volunteers is grounds for immediate dismissal from our clinic.

Samaritan Health Center provides accessible, holistic healthcare. We utilize community relationships and partnerships for patients’ care onsite. We also connect our patients with resources beyond their appointment to ensure access to comprehensive quality care.

Samaritan Health Center offers primary and preventive medical care for adults and children, including onsite lab work and STI testing, routine health screenings, and COVID, flu, and Shingles vaccines. We provide care for both chronic conditions such as diabetes, blood pressure, and asthma, and acute needs such as minor injuries and headaches. Our community partnerships enable us to provide affordable access to offsite services such as specialty referrals, radiology, and behavioral health.

At Samaritan, we provide essential optometry services for access to corrective vision and optimal eye health. Our services include comprehensive eye exams, prescription eyeglasses, and screenings for common eye conditions like glaucoma and cataracts. We’re committed to making quality eye care accessible to all—promoting preventive measures and addressing individual needs.

Because we envision a community where all people have what they need to flourish, we partner with a variety of organizations for access to affordable medications, mental health, and other resources. Our staff team also collaborates with patients to attain important care such as colonoscopies, sleep studies, and cataract surgeries, through submission and renewal of financial assistance applications with local hospital systems.

**LRC Updates:**

**LRC Client Update**:

LRC Meeting May 15th

Housing Subcommittee meeting May 8th

Employment Subcommittee Meeting May 9th

Supportive Services Meeting May 7th

April is Reentry Month – Plans for next month

**April 1: Spirit Week Kickoff –** Unmasking the Road to Reentry. Wear a Superhero-themed shirt.

**April 2: Spirit Week –** Reentry & Recidivism Matters. Show off your patriotism by wearing red, white, or blue.

**April 3: Spirit Week –** Celebrating Reentry. Wear your favorite ball cap. Reentry treats for JSD clients.

**April 4: Spirit Week –** Get active by advocating for reentry. Put on your favorite sportswear.

**April 4**: Resume building seminar hosted by HireSKLLD. Client will learn to create a virtual video resume. JSD Building 326 East Main Street Durham, NC 27701 (11:30am – 1:00pm)

**April 5: Spirit Week –** Dedicated to Reentry. Don your day with Denim.

**April 8-9:** *Bookbag Drive,* JSD Building 326 East Main Street Durham, NC 27701 (8:30am – 4:00pm)

**April 10:** *Go Triangle Event- Learn to navigate Durham’s bus system through the Go Triangle app and field trip,* JSD Building 326 East Main Street Durham, NC 27701 (9:30am-11:00am)

**April 16:** *Reentry Simulation*, 414 E. Main Street Durham, NC 27701 (9AM-12PM)

**April 17-19:** *Clothing Drive,* JSD Building 326 East Main Street Durham, NC 27701 (8:30am – 4:00pm)

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**April 17:** *Resource Fair, NCCIW Raleigh, NC*

**April 22-24:** NC Reentry Conference. Building a Wholistic Approach to Reentry. Raleigh, NC

**April 22 - 26**: Food Drive, JSD Building 326 East Main Street Durham, NC 27701 (8:30am – 4:00pm)

**April 25:** Annual Homecoming Celebration, Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, 927 West Trinity Ave (6:30pm- 8:00pm). Hosted by the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham.

**April 30:** Resource Fair – Organized You Are Restored Ministries, Located at the Durham Bottling Company-506 Ramseur St. Durham, NC 27701

(9:30am-12:30pm)

\*We are collecting bookbags as an effort to ensure that people in transition from incarceration to the community have a suitable means of storing and carrying their personal belongings. One single bookbag will allow a person the ability to carry clothes, food, toiletries etc.\*

**Meeting Adjourn – Ontario Joyner**

Ontario thanked all for attending the meeting and for their services to the community. Explained the next meeting will be May 17th via zoom at 3PM Ontario adjourned the meeting at

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