

**Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee**

September 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Gudrun Parmer, Kelley Waggy, Steven Loney, Sinead Byrne, Marc Strange, Donna Rosser, Tammy Vaughan, Helen Tripp, Carlyle Johnson, Lacie Scofield, Cindy Hanes, Margaret Roach, Anna Rickey, Kimberly Chansen, Lawrence Greenblatt, A McKinney, Kristen Patterson, Linda Cuttler, Carolyn Crowder, Major Barnes, Major Spencer

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Co-Chairs Gudrun Parmer and Carlyle Johnson called the meeting to order, welcomed all present and began introductions.

**Review of August Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Presentations**

**EMS, Community Paramedics**

Helen Tripp shared that EMS had applied for and been awarded several grants.

* The first grant is the First Responder Addiction and Recovery Support Program. EMS received notice on 7/29/2022 that they had been awarded this grant totaling $1.6 Million over a 4-year period and they are aiming for program implementation by January 2023. Year 1 goals are to increase availability of naloxone and to enhance first responder and community knowledge. Years 2–4 goals are to add field-induction of Buprenorphine.
* EMS Bridge MAT grant goals are
  + provide field inducted buprenorphine, interaction with PORT within 48 hours, provide evidence-based training and education.
  + provide a warm handoff to community OBOT/OBT providers.
  + survey EMS Bridge MAT program enrollees and
  + report data about program successes and challenges.
* The MIH program manager will prepare and provide monthly reporting to NC DMHDDSAS.

Helen shared that they are currently preparing these grants for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners and refining task lists and timeline of deliverables pending BOCC approval

**Lincoln Community Health Center**

Carolyn Crowder shared that Lincoln CHC is the recipient of the City of Durham’s Opioid Settlement funds. Lincoln has been granted 5 years of funding to expand their MAT program. Carolyn shared that it is Lincoln’s desire to work with the community to expand access and acceptance of MAT services. Their primary goal is to prevent overdose related deaths and to help individuals into a primary care model. In this structure/model, MAT is wrapped into a traditional model of medical treatment. Lincoln serves individuals regardless of an individual’s ability to pay. The program is now fully subsidized for the next 5 years, and treatment is free. Carolyn brought the FORE grant to the table and a hope to utilize this grant toestablish more relationships. Carolyn asked that if members were interested, she would like to work with them to develop an in-depth proposal to apply for this grant.

Carolyn also asked what statistics might be of interest to the group

Carlyle asked that Carolyn forward him additional information as he is very interested in partnering with her on this. Gudrun added that CJRC and the committee would partner with Lincoln on the FORE grant.

**Community Linkages to Care (CLC):** Lacie Scofield reported that in August CLC enrolled 17 new participants, 5 became enrollees, 5 naloxone kits were distributed. Referrals came primarily from DRRC, EMS, and Duke Regional with no referrals from Detention or DUKE primary. CLC is moving forward with Duke Regional, expanding to the ED in the hospital and in the new Behavioral Health Center. Anna Rickey (RI Peer Support) has cleared the vendor process and will now be able to enter the hospital and will be able to meet with patients in the hospital. They are also beginning to utilize virtual meetings via doxy.

Lacie followed up on several questions from the last meeting: It was noted that men were more likely to discharge from the CLC program than women, and individuals referred from the detention center were more likely to discharge than individuals from other referral sources. Lacie reported that most people referred from the detention center were men so this explains why detention center referrals had a higher discharge rate. In answer to the suggestion that men were more likely to discharge due to differences in housing status and/or employment status, it was noted that the data did not support this hypothesis. Lacie noted that they would continue to investigate why men and women have different discharge rates.

Lacie further shared that they would be hosting a Recovery-Friendly Workplace training on 09/29/2022 at 2:00pm. This event is open to anyone who is interested in attending.

**Update on Opioid Settlement:** Gudrun Parmer presented a brief update on the Opioid Settlement. It was shared that the Opioid Settlement funds would be paid out over an 18-year period (2022-2038) and totaled $11,589,738. Gudrun shared this total included some funding that the City of Raleigh passed on to Durham County. NC MOA guiding principles state that 85% of the money must go to counties directly. The focus of this settlement is as follows: Spend money to save lives, use evidence-based data to guide spending, focus on equity, and Transparency.

The Board of County Commissioners has 2 options how to spend the funds. Option A includes 12 categories and is focused on High Impact Abatement Strategies. Option B is a Collaborative Strategic Planning Process. This involves a diverse group of stakeholders at the local level and the local government may fund one or more strategies from a longer list of strategies falling into broader categories.

**Durham County Detention Center:** Tammy Vaughan shared that to date they have served 151 individuals on Suboxone and 76 on Methadone in Phase 1. Phase 2 has served 43 persons on Suboxone. 27 were men and 16 were women. A combined total of 21 individuals from both Phase 1 and Phase 2 were currently in custody.

Captain McKinney gave kudos to Durham County staff. MAHEC hosted a 3-series webinar and invited the Durham County Sheriff’s Office to participate. Captain McKinney shared her excitement that news about the work being done is making its way to the community and acknowledged how well the SMART program is doing.

**RCOD**: Steve Loney shared that September is National Recovery Month and Recovery Communities of Durham will be holding a celebration on 09/16/2022. Dr. Loney also shared that he has been invited to present at the Addiction Professionals of NC conference and will be speaking on Addiction and Persons with Disabilities.

**CJRC:** Marc Strange shared that the Integrated Reentry Grant was coming to an end but there were plans in place to transition clients into other services.

**Alliance**: Carlyle Johnson shared that he had just received a proposal from Oxford House and will share more information in the future. He reported there was a lot of interest in jail-based MOUD and there was hope for more support to continue and expand this work. Carlyle shared that he is waiting on more information to come through the General Assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

Next meeting is October 11, 2022