**DURHAM JOINS TOGETHER TO SAVE LIVES**

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

**August 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Carlyle Johnson, Gudrun Parmer, Sheriff Clarence Birkhead, Chief Johnny Hawkins, Cindy Haynes, Donna Rosser, Helen Tripp, Carolyn Crowder, Keischa Lovelace, Lacie Scofield, Marc Strange, Kim Chansen, Michele Easter, Susan Kornett, Tremaine Sawyer, Tammy Vaughan, Roshanna Parker, LA Cuttler, Lawrence Greenblatt MD, Ryan Bell P.D., Major Spencer, Stephanie Euker M.D. Ph.D., Kelley Waggy, Dr. Stephen Loney, Jesse Battle, Kristen Patterson, Lindsey Bickers-Bock, Anna Rickey

**Welcome & Introductions:**

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

**Review of June Minutes:**

The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Community Linkages to Care**

**Program Update**

Lacie Scofieldshared that the new peer support specialist had settled in and they experienced a record number of PORT visits in June. They had 31 attempted visits and were able to effectively reach 24 individuals. They received 6 referrals from Duke Inpatient in July. Anna Rickey shared that a few of those patients were accepted into DRRC for MAT. 2 were unable to utilize DRRC due to insurance constraints, resulting in them being placed with an organization that accepted by their insurance.

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| **Referral Source** | **Referrals** | **Participants** | **Enrollees** | **Naloxone Kits** |
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| Durham County EMS | 192 | 69 | 8 | 70 |
| DRRC Crisis Facility | 128 | 117 | 95 | 45 |
| Durham County Detention Center  | 44 | 28 | 23 | 20 |
| Duke University Hospital ED | 12 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Duke University Hospital Inpatients | 20 | 15 | 8 | 5 |
| Duke Regional Hospital ED | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Duke Regional Hospital Inpatients | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Other (includes self-referrals) | 17 | 17 | 13 | 7 |
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| **Total Overall** | **424** | **264** | **155** | **153** |

Program Totals: December 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022

**Data Presentation**

Ryan Bell presented his June 2022 Data Report for CLC. Ryan explained that they collect a baseline questionnaire when individuals initiate at DRRC. Additional information is collected at the 3-month and 12-month marks.

Ryan shared the baseline (155 enrollees), and 3-Month Follow-Up data (of the 155 enrollees 34 were discharged before 3 months, 4 less than 3 months past enrollment date and 117 were eligible for follow-up. They were able to complete follow-ups for 35% of the eligible individuals). It was shared that 12-month data is still being collected, more in-depth and clear data will be presented in the coming months. At the time of reporting 78% were still using MAT and it was noted that fear of losing housing will always be a concern. Please refer to the full presentation for details.

There were many inquiries about additional data from committee members and both Lacie and Ryan agreed to bring additional data to the group. Carlyle asked if most individuals are uninsured and what gaps were noted- it was noted that individuals that struggle with substance use they are more transient, and Medicaid takes time to transfer, and this slows treatment. Most individuals are uninsured.

**EMS, Community Paramedics**

Helen Tripp shared thatthey are still averaging 75 overdoses a month and they continue to partner with CLC. Helen shared that they had applied for the Addiction and Recovery Act grant and received the award on July 29. The purpose of this grant is two-fold: the primary goal is to supply the community with more harm reduction materials, they also intend to actively look for community organizations that encounter individuals who overdose. In Year 2, paramedics will be initiating the use of suboxone in the field and continue to follow up for 6 days while connecting them to community resources for continued treatment.

Helen shared that additionally they have applied for the MAT EMS Bridge Grant. They will hear back in reference to this soon and will update accordingly.

**Clinical Addiction Professional Services (CAPS)**

Stephen Loney shared that September is Recovery Month and Recovery Community of Durham is highlighting the positive side of recovery. RCOD will host an event on September 16 at City Park in Downtown Durham. Stephen shared the need for more members of the community who are willing to work with individuals in recovery.

**Program Updates**

**PSS Services at Duke University Hospital and PSS Services at Duke Regional Hospital:** They are continuing to focus on program growth as well as adding a clinician and physician.

**Detention Center MAT Program:** Tammy Vaughan statedPhase 1 has served 143 on suboxone and 75 on methadone, Phase 2 has served 36 on suboxone, 21 are men and 15 are women. The detention center currently has 14 on suboxone and 4 on methadone.

**Lincoln Community Health Center:** Carolyn Crowder shared that they have been able to handle all MAT referrals. They are currently looking for more waivered providers and looking to hire individuals as they continue to expand.

**Hope Centre:** Ms. Cuttler shared that they are working with HMO’s to get cleared. They continue to move along and are always open for referrals.

**Opioid Settlement Funding**

Carlyle shared that he has been talking with several counties who are interested in Jail Based MOUD and has urged them to reach out to Durham as Durham has a functioning system. Carlyle shared that Durham County still has a pending lawsuit against retail pharmacy chains and is anxiously awaiting additional information on settlement funding.

Gudrun shared that the City of Durham has chosen not to join with the County on a joint funding plan. The County Manager will bring a framework to the BOCC in September. This plan mirrors Wake County in many ways. The County also has the chance for additional funding in reference to the Bellweather case, but this may be years in the future.

**Announcements**

Dr. Greenblatt shared that he has been in contact with a researcher at DUKE in reference to Sublicade (injectable). They are looking for participants to receive treatment for 6 months at no cost. This will come with a monetary incentive. Please reach out to Dr. Greenblatt for additional information and to connect with the program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32pm

**\*Next Meeting:** **Tuesday, September 13, 2022 from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**