

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

**May 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Carlyle Johnson, Gudrun Parmer, Dr. Lawrence Greenblatt, Sheriff Clarence Birkhead, Kristen Patterson, Capt. McKinney, Cindy Haynes, Dave Crispell, Donna Rosser, Helen Tripp, (Jane) Carolyn Crowder, Kay Sanford, Keischa Lovelace, Keyanna Terry, Lacie Scofield, Leticia Ross, Marc Strange, Melissa Walker, Michele Easter, Major Sean Barnes, Susan Kornett, Tremaine Sawyer, Tammy Vaughn, Kelley Waggy.

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

**Review of March Minutes:** There was an in-depth conversation regarding the minutes and a request to add in the discussion about creation of a hub and housing. These corrections and additions were made in real time. Minutes were reviewed and approved with documented updates.

**Discussion on FY23 Budget:** Tammy Vaughn with DCSO shared that she is working on proposals for treatment in the detention center, and that the collaboration between MAT and STARR was working well. Sheriff Birkhead shared MAT is moving into the next phase and staff is ensuring that they have everything in place to be successful. Sheriff Birkhead also stated that the department’s budget included a request for a full-time medical director. This individual would provide full-service treatment to clients. Tremaine Sawyer shared that they are working to expand treatment and reach as many as they can. Carlyle shared that per the ADA it is a violation to not provide MOUD in a detention setting and feels that this could be a reflection point regarding MAT. Lacie Scofield reminded the group that CLC provides Uber cards and can be used to for MAT clients leaving the detention center. Carlyle also shared information on a grant coming out that would provide $2,000,000.00 across the state.

**Jubilee Home:** Dave Crispellshared that Jubilee Home opened in 2020 to support justice involved individuals in need of housing. At that time their focus was on transition age individuals (17- to 22-year-olds). The arrival of COVID19 changed the needs in Durham and as a result Jubilee Home dropped their age limits.

Jubilee Home consists of 6 beds, 24/7 staffing and focuses on resident-centered care. There is no program to graduate from. An initial assessment is provided to ascertain the individuals needs. Once this is completed, peer support staff is assigned who work with the individuals day-by-day, week-by-week to provide healing and independence. Jubilee Home hosts a weekly family style meal and a weekly 12-Step meeting. Dave shared that Jubilee Home also works closely with referring agencies to ensure the individuals’ needs are being met and that nothing is falling through the cracks. Jubilee Home does not have an in-house clinician and relies on referring agencies. Jubilee Home also provides low barrier housing, they purchased a duplex in the community and former residents can rent in it. As of now it is occupied, and they are hoping to expand to provide more beds and more support.

Dave shared that Jubilee Home has applied as a housing provider that deals with persons on MAT for the McKinsey Settlement Grant through NC DHHS and continues to advocate for more resolutions in funding. Keischa Lovelace asked how many people Jubilee Home can serve and what the MH SUD Tx committee can do to expand education among community providers to remove hesitancy to house MAT clients.

Dave shared they can only serve 6 at a time and they stay full. They are currently looking into expanding. In response to hesitancy, Dave shared that it is a combination of lack of education and a refusal to work with MAT. Marc Strange shared that the CSAMI team has worked with Jubilee Home and have found great success with purchasing individual lockboxes for clients’ medications.

Gudrun stated that some providers are slower to adopting new approaches and in time, with visible success, these individuals may move towards acceptance.

Lacie Scofield shared her hope that hosting the Faith-Based Leader Conference would provide a push towards a wider acceptance of low barrier housing and working with MAT. Dave Crispell and Rev. Hart presented at the conference which hopefully has started paving a way to opening hearts and minds.

Dr. Greenblatt shared the following video link addressing the stigma associated with MAT within the community: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krTWhYBBNqY&ab_channel=JonCamp>

**Program Updates**

***CLC Grant Program Coordinator Update*** Lacie Scofield shared CLC had 10 new program participants and distributed 14 Naloxone kits in the last month. The full-time peer navigator position is still vacant, and they are actively working to fill it. Lacie also shared that Henry will go out on PORT visits and is going through Duke’s vendor process. Lacie reported CLC also has a vacant data analyst position and have been working to fill this to no avail. Lacie asked that the committee reach out with any leads for this position.

Lacie mentioned that peer navigators attended training to be of more help within the LGBTQ community.

***Detention Center MAT Program*** Captain McKinney shared that thus far, in Phase I they had 127 individuals on suboxone, and 66 individuals on methadone. In Phase II (induction) they have served 22 individuals on suboxone, 17 men and 5 women. Cpt. McKinney also shared information about a Smart Dashboard while this is not super detailed it will provide a good overview.

**Other Updates, Discussions**

STARRTremaine Sawyer reported STARR has partnered with Durham County’s Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) and the Family Resource Center’s Day 2 Day Dads Program (Inside Out Dad), to help incarcerated parents enhance their parenting skills and strengthen their bonds with their children. His goal is to expand these opportunities within the Durham Detention Center.

CSAMI Marc Strange stated CSAMI has observed a recidivism rate of 9-10%, demonstrating that wrap around care works.

Alliance: Carlyle Johnson shared anticipation of funding via the SOAR Grant. There is also funding to support housing and he plans to reach out to Oxford House. Alliance is tracking the Opioid Settlement in the 6 Alliance counties. Carlyle shared that the Olive Branch Ministries hosted a faith-based harm reduction webinar. This can be viewed at <https://olivebranchministry.org>

Sheriff Birkhead inquired about the utilization of peer support specialists. Lacie shared that Duke does not have their own peer support staff. They work with CLC to provide linkage to care. Duke has expressed interest in expansion, and they are applying for the Opioid Settlement in hopes of hiring their own PSS staff.

Gudrun raised up the lack of peer support within the community and suggested this may be an issue this committee could foster and aid its expansion. She mentioned it seemed that all areas are looking for additional peer support staff. Committee members agreed that this was a great need within the community. Gudrun suggested a meeting to have a conversation regarding this issue and ideas for expansion. Committee members were asked to email their interest directly to Gudrun.

Gudrun also shared that the BOCC received a presentation regarding the distribution of ARPA funding, and the County Manager’s Office is developing the framework at this time. There is no additional information regarding the City and County joining efforts to distribute funding.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 3:00pm-4:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm.