

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

**March 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Tremaine Sawyer, Dr. Larry Greenblatt, Gudrun Parmer, Marc Strange, Michele Easter, Lacie Scofield, Chris Giattino, Susan Kornett, Cindy Haynes, Donna Rosser, Carlyle Johnson, Major Barnes, Kelley Waggy, Keyanna Terry, Judge Pat Evans, Kristen Patterson, Leticia Ross, Amy O’Regan, Tammy Vaughan, Dave Crispell, Jesse Battle, Capt. McKinney

**Welcome & Introductions**

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

**Review of February Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Shared Goals and Vision** Carlyle Johnson brought forth the discussion of the committee’s shared goals and vision before the group, and also asked about additional individuals that could enhance and benefit the committee. Several groups and individuals were mentioned and will be formally invited to future meetings. Members shared the importance of the meetings to themselves and their various entities. Tremaine Sawyer shared that this committee provided wonderful resources that allowed him teach and grow as well as help individuals he works with. Someone mentioned the benefit of the meeting providing information about potential funding and collaborations. Dr. Greenblatt stated this meeting showed the community’s ability to collaborate and reach aligned goals. Working together with providers, entities, and the County, the committee has become a trendsetter and the hope is to maintain the relationships and collaborative efforts going forward. Co-Chair Gudrun Parmer proposed keeping this as an ongoing conversation to keep the committee in touch with the needs of the community and continue to advocate for sustainability and collaboration.

**Program Updates**

***PSS Services in Duke University ED/ PSS Services in Duke Regional ED*** Susan Kornett informed the committee they had met with Helen Tripp and noted there was an uptick in overdoses. They are working to refine their process and are moving towards a clear path of communicating with individuals in the hospital. Susan shared that they had hired a part-time peer support specialist who will be collaborating with detention staff and working in the ED to help lighten the load on current staff.

***CLC Grant Program Coordinator Update*** Lacie Scofield shared they have been busy working on their next progress report for the CLC Grant. This report is required every 6 months and they have been working diligently to gather data and information. Lacie reported 7 new participants in February and all 7 became enrollees. The numbers were slightly lower this month compared to the past due to their continued efforts to hire another part time person. However, the now filled part-time position should help bring the numbers back up. Lacie also shared that the current study design requires a baseline questionnaire and a follow-up questionnaire every three months. After reviewing this process and the struggle of keeping up with the paperwork for over 100 enrollees, it was discussed that they would drop the 6- and 9-month follow-ups. These questionnaires are concluded at the 12-month mark, and this would still allow for a 3 and 12-month follow-up. The committee agreed that dropping these was feasible and they were in support of the updated process.

Lacie reported 2,700 additional copies of their resource guides have been printed and distributed throughout the community.

**Other Updates**

***CLC*** Donna Rosser shared that the CLC Hospital Provider Initiative Series was well received and additional provider training, possibly on Trauma Informed Care and the Community Resilience Model, is in planning stages. They anticipate hosting this training in August and will utilize Southern AHEC instructors. Donna updated on the Faith Based Initiative of the CLC Grant which is planning a mini-conference, tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2022, from 8:30am-12:00pm.

***DRRC*** Susan Kornett shared that DRRC Outpatient Treatment is open for referrals, and they continue to work with Lacie and Duke to streamline the referral process. They are also working to develop a new flyer and handouts to help drive referrals and community awareness.

***Detention Center MAT Program*** Captain McKinney reported that the MAT Program has served 176 individuals thus far, with 115 on suboxone, and 61on methadone. The MAT program continues to implement Phase II phases and is seeing much support from the community.

***FIT Program*** Keyanna Terry mentioned FIT is focusing their efforts on chronic disease, the detention center and are continuing to keep moving forward.

***TROSA*** Jesse Battle shared TROSA will open a satellite branch in the Triad. The old Arca site is in the process of being renovated accepting residents in late August with a maximum residency at 200, which they expect to reach in 2023. They are also expanding their lawncare services and opening a thrift store.

***Alliance*** Carlyle Johnson stated he was working towards pinpointing gaps in care, and he is asking for all to reach out and inform him of any gaps or barriers they are aware of. Carlyle has also been involved in discussions regarding SUD involved adolescents. This is a population that is underserved, and Alliance is working to bring solutions and treatment to Durham County.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, from 3:00pm-4:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26pm.