

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

**February 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, Captain Helen Tripp, Judge Evans, Carlyle Johnson, Brittany Esquilin, Major Barnes, Sheriff Birkhead, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, Kelley Waggy, Vera Reinstein, Carlyle Johnson, Keyanna Terry, Carolyn Crowder

**Welcome & Introductions**

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

**Review of January Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Committee Name Change** Gudrun Parmer brought the conversation of changing the committee’s name before the group. After some conversation about the need for consistency, but also to reflect the work of the committee in the substance use treatment space, the group unanimously agreed to recommend the name change to: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee. The name change will be presented to the DJT Chairs.

**Program Updates**

***EMS Data Reporting*** Helen Tripp stated that EMS is averaging 75 opioid related calls per month. She reported a breakdown of those calls by age and race. Blacks make up 56% percent of all overdose calls with men ages 45-54 being the highest group among Blacks, followed by men ages 35-44. Whites make up 44% of all overdose calls with men ages 25-34 having the highest overall rate of 26.4% for this population. At 11.6%, White males ages 25-34 also have the highest rate of overdose among all races, ages, and genders with Black males ages 45-54 next at 9.5% overall. Helen indicated she has shared this information with the DJT Chairs, Lacie and Gudrun in hopes to find ways to utilize this info.

Dr. Greenblatt stated the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch shares statewide data and how the Durham County population skewed older for ED overdose data compared to statewide data. There was some interest in reviewing Durham data compared to statewide data at a future meeting. Michele Easter also offered to line up some data from the Census with the EMS data. Cindy pointed out that Amy O’Regan, with Duke’s Population Health Science, might be a resource.

***PSS Services in Duke University ED/ PSS Services in Duke Regional ED*** Susan Kornett informed the committee that Duke is finalizing the video to give to hospitals. They have 1 Peer Navigator who has completed the Vendormate approval process and 1 is currently in the process, and they are accepting referrals. The Peer Navigator can go to the hospital on Wednesday afternoons. Patients are required to call the Peer Navigators themselves; the Peer Navigator will meet with them on the following Wednesday.

***CLC Grant Program Coordinator Update*** Lacie shared that CLC funds the full time Peer Navigator, a part time Peer Navigator and as the coordinator she sets up the meetings with Duke to work through the process of Vendormate approval. They have still not hired a replacement for the part time Peer Navigator but are currently interviewing and selecting the right candidate. They will meet with Duke to add days of to be onsite.

Lacie shared that she and Lindsey Bickers-Bock had been looking for further funding and with the help of Helen Tripp and Dr. Boone applied for the SAMHSA Harm Reduction Grant. The grant is for $400,00 a year, each year for three years. If approved, $100,000 would go towards the CLC grant for PSS Services. Lacie stated that she, Susan, and Brittney presented at the quarterly meeting of all CLC grantees and shared some of the presentation with the committee: current participant counts through December 2021: 288 Referrals, 168 Participants, 133 Enrollees, and 97 Naloxone Kits. Participant Demographics as of December 2021: Mean Age 38.2, 70.9% Male, 29.1% Female, 47.2% Black, 44.9% White, 3.4% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 5.1% Hispanic/Latino. Lacie also shared some Retention and Outcome Data: 57% attend first OBOT treatment appointment, over 70% who stay in program for 3 months are no longer using substances, 31% of enrollees leave program prior to 3 months (men are more likely to leave than women).

***Other Updates***

Dr. Greenblatt shared that Duke’s Residency Programs now have requirements for residents to have some experience with substance use treatment. Dr. Greenblatt shared his hope for these residents to have some opportunity to be engaged with providers in the detention facility.

Judge Evans asked the group whether anyone was aware of an opioid treatment medication that had negative reactions in Black males. Nobody present was aware of the concern, Dr. Greenblatt stated he would look whether there were racial issues regarding any opioid treatment medications.

Donna Rosser shared that the CLC Hospital Provider Initiative (OUD) Series ended on December 31st with 79 registrants. Public Health has identified $10,000 toward funding another provider training, possibly on Trauma Informed Care and the Community Resilience Model, in early June. 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 OBOT*** Susan Kornett shared that DRRC OBOT is now Durham Outpatient. DRRC is now able to utilize the codes provided by Alliance to encompass all treatment. Durham Outpatient is currently hiring a clinician and are seeing an influx in referrals. Joy Nsubuga added her excitement and the importance of highlighting the expansion of services and treatment for more individuals.

***Detention Center MAT Program*** Major Barnes shared that thus far MAT Program has served 170 individuals, 109 on suboxone (86 males and 23 females), and 61on methadone (49 males and 12 females). 17 of those on suboxone have returned to the facility and 7 of those on methadone have returned to custody. Major Barnes also shared that they have started the Induction Phase (II) of the MAT Program, with 9 individuals (7 males, 2 females) have been put on suboxone in the facility. DCSO is now moving forward with the methadone portion of Phase II.

Chris Giattino, Peer Support with the MAT Program, shared that the program continues to do well as they grow, build relationships with additional community providers and utilize WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan). He also has developed information packets for individuals who are at the facility for shorter time periods (e.g. housing, medications). Chris shared that the program now provides naloxone, medication and Uber cards at discharge, as well as other wrap around support. He mentioned receiving calls from family members who wish to connect others to treatment which he directs to local providers that best fit the individual.

Keyanna Terry shared that the FIT Program continues to receive referrals from MAT, making contact with individuals to connect them to the health center in an effort to improve upon services that started in detention.

***Alliance*** Carlyle Johnson mentioned a monthly Jail SUD call with the State and invited Detention Center staff to participate in the calls. Anna Stein with DHHS is working on a Jail MAT Toolkit which could benefit from the participation of others. Carlyle also mentioned the Opioid Settlement Funding which will come to each county over a period of 18 years, and stated he felt this committee should be an important voice for how the funds are spent. The funds will be available later this year. Additionally, the State has 1.7million in funds coming from the CARES Act which must be spent on mental health services in detention settings. Alliance will reach out to the counties they work with.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 3:00pm-4:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.