

# **Durham Joins Together to Save Lives Task Force**

## **Mental Health Treatment Committee**

### **Minutes**

**January 14, 2020**

**Attendees:** Cindy Haynes, Carlyle Johnson, Marc Strange, Charles Browning, Dorel Clayton, Mitch Knisely, Nancy Crego, Tremaine Sawyer, Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein, Elijah Bazemore, Stephanie Eucker, Hillary Chin, Nidhi Sachdeva, Clarence Birkhead

The group convened, Cindy welcomed everyone and began introductions.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **Debrief on the Opioid Webinar: Preventing Opioid Overdose at Reentry Through Jail and Community-Based Programs (Group)**

SAMHSA's webinar described how formerly incarcerated individuals with OUD are at high risk of death by an overdose by reentering the community in 2 weeks. The group thought the webinar covered much of what we already know needs to happen to address OUD for the formerly incarcerated. There is still a great need to eradicate the drug problem in the community. There is a need for more education on housing and community triggers. We need additional funding to address these concerns. We have some of the same challenges as other states but are ahead in many ways to address this issue in our community. The webinar was recorded and the state will send out, you can email for resources and PSA

#### **Alliance Health and Durham County Meeting SOR Supplement Funding (Dr. Carlyle Johnson)**

In effort to support the existing programs and spend funding efficiently after funding ended for Peer Support on October 31, 2019. The County and the Alliance negotiated the following: the Alliance will cover with SOR funds from November 1 – February 1, 2020 and as of February 1, the County grant funds will cover implementation. Carlyle mentioned some of the funding will go to after care. He is still waiting on budget information from Jay. Carlyle will meet with Dr. Eucker, Dr. Brinkley-Rubinstein to discuss next steps with the ED project.

#### **Peer Support Services Update (Dr. Browning)**

Dr. Browning states RRC still not getting referrals from Duke but the word is out. They are getting some referrals for OTP. Moving forward Dr. Browning would like to identify and connect people in the ED. Carlyle suggest having the meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Eucker to include Dr. Browning to discuss tracking and monitoring.

#### **MAT in the Detention Center Update (Major Bazemore, Dr. Lauren Brinkley-Rubenstein, Shonica Jones)**

Major is concerned about sustainability past this quarter. He wants to know how this group can collaborate to secure funding beyond 2020-2021. How can we get some city partners to the table? Carlyle is working on projections he's willing to share. Carlyle has put pieces of funding together and may need to stop referrals at some point to continue to pay providers.

Major reports that as of December 31, 2019, we have had 34 participants in the MAT program, of which 20 were on suboxone and 14 on methadone. We are in the process of wrapping up Phase 1. Currently we have issues with MOU data sharing. Meeting with legal team to discuss Duke, UNC, RI, Probation, Alliance, and EMS to make sure we are not violating any HIPAA laws.

Operational Plan for Phase 2A which is suboxone, Naloxone, Buprenorphine taper withdrawal and induction. We ran data to see how long people are staying at the detention center and when would be a good time to induct methadone. We are going to have an OTP in the Sheriff's office to break down any barriers to providing treatment for individuals. We will begin in March and the State Office is encouraging us to take this approach. We have a myriad of challenges. Wellpath pulled some data to see if people are there longer than 3 days. If a person is there 1-3 days, may not get methadone; 3-7 may begin taper. 67 percent intake from September – November would have been eligible for the program approximately 87 individuals. ED is not going to induct methadone. Plan Phase 2 to begin April 1, 2020. Dr. Browning suggested sending the patient with 1-3 days to DRRC. Major also mentioned reaching out to doctors in the upcoming DC meeting for the Implementation grant. He will update the group at the next meeting.

**Next steps are:**

- Educate people and get them on board with county actions and partner
- Look at grants to sustain Detention Center's MAT projects
- Washington, DC Meeting January 22-23 for TA on topics
- Get on work sessions and present to County Commissioners April presentation (Sherriff will to help put together)
- Plan sustainability through obtaining data quantitative and anecdotal—may reach out to BAART and New Hope

Please note our meeting time has changed. We will begin at **3:00 PM** instead of 4:30 PM at the Durham Department of Public Health in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

**Our next committee meeting is scheduled February 11, 2020 at 3:00 PM, Location TBD**