

## **Report for Durham Joins Together Taskforce Meeting, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### **Mental Health/Treatment Committee**

**Committee Co-Chairs:** Cindy Haynes, Dr. Ashwin Patkar

**Committee Members:** Gayle Harris, Sheriff Clarence Birkhead, Major Elijah Bazemore, Michelle Lyn, Fred Johnson, Dr. Stephanie Eucker, Dr. Charles Browning, Dr. Carlyle Johnson, Rita Hunter, Katie Mallette, Kay Sanford, Dr. Lauren Brinkley Rubinstein, Tremaine Sawyer, Cheryl Scott, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, Dr. Victoria Thornton, Dr. Lawrence Greenblatt, Dr. Evan Ashkin, Joanie, Ross, Shonicia Jones, Karen Verhaeghe, Margo Faulk, Dr. Jamie Carter, Carolyn Crowder, Jesse Battle, Helen Tripp, Lysha Best, and Marissa Mortiboy

#### **Current Activities:**

- Peer Support Specialist in the Duke Emergency Department
- MAT in the Durham County Detention Center

#### **Ongoing Activities**

- Identifying strategies reduce stigma for people of color having access to available treatment and diversion programs
- Identifying additional stakeholders to invite to the committee

#### **Measures:**

- Number of patients entered into treatment
- Decrease in number of OUD-related ED visits (opioid overdose, withdrawal, complications, and infections)
- Number of patients participating in MAT in the Durham County Detention Center
- Increase access to community-based treatment programs upon release

#### **Next Steps:**

- Train Peer Support Specialist
- Develop Media tool to promote within the health system
- Begin implementing program May 1, 2019
- Train Detention Center Staff on Buprenorphine Waiver Certification
- Begin implementing 4-tier approach program
- Refer patients to the FIT (Formerly Incarcerated Transition) and STARR (Substance Abuse Treatment And Recidivism Reduction)
- Participate in the recently awarded Planning Initiative to Build Bridges Between Jail and Community-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder

**Next Meeting and Location:** May 14, 2019 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month) 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Durham County Department of Public Health 2nd Floor Conference Room

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