

Report for Durham Joins Together Taskforce Meeting, August 28, 2019

Mental Health/Treatment Committee

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

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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:

- Wait for response from FORE, submitted LOI on August 25, 2019
- Begin MAT in the Durham County Detention Center on September 2, 2019 for those entering the Detention Center currently on MAT
- Continue working with the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant staff for Technical Assistance in implementing MAT in the Detention Center (Planning Initiative to Build Bridges Between Jail and Community-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder)
- Alliance to provide funding from SOR Grant to expand PSS Services for MAT in the ED, Hospital, and Detention Center until June 30, 2020

- Continue to refer patients to the FIT (Formerly Incarcerated Transition) and STARR (Substance Abuse Treatment And Recidivism Reduction)

Next Meeting and Location: September 10, 2019 (2nd Tuesday of each month) 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Durham County Department of Public Health 2nd Floor Conference Room

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