



Public Health Department

C-FORT Minutes August 2024

Agenda Item 1. Introductions

Attendees

Sanquis Graham, CCDPH
Greg Berry, CCDPH/NCHRC
Tamra Morris, CCDPH
Lisa Blandin, SR-AHEC
Louis Leake, CTC Fayetteville
Mitzi Averette, Care Clinic
Barbara A. White, Mid Carolina Regional Council
John Russell, Butterfly efx
Ilana Sheppard, Marius Maximus
Charlton Roberson, NCHRC
Jasmine Harris, SR-AHEC
Orlando Smith, CCDPH
Lisa Jayne, Cumberland County
Selena Wilkins, CCDPH
Ana C. Jaramillo-Adams
Amy Jordan
Angela Hebel
Ainsley Johnson
Casey Perry, Camp Rockfish
De'Ara Anderson
Demetris West
Elijah Bazemore
Heather Skeens
Heather Sroka
Jennifer Green
Jermaine Russell
Leah Rhone
Lynette McMillan
Melanie David
Melissa G
Monica Washington

Martina Sconiers- Talbert
Sheena Butler
Subrena Guy
Tatum Evans
Tracy Honeycutt, Mid-Carolina AAA

Agenda Item 2. Opioid Data and Opioid Settlement Updates

Louis Leake, Review of Overdose Data, ED Visits Data, Fentanyl Report

- Fentanyl deaths have been higher although overdose numbers are lower compared to this time last year.
- In NC, reported overdose emergency department visits are down. This year it is 510 compared to 866 this time last year.

Tara Tucker, Cape Fear Valley

- No report.

Orlando Smith, BJA Funds Housing Data

- 121 total fund request have been made for 115 residents.
- 6 requests have been for 2nd months rent payment.
- Funding period was 8/24/22 – 8/2/24.
- Monica Washington reported trends seen in Cumberland County:
- Oxford house Cross creek was just opened. It is a 7 women house, with 1 current vacancy.
- Relapse is biggest turnover although vacancy rate is low.
- 4 vacancies left in county.
- Re-entry residents seem to stay longer.
- Goal is to open another men’s Oxford house by the end of year.
- BJA grant ends in September.

Charlton Roberson, NCHRC Opioid Settlements

- Data has not been updated since June.
- Peer to Peer OD reversals have been down during previous quarter.
- Linkages to services and treatments have been up.

Louis Leake, CTC Opioid Settlement

- From Apr – Aug 2024:
- 22 patients were assisted with housing costs
- 235 patients have received assistance with transportation barriers.

- 114 patients have been connected to services to reduce recidivism.
- 11 patients have been assisted with maintain utilities.
- 27 patients been assisted with food/ groceries.
- 26 patients assisted with medical cases.
- 64 patients assisted with clothing and employment.
- 28 patients assisted with phone services.
- 4 patients assisted with education.
- Alliance Medicaid will cover transportation for individuals who want to receive treatment services.
- 1190 doses of Methadone have been provided to the detention center since April.
- Recovery Capital Index has increased by 45%.

Dixon Soffe, Myrover Reece Opioid Settlement

- Tatum Evans reported:
- 18 total residents currently.
- Out of total, 12 residents there for opioid use.
- Working with Carolina Outreach as residents have shown interest for peer support.

Courtney McCollum, CCJS Opioid Settlement

- No report.

Agenda Item 3. CFORT Recovery Center Updates

Sanquis Graham, CCDPH

- There will be an Administrative Officer, Administrative Assistant and Substance Abuse Worker.
- Subcommittee is working on training for staff to ensure they will be equipped for their roles.
- Programming:
- Had visits to recovery center to see what was needed from a tech perspective and if anything was overlooked.
- Projected opening: October 2024.
- Will provide case management services, SMART Recovery classes and linkages to care.
- Staff will be knowledgeable to help distinguish services and what is provided at Recovery Center compared to Day Resource Center.

Agenda Item 4. Training Opportunities & Updates.

Greg Berry, CCDPH/NCHRC

- Smart Family & Friends is complete:
- SMART Friends and Family with teens training completed.
- SMART Recovery has enhanced its program, so friends and family has been combined with teen program.

Louis Leake, CTC

- CTC Fayetteville does Family and Friends every Thursday night at 6pm.
- Another Smart recovery meeting has been added on Monday's during lunchtime, will be published on website at end of month.

Greg Berry, CCDPH

- Looking for more facilitators for SMART Recovery.
- Subcommittee is working on public facing calendar that will be updated monthly.

Charlton Roberson, NCHRC

- Smart Recovery Classes on Tuesday's are at Faith-to-Faith Christian Ministries off Rockfish Rd at 6:00 pm.
- Sundays are the only days there are no SMART Recovery classes.
- Subcommittee is looking for ways to disseminate resource information to community.
- Uber health will be available for individuals to go to Recovery Center.

Greg Berry, CCDPH

- Forensic Peer Support free training application is currently open and closes on September 1, 2024.
- Offered for Peer Support Specialist who have lived experience with justice system and would like to get certified as a Forensic Peer Support.
- Free Forensic Peer Support training will be held in person at the Cumberland County Department of Public Health on September 23 -25 from 9am-5pm.
- Training focuses on identifying individuals with substance use and mental health issues and diverting them to the appropriate care.
- Looking for more applicants from Emergency Department.
- PSS paid scholarship in September
- Reconnecting with previous scholarship applicants to see if they are still interested in training.

Agenda Item 5. Kroger Settlement Amendment

Sanquis Graham, CCDPH

- Second wave of funds from Kroger Settlement has been approved.
- NC is set to receive 40 million dollars of funding in second wave from 2024 - 2034.
- Cumberland County has received \$899,840.92 to spend over next ten years.
- No funds have been received yet.
- 4 Town hall Community Meetings have been scheduled at the following locations:
- Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 5:30 - 7pm at Headquarters Library.
- Thursday, September 26, 2024, 5:30pm - 7pm at Eastover Civic Center.
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 5:30pm - 7pm at Spring Lake Library.
- Thursday, October 10, 2024, 5:30pm - 7pm at Hope Mills Library.

Agenda Item 6. Next Steps

Greg Berry, CCDPH

- -IOAD event at Methodist University
- August 31, 5:00 pm - 7:30pm at Methodist University.
- Event kicks off at Fayetteville Technical Community College at 4 with an Overdose Awareness Ride.

Charlton Roberson, NCHRC

- Recovery Month Announcements
- Recover Out Louder
- September 21st, 11am - 4pm at VFW on Ramsey
- Looking for volunteers and donations for prizes.

Mitzi Averette, Care Clinic

- Recovery Prevention Ride
- September 14th at 10am at Harley Davidson.
- Looking for vendors to support event.

Louis Leake, CTC

- CTC Recovery Week
- September 16th – 20th.
- NC ATOD Conference
- September 12th -13th at Embassy Suites Greensboro, NC

Greg Berry, CCDPH

- Heal Holistic Letter of Support
- Agreed to letter of support request.

Sanquis Graham, CCDPH

- Thanked team for Naloxone Education
- Hundreds of staff at Cumberland County schools were trained on Naloxone.
- Fayetteville Technical Community College security officers received Naloxone training.
- Reminder of Perinatal Taskforce, Next meeting is Tuesday August 27th at 2pm.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: Tues September 17, 2024, 10am -11:30 am