



**Cumberland County**  
**Public Health Department**

***C-Fort Minutes September 22nd, 2022***

***Guest Speakers/Attendees:***

Martina Sconiers-Talbert	Laura Marquis	Dr. Jennifer Green
Courtney Masters	Kevin Morgan, FFD	Tara Tucker
Charlton	Melanie David	Sally Shutt
Dania Benners	Greg Berry, NCHRC	Ashley Curtice
Serena Gunn Stornello	Mitzi Averette	Crystal Pone
Chris	Louis Leake-CTC Fayetteville	Lisa Lofton-Berry
Loren Bymer	Amy Jordan	Kara Gagnon
Noah Johnson		

***Data Updates:***

**Louis Leake- w/ Overdose Data, ED Visits Data:**

-168 Opioid overdose ED visits in CC for 2022 YTD in comparison to 144 from Jan-Aug.

-281 Fentanyl-Positive deaths, NC office of the chief medical examiner (OCME) toxicology data. June 2022 compared to 247 in June 2021

-CC had 194 deaths from July 2021-June 2022.

-349 suspected overdose deaths August.2022 as compared to 359 on August 2021

-767 NC emergency Department visits for opioid overdose in Aug. 2022 as compared to 803 in Aug. 2021

### Chris

- YTD 834 overdoses were Narcan's were given to revive the patient from 1/1-8/31 -92 deaths were opioid related.
- total # of overdoses for the 2nd quarter was 299 out of that 174 were male and 125 were female.
- made contact with 187 of them/family members and gave 187 Narcan
- out of 299, 24 refused the services
- contacted 12 of the patients on 1st attempt to treatment, both inpatient and outpatient.

### Greg's YTD NCHRC Report

- There were 576 reversals
- 3800 contacts with 138 unique individuals
- 2894 Narcan kits were distributed (2 doses) from Aug-Aug
- 430 Linkages were made from housing treatment, peer support numbers grouped together.

### Kevin numbers from the Fire Department

- 60 overdoses this year in Fayetteville alone that don't involve Chris's numbers from an EMS standpoint.

### Data: Dr. Green

- Start getting an estimate of how many Narcan's are being distributed is needed.
- Because of the overdose the Fire Dept. is running out of AED pads quickly and the smart pads are expensive.
- The smart pads allow us to do better CPR's
- This quarter we have elected to buy the non-smart pads w/c are the standard AD pads which do not include the quality of CPR.
- How many and what percentage of those calls are due to opioid? Kevin will work on it.
- It has been reported that people are taking Narcan kits from the DC vending machine for their family members & themselves.
- We have a sticker on how to use it but will be adding information on what it (Narcan kit) is. - Kits are stuffed with C-Fort resource guides.

-We don't have a great way of tracking where it's going yet, except the staff that's there in the lobby reports back to us.

-Were working on a location for the 2nd machine

-The hotspots where overdoses are more frequent are shared with our team than we can concentrate peer-support in those areas to figure out what's going on & talk to people about available resources.

-OD maps at one point PD were more active with C-Fort. We will get a status update on this (if their still interested/considering it...just where we are in the process).

-They can assign access to the OD map data without gaining access to all the information that they have.

-Thought: if they're (PD) not actively involved anymore they may not have the numbers to track anymore.

-Louis Leake shared the "heat spots" that's over Fayetteville (in a general location) to Martina to be shared with the group.

#### **Data: Dr. Green**

-Not just a count of the Narcan kits but also who needs the kits...This helps us not duplicate each other's efforts.

-If you have Narcan need, it's been suggested that you share it with this group.

#### **Opioid Settlement Funding: Dr. Green**

-We're still working on the request for proposal process; we're close to having that finished.

-This initial RP is going to be for treatment, recovery support services (housing, jobs, transportation, getting people that's post overdose Narcan & etc.

- The goal is to have this reviewed & pushed out to you all by early next month.

-We'll have applications due before the end of the year so we can push money out at the beginning of the new year.

#### **RP part: Dr. Green**

-Goal is to fund projects in several areas. It would be 2 years' worth of funding. -We want to require that folks attend these (C-Fort) meetings

-The spring payment has already arrived; we're supposed to do one more summer payment.

-We're getting matching funds for the Narcan. Vital strategies is the one that's matching the dollars.

-We must keep tabs on where the Narcan are going.

-3rd part of the money: MATis in the jail.

-We are not allowed to name the treatment provider. Ex: xyz is going to be the treatment provider. We will likely have to do an RFP process for that too.

-You can't plan the RFP and then apply for the RFP.

**Grant funding update:**

-You can share during our next meeting coming up to make the group aware.

-PDO grant opportunity: They are working on the application and are expecting to submit it within a couple of days.

-They should hear back if they were awarded the grant around November. -They're looking to have more updates by the next meeting.

-Tara: we talked about wounds support & Narcan in the grant

-Charlton: From a harm reduction perspective, at ground level... participants would need items such as: lock boxes, medication disposal kits, wound care materials, Narcan distribution.

-Tara: Talked about data sharing and the need for some type of software. -Dr Green: shared that several of us will write a letter of commitment.

-Tara, FORE grant: 75 thousand a year for 2 years... Funding support. They are looking for community-based organizations.

**Link:** <https://forefdn.org/fore-releases-request-for-proposals-to-support-community-driven-responses-to-opioid-use-disorder-and-overdose-mortality/>

(Please utilize the above link if additional information is needed). They also include their definition of what "community organization" is.

**M. Averette:**

Does Harm Reduction have to be put in a request to try to get some funds?

**Dr. Green:**

We have 1 more year of funding. The commissioners approved \$70,000 and matching funds for syringe service programs like NC Harm Reduction and the purchase of Narcan's.

-Vital strategies is the agency that's matching the money.

-Charlton can connect us to a grant manager, Shannon.

-Dr. Green: shared that we were told the matching funds were coming from vital strategies. No one from vital strategies told us who was the holder of the money only that it may be harm reduction.

-Dr. Green: Once the commissioners designate the money, we must make sure we are being fair to everyone, so we don't get in trouble with the state about how we administered the grant funds.

- The only thing you can do capital expenditures on (Stated on the MOA) is for treatment facilities.

-We're following the NC opioid substance use plan the funding ties back to that and the settlement.

-You can fund the service but to pay the rent to be in the place is not necessarily an allowable cost.

*Next meeting is October 27th. 2022*