



Cumberland County
Public Health Department
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Agenda item 1. Introductions

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Cumberland County

- 60 Opioid overdose emergency department visits for 2023 YTD
- Traditionally, numbers rise during the summer months
- 782 NC ED visits for opioid overdose: March 2023 in comparison to 754 March 2022.
- The number of individuals that were being treated were uninsured/self-paid.
- 1506 NC ED visits for overdose involving medications or drugs with dependency potential: March 2023
- 959 NC EMS encounters suspected opioid overdose: March 2023 compared to 1,029 in March. 2022.

NC-Harm Reduction:

- approximately 1800 contacts
- Just over 2,000 doses of Narcan's distributed

Chris Dudley, CFV

- a slight trend down this year compared to last year
- Seeing less EMS responses because of peer support is going up

Elijah updates from CCDS

- Ms. Heather will be our clinician
- CC detentions center updates are still on hold
- Looking for implementation dates

Charlton/ Greg Asheville Sunrise Trip:

- totally peer run; 4-5 peer support
- No community partners present at their center
- We will have community partners that will be present to directly link them to services
- They have a full-time person going out in the community identifying funding sources and donations for the community
- Sunrise has a bunch of staff

-They have a lot of community partners it's just outside of their center

Opioid Response (Recovery) Center discussion:

-Proposed names:

- Hope
- Resiliency
- C-Fort Recovery Center
- C-Fort Hope Center
- Epiphany
- Change

-Services:

- Computers
- Sign-up for benefits: ex. Medicaid, Food Stamp
- Charging Station
- Get shoes & clothes.
- HIV testing (NCHRC)

Idea is: 1 location to get many/all needed services (hint: Resource Center)

-Proposed Staffing:

- Processing Asst./Office Manager (w/ Monday-Friday scheduling)
- Peer Support Specialist, Heather
- Interns
- CP/LCSW
- Collaborating/Communicating amongst partners

Note: if there are interested partners in the RC, please email Greg if you want to be a part of the subcommittee for the recovery center. (gberry@cumberlandcountync.gov)

Proposed Timeline: Soft launch in late fall/early winter.

Next Steps:

-Formal/Current subcommittee

-Health subcommittee

-Support subcommittee

-Safety subcommittee

- We will be solidifying our active members
- being on multiple subcommittees is ok
- We will share their goals and action plan
- Next meeting: 5/16/2023