



Cumberland County

Public Health Department

C-FORT Minutes November 21, 2023

Agenda item 1. Introductions

Attendees

Alba Natale
Amanda Klinck, Myrover-Reese
Antiche Long
Bessie
Christina Scali
Christine Main
Courtney Masters
Courtney McCollum
Cpt. J. Jones
Crystal Pone
Elijah Bazemore
Heather Sroka
Jamie Gesslein-HMPD
Jennifer Green
Joel Nettles
Kendle Holeman
LaKiya Brewer-Jenkins
Leah Singleton
Lisa Jayne
Louis Leake
Martina Sconiers-Talbert
Melanie David
Melanie Stephens
Nicole Turner
Samantha Tillman
Sheena Butler
Soffe Dixon, Myrover-Reese
Tamra Morris

*****There are no concerns with the previous minutes*****

Agenda Item 2. Data Updates

Louis Leake, Carolina Treatment Center

- This data is for the month of September
- CC 2023 YTD: 192 Opioid overdose emergency Department visits. Compared to 193 on January-September 2022 (there is normally a spike during the holidays).
- Ages 24-25 are affected the most.
- CC 2023 YTD: 504 ED visits for overdose involving medications/drugs.
- CC 6/2023: 285 emergency medical services (EMS) encounter for suspected opioid overdose encounters.

Charlton Roberson, NCHRC

- The number of syringes that NCHRC has distributed as of September were three hundred fifty-two thousand nine hundred and ten syringes.
- 4,822 doses of Narcan
- 425 doses of Narcan (over the last 2 months)
- 1,569 peer-to-peer reversals (as of September)
- 1,377 biohazard kits distributed.
- We are also involved in LEAD; and was able to get 2 homeless individuals from our community into stable recovery environments.
- Post overdose response: we will become more active in these efforts.

Tara Tucker, CFV Community Paramedic

- We now have 6 peer support specialists at CFV

Greg Berry, CFORT Coordinator

- SMART Recovery training updates
- Last week some of you may have received an email with instructions for the “Friends and Family” training confirmation email.
- Please save your confirmation email as a PDF and send it back to Greg Berry.

-Congrats to Louis Leake, as he is now a SMART Recovery board member.

Agenda item 3. Introduction of the new Local Public Health Administrator

Justin Berrier, CCDPH LPHA

- Thank you for the welcome
- Excited and looking forward to working with the team
- The transition into this new position will be taking place over several weeks

Agenda item 4. Letter of Support for the Overdose Prevention Partners Grant

Nicole Turner, New Beginnings

- New Beginnings is seeking a letter of support for the Overdose Prevention Partners grant
- The grant funds target at-risk youth,
- New Beginnings proposal particularly focuses on youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System
- The Health Department is collaborating with New Beginnings on the grant

******CFORT agrees to provide a letter of support******

Lisa Jayne, “Youth Homeless System Improvement Grant”

- Seeking C-FORT support with helping to create a youth action board
- We’re hosting an interest meeting December 8th at HQ Library at 10am. If interested, please contact Lisa Jayne: Ljayne@cumberlandcountync.gov
- This is a 30-month grant
- Looking for interested partners throughout the community

Agenda item 5. Next Steps

Greg Berry

- CFORT Outreach Event on 12/8/2023
- The event is going to be on Cedar Creek Road
- Currently working on putting a flyer together.

Charlton Roberson

Life Net group suggested that we do a SMART Recovery “Meet & Greet”/Luncheon.

Greg Berry

- NCHRC is planning to provide an update to CFORT on Xylazine
- The update will include new data and images.
- 4 individuals accessing harm reduction services from NCHRC are living with severe wounds.
- Recovery center subcommittee needs to meet soon.
- Subcommittee members will receive an email soon. Please respond with your availability.

Jennifer Green, CCDPH Director

- State Health Departments →Rising case of syphilis.
- Increase amongst women.
- Increase in congenital syphilis due to women dropping out of prenatal care.
- Please help connect people with STD testing.
- Please refer people to us or other providers
- We have postcards about syphilis, if you like you can stop by and grab a few palm cards from Health Ed.

Tamra Morris, CCDPH Deputy Director

- Good Sam listening session December 16th
- Please email flyers for opioid listening session
- They need a headcount for in-person.
- Email Tamra to RSVP

~Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Tues December 19, 2023, 10am-11:30am Location: Health Dept/Hybrid