



**Cumberland County**

**Public Health Department**

***C-FORT Minutes February.16, 2024***

**Agenda Item 1. Introduction**

**Attendees:**

Alba Natale	Ishmael Meachum	Orlando Smith
Alix T	Jamie Gesslein	Louis Leake
Amy Jordan	Jeff Stultz	Kendle Holman
Brandy Briza	Lakiya Brewer	Adriana London
Christina Scali	Laura Marquis	Charlton Roberson
Courtney McCollum	Lisa	Mica Gonzalez
Courtney McCollum	Monica Washington	Lisa Jayne
Danielle Korbelt- New Season	Melissa Mojica	Carlotta Ray
Demetris West	Mitzi Averette	De'Ara Anderson
Elijah Bazemore	Dixon Soffe	Mitzi Averette
Greg Berry	Sheena Butler	Leah Rhone
Heather Skeens	Tamra Morris	Richard Chandler
Heather Sroka	Tara Tucker	L. Santiago
Jogn Russell	Jesse Garner	

## **Agenda Item 2. Opioid Data and Opioid Settlement Recipient Progress Updates**

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

- Overall DHHS overdose numbers are down from where we were last year.
- Cumberland had 638 ED visits for drugs/meds with dependency potential from Jan to Dec 2022, down from 688.
- The state reported 608 year-to-date ED visits for opioids for DEC 2023, down from 757.
- Cumberland County is moderate on the overdose map.
- However, as of Oct 2023, Robeson County has one of the highest overdose rates in the state.

### **Tara Tucker, Cape Fear Valley Community Paramedic**

- February mobile outreach event had 40+ participants
- Broken Chains made meals for Carolina Treatment Center, serving 103 plates at the outreach center

### **Orlando Smith, CCDPH BJA Funds Housing Data**

- See BJA funding report sent by Orlando Smith on 2/19/2024

### **Charlton Roberson, NCHRC**

- January 1<sup>st</sup> began receiving funds
- 398 Narcan distribution
- 63 peer-to-peer reverse
- 3 post overdose responses
- Beginning Friday twice a month, will be inside juvenile detention center
- Faith community: Bi-Weekly meetings
- Opioid settlement: As far as syringe program, currently at 3 different locations & looking at more locations.

### **Courtney McCollum, Drug Court**

- No updates

### **Myrover Reece, S. Dixon**

- No statistics currently
- Funds going towards:
  - Providing more peer support specialists
  - More outreach and partnerships
  - Partnering with more organizations such as Primary Care & Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC)

### **Heather Sroka/Elijah Bazemore, Healing from Within (CCSO MAT)**

- We are in phase 1 where individuals are coming in to be treated.
- We will move into phase 2, Induction process, by March. 1<sup>st</sup> if everything goes as planned.

### **Louis Leake, Carolina Treatment Center**

-Grant used towards:

- Wrap around services.
- 45 individuals were serviced.
- Providing temporary housing and cell phones.
- Vehicle repairs
- Helping with dental and medical cost.
- Bus passes
- We spent \$7,000 this month trying to keep it around \$8,000 a month.
- 0 PSS to 3 Peer-Support Specialists
- SMART Recovery Training

### **Agenda Item 3. Recovery Center Update**

#### **Charlton Roberson, Recovery Center Committee**

- We need to form MOU/ROI
- Greg and Tamra sent out surveys
- 3 staff members funded for the resource center.
- Please fill out surveys and submit those
- Workflow process/schedule
- 2 days per week
- Interest surveys will be sent by email
- Contracted with uber lift to assist with transportation

### **Agenda Item 4. Peer Support Certification Scholarship**

#### **John Russell**

- 10 scholarships: Let's accumulate a list of individuals.
- One pager will be sent out after the meeting
- One pager will tell you how to apply to one of the spots available. This will be sent by email.
- Any questions, reach out to Greg Berry, C-FORT Coordinator

## **Agenda Item 5. Next Steps**

### **Tamra Morris, CCDPH**

- The next CFORT Mobile Outreach Event will be on Friday (3/29/2024), from 1PM to 3PM. Please save the date.
- Friends and Family SMART registrations needed to move forward with teens. It is virtual on a Saturday.
- Public library trainings for Narcan have been scheduled and dates are available.
- Early intervention RFP deadline is March 15th, CCDPH silent period starts 2/16.
- Narcan kit making party was not a great turnout, so we were not able to make enough kits.
- Planning for 300 for next event.
- Mental health 1st aid flyers will be sent out.

### **-Serena Gunn, Blissful Alchemist**

- wants to partner with the community to create self-care packages.

*~Meeting Adjourn*

*Next meeting: Tues March 19, 2024, 10am-11:30am Location: Health Dept/Hybrid*