



Cumberland County

Public Health Department

C-FORT Minutes June 2025

Agenda Item 1. Introduction

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Casey, Camp Rockfish	Alyson Davis, DPH
Diane Covington	Shanon Drummond, Coastal Horizons
Heather Skeens, Cumberland County	Cassidi Wrye, Heal Holistic
Naiomi Marshall	Dr. Green, DPH
Louis Leake, Carolina Treatment Center	Regina Williams, DPH-RRC
Charlette Rainsed	Lisa Mack, DPH
Mitzi Averette, Care Clinic	Morgan Casey, City View
Kate Smith	Malcolm Little, Insight Human Services
Taylor Blount, DPH	Greg Berry, CFORT-C
Charlton Roberson, NCHRC	

Agenda Item 2. Data & Partner Updates

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

- Cumberland County ED visits for April
- 53 opioid overdose ED visits compared to 72 in 2024
- 26% lower than this time in 2024
- 13 Fentanyl-positive deaths in 2025 vs 18 in 2024
- 983 overdose ED visits (state) for 2025 vs 1087 for 2024
- Slight increase in April compared to the previous months in 2025
- 266 suspected overdose deaths in April 2025 compared to 272 in 2024

Lisa Mack, SDOH

- 16 clients this year
- June: 4 already with Fresh Start

Tara Tucker, Cape Fear Valley Community Paramedic

- Working with the hospital, waiting for an update from the pharmacy
- Upcoming meeting with Myrover Reese
- Another training in Cumberland County is being discussed
- Camp Heal:
- Hope to continue to build on this relationship
- Close to 30 kids in attendance
- Counselors are college kids who were able to learn a lot about SDOH
- Would like to connect with Mid-Carolina this fall

Casey Perry, Camp Rockfish Camp and Retreat

- Camp is going well
- Kids want to come back because they are enjoying the activities offered and the counselors who are at the camp
- Shared words/taglines from kids at camp

Louis Leeke, CTC Opioid Settlement

- The two biggest areas are transportation and recovery support
- Recovery capital index: improvement rate 26%
- 20 assisted with temporary housing
- 15 unhoused individuals assisted with tents and other provisions
- 362 assisted with transportation barriers, including Uber Health, bus passes, etc.
- 219 assisted with reentry services
- 6 assisted with utilities
- 20 assisted with food/groceries
- 24 assisted with medical costs
- 242 assisted with work clothes. Smart recovery materials, etc.
- 11 connected to phone services
- 1 individual received funding for classes at FTCC

Courtney McCollum, CCJS Opioid Settlement

- Biana Corona, new coordinator for adult drug core, is working on building resources
- Charletta Raines, entry counselor for Cumberland County

Heather Sroka, Healing from Within

- No update

John Russell, Mid-Carolina Regional Council

- Working on another round of peer support training in August
- Community peer support program, doing the first round at Mount Sinai 2-5pm

Tatum Gay, Myrover Reece Opioid Settlement

- May – total of 6 women and 6 men that came in with opioid addiction.
- Out of those 12, 2 women and 1 woman are successfully discharged.
- 3 men and 3 women are still in treatment
- Narcan training for clients and staff in July
- Vocational rehab: training on-site for those who are trying to seek employment

Charlton Roberson, NCHRC Opioid Settlement

- Syringes distributed: 44,300
- Syringes collected: 1,000
- Naloxone kits distributed: overdose reversals reported: 326
- Overdose reversals reported: 74
- Fentanyl/Xylazine test strips distributed: 136
- Fentanyl Test results reported: 80% positive, 20% negative
- Xylazine test results reported: 75% positive, 25% negative
- MAT/Uber support: 64
- LEAD: 28
- Housing assistance: 18
- Phone/communication support: 16
- MH/SA Services: 11
- Food/Water access: 10
- Detox/Crisis services: 6
- Employment resources: 5
- Legal aid: 3
- Other: 7
- Participants' demographics:
- 44% White
- 35% black/African American
- 3% Hispanic/Latino
- 1% native American
- <1% Asian
- 11% other/unknown

Regina Williams, Administrator Recovery Resource Center

- Mid-May to Mid-June total: 249
- Syringe service program: 178
- Women's meeting: 33
- Peer support: 3
- Wound care: 6
- Recovery Dharma: 10
- Smart Recovery: 6

- Life Net Services: 5
- Piedmont testing: 7
- SDOH: 1
- Quarterly Partner Meeting July 25th at 10am for partners providing services at the center
- Overdose Awareness Month calendar being sent out, contact Taylor Blount if you need to add anything

Naiomi Marshall, RI

- Busy month
- A few openings currently for those seeking services and treatment

Agenda Item 3. Partner Announcements

- RFP Process timeline, Sanquis Graham & Dr. Green
 - o Reached out to people across the county
 - o Applications are being reviewed/scored
 - o Looking at taking this to commissioner in august
 - o Contracts hope to be ready by January 2026
- Opioid Settlement Updates, Sanquis Graham
 - o Attending a coordinator meeting
 - o Discussed on June 16th
 - o Payments from Perdue
 - o Smaller payments coming from other businesses
 - o Will have community town halls to find any gaps
 - o Naloxone distributed across the state – intentionally saturating the community
- SIM Taskforce Progress, Charlton Roberson
 - o Referrals from the detention center and juvenile court
 - o Encourage everyone to use the referral process
 - o Charlton can send out the information if you need it
 - o Try to document the outcome after the client is linked with care
 - o Next meeting July 14th
- Trauma-Informed Response and Stigma Reduction Training, Greg Berry
 - o Planning to offer this in September
 - o Look in the CFORT app for the date to register
- Xylazine Research with FSU, Dr. Luo
 - o Study in the county
 - o Needs to sign contract with UNC drug lab, taking longer than expected
 - o As of June, FSU finally signed the contract
 - o Drug testing kits have been ordered
 - o Once kits arrive, testing can get started
 - o Survey will be shared and ask that you talk to clients to have them take it

- Gift cards will be given to those who participate
- Overdose Awareness Day Planning Committee, Mark Gronski
 - Naloxone trainings at FSU, Methodist, RRC, Ft. Bragg
 - Wound kit making event
 - Candlelight Vigil - August 28, 5-7:30 is the main event at Methodist
 - Next planning meeting is June 24th
- Wound Care Kit-Making, RRC July 23, 2025
 - 11am-1pm
 - Xylazine kits that are distributed to the community

Agenda Item 4. Next Steps

- App facilitates naloxone requests, training registration, events, etc. at this link: cfort.cumberlandcountync.gov/login
- Perinatal task force meeting scheduled for June 24th at 2pm (hybrid)
- Overdose Awareness Day Planning Committee June 24th at 10am, virtual tblount@cumberlandcountync.gov
- SIM Taskforce Meeting scheduled for July 15th at 3pm (virtual)

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: July 15th, 2025, 10am -11:30am