



Cumberland County

Public Health Department

C-FORT Minutes May 2025

Agenda Item 1. Introductions

Jamie Melvin, Coastal Horizons	Casey Perry, Camp Rockfish
Taylor Blount, Recovery Center	Subrena Guy, HS Program CCDPH
Ilana Sheppard, MariusMaximus Foundation	Leona Smith, Recovery Resource Center
Tamra Morris, Public Health Dept	Carlotta Ray, Alliance Health
Serena Gunn, Heal Holistic	Daniella Farrior, CCDSS
Barbara White, Mid Carolina	Heather Skeens, ACM
Greg Berry, CFORT-C	Jesse Garner, CCDPH
Sanquis Graham, LPHA	Orlando Smith, City of Fayetteville
Charlton Roberson, NCHRC-SIM	Anson Davis, CCDPH
Louis Leake, CTC-D	Mitzi Averette, Care Clinic/MRFH
Malcome Little, Insight HS	Lisa Mack, PAD
Lisa Jayne, Cumberland County	Regina Williams, CCDPH-RRC
Lindsey Humphreys, Illuminate NC	Shannon Drummond, Coastal Horizon
T. Rivers, Three Rivers Foundation	Ivan Pride, MRFH
Alyssa Festa, Insight HS	Morgan Casey, City-View
John Russell, Ontrack Wellness	

Agenda Item 2. Data & Partner Updates

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

- No data

Sanquis Graham, Recovery Housing Support

- Hired new social worker for the health department, Lisa Mack
- 8 people into Oxford House
- Other housing for 3 individuals

Tara Tucker, Cape Fear Valley Community Paramedic

- No update

Casey Perry, Camp Rockfish Camp and Retreat

- 20 people are expected for the lunch and learn tomorrow
- 2 weeks away from first camp, 28-30 registered

Louis Leeke, CTC Opioid Settlement

- Grant efforts were able to cover/do more for housing
- Housing: 1 individual assisted with temporary housing
- Transportation: 43 individuals received assistance
- Reentry services: 11 leaving detention center connected with services
- Utilities: 2 assisted with establishing or maintaining services
- Food security: 4 assisted with food and groceries or connected to additional resources
- Recovery support: 12 received assistance with work clothes and supplies, smart recovery materials, etc.
- Connectivity: 2 connected with phone services
- Recovery capital index: 24%

Heather Skeens, CCJS Opioid Settlement

- Posting a position for court coordinator

Heather Sroka, Healing from Within

- No update

Barbara White, Mid-Carolina Regional Council

- April 12 training, 3 were kinship care givers
- In talks with creating a curriculum for kinship care programs to have educational sessions for care givers

Amanda Klinck, Myrover Reece Opioid Settlement

- Introducing new member of Myrover Reese, Ivan
- New street outreach position created; staff to be introduced at next meeting.
- Partnerships with Greater Life of Fayetteville, Veggies for Vets, and Easter Seals for resident life skills and therapeutic gardening/culinary classes.
- Women's house construction planned; board approved process for accepting MOUD residents, starting with long-acting buprenorphine

Charlton Roberson, NCHRC Opioid Settlement

- 310 unique individuals, year to date
- 529 Narcan kits
- 222 peer to peer overdose reversals
- 1189 referrals (YTD)

- 577 fentanyl and 536 xylazine test strips were distributed; 368 wound care kits were provided.
- Training for Narcan administration is available; Jessie is point of contact for requests

Regina Williams, Administrator Recovery Resource Center

- Total for May so far – 131
- Syringe – 99
- Women’s recovery – 14
- Smart recovery – 6
- Peer support - 4

Naiomi Marshall, RI

- April numbers
 - o 133 came to RI
 - o 127 admitted
 - o 6 were not admitted due to medical needs (sent to hospital)
 - o 74% male
 - o 26% female
 - o 109 substances use and detox
 - o 13 for mental health assistance
 - o Majority are self-referral

Agenda Item 3. Opioid Settlement RFP Updates

- RFP Process timeline, priorities, and expectations
 - o RFP is currently open, with applications due by May 30th at 2pm.
 - o CFORT and Health Department will not provide letters of support due to potential conflict of interest.
 - o Standard support activities are outlined in the FAQ and addendum for applicants to reference.
 - o Applicants must ensure that all pages of their application are signed before submission.
 - o Each strategy in the application requires a separate budget document to be included.
 - o A non-Health Department member from the CFORT will participate in the review panel to ensure diverse perspectives.
- Current Opioid settlement funds available for transportation and housing assistance
 - o Recovery support housing and transportation to out-of-county treatment available
 - o Partners to coordinate with Regina’s team for transportation needs.
 - o Housing support covers first/second month rent and security deposit
 - o Partners must locate housing before requesting payment.

Agenda Item 4. Overdose Education and Response Training

- CFORT App facilitates naloxone requests, training registration, events, etc.
 - o Partners encouraged to register on CFORT app for training sign-ups and naloxone requests
 - o Jessie's team now manages naloxone distribution and demographic tracking.
 - o Demographic data collection (age, race, gender) emphasized for reporting.
 - o Jesse and Allison Davis provide weekly overdose prevention/Narcan trainings at Recovery Resource Center and to first responders, community sectors, schools, and businesses.
 - o 164 Narcan units distributed to key sectors, 130 to community members; focused on high-need areas and youth education.
- Register at this link: cfort.cumberlandcountync.gov/login
- Upcoming trainings listed on CFORT App.
- Review of Adult and Youth C-FORT Resource Guides
 - o Adult and Youth Resource Guides emailed for partner review; revisions due by June 2nd to Sanquis.
 - o Guides to be translated into Spanish and printed by August; partners to verify/update their organization's information.

Agenda Item 5. Next Steps

- Perinatal Task Force meeting scheduled for May 27th at 2pm (hybrid).
 - o Healthy Start team accepting referrals for families falling through service gaps; low-barrier access emphasized.
- Clarification is needed on whose agency policies will govern consent and background checks for youth participating in Smart Recovery groups, as multiple agencies may be involved.
 - o There is an emphasis on developing youth facilitators who are closer in age to the teens they will be working with to enhance relatability and engagement.
 - o The possibility of starting with online Smart Recovery meetings for teens is being considered to ease the implementation process before transitioning to in-person sessions.
 - o Smart Recovery USA facilitator training paused until May 27th for curriculum update.
- Next SIM Task Force meeting June 9th at 3pm; focus on diversion at all criminal justice intercepts
 - o web page for SIM Task Force in development.
- Partners encouraged to contact Tamra for public information campaigns and event promotion.
- International Overdose Awareness Day event set for August 28th at Methodist University; planning committee seeking participants, with Narcan training planned on both Methodist and FSU campuses.
- Fifth annual Recover Out Loud event scheduled for September 6th at John D. Fuller Recreational Center

- Citywide youth curfew (11pm-6am for under 16) announced

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: June 17th, 2025 10am -11:30am