



**Cumberland County**

**Public Health Department**

***C-FORT Minutes September 2025***

**Agenda Item 1. Introductions**

Alicia	Shanhong Luo
Alvin Chestnut	Shanon Drummond
Alyssa Festa	Taylor Blount
Biana Corona	Brittany Borders
Conate	Charlette Raines
Diane Covington	Tytianna Allen
Heather Sroka	Nicole Beckwith
Ivan Pride	Alba Ayala
Jason	Jamie Melvin
Jelissa Thomas	Naiomi Marshall
Kellie Ross	Subrena Guy
Kendle Holman	Lisa Mack
Leona Smith	Alyson Davis
Malcolm Little	Regina Smith
Melanie Stephens	John Russell
Nicole Beckwith	Jay Higgins
Phyllis Babrove	Charlton Roberson
Sanquis Graham	Regina Williams
Morgan Casey	Lisa Jayne
Orlando Smith	Jasmine Harris
Jesse Garner	

**Agenda Item 2. Data & Partner Updates**

**Sanquis Graham, Review of Overdose Data, ED Visits Data, Fentanyl Report**

- 234 suspected Overdose deaths in July 2025
- Suspected overdose deaths are down 7% for 2025 compared to this time last year
- 109 opioid overdose ED visits in Cumberland County for Jan-July 2025 compared to 121 for 2024
- Opioid overdose ED visits are down 10% for 2025 compared to last year this time

- Cumberland residents (white, male, ages 25-64) had a higher rate of opioid overdose ED visits compared to the county rate of 48.5
- Decrease in fentanyl deaths in Cumberland County: 37 in 2025 compared to 45 in 2024
- There was a spike in June
- Cumberland County is not on the top 10 list of overdose rates for the state

#### **Lisa Mack, SDOH**

- Jan – Sept: financially assisted 29 clients, one request on hold
- 31 received housing assistance

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

- No update

#### **Louis Leeke, CTC Opioid Settlement**

- No update

#### **Courtney McCollum, CCJS Opioid Settlement**

- No update

#### **Heather Sroka, Healing from Within**

- Currently have 18 individuals in the program
- Since the beginning of the year, 850 clients have been served with substance abuse and mental health resources
- Want to give thanks to those who are giving support at the detention center

#### **Regina Smith, Mid-Carolina Regional Council**

- Slowly growing with the kinship care program
- Offering kinship care classes to grandparents while kids are being mentored
- Starting on the first Monday in October
- 7 active members in the support group
- Upcoming peer support training in October
- Email Barbara White or Regina Smith for referrals

#### **Ivan Pride, Myrover Reece Opioid Settlement**

- Had 7 clients, but recently discharged 3
- Room at the Inn for pregnant women in Greensboro– email for more information
- Working with a new place on the edge of Cumberland County
- Beginning in October, medication-assisted treatment will begin for 7 clients

#### **Charlton Roberson, NCHRC Opioid Settlement /SIM Taskforce**

- 57,000 syringes have been distributed YTD
- Trying to collect more syringes
- Village pharmacy – partnered with them for syringe exchange and distributing Narcan and wound supplies
- 424 Narcan kits distributed
- 106 overdose reversals recorded
- 177 fentanyl test strips distributed (80% positive)
- 120 xylazine test strips distributed (75% positive)
- 322 Linkage/referrals to resources for housing, medical needs, phones, etc.
- Growing the taskforce and use of the link for referrals
- 34 referrals from the link, 23 resources, 11 outstanding
- Visiting the juvenile detention center monthly for education and seeing what resources can be offered

### **Regina Williams, Recovery Resource Center**

- Total clients 252
- Syringe Service Program 194
- Women’s wellness group 17
- Mid Carolina Kinship Care Group 3
- CTC Peer support 10
- Recovery dharma 4
- Smart recovery 5
- Uber 13
- Bus passes 6
- Recovery event – provided snacks and food to participants

### **Naiomi Marshall, RI**

- No update

### **Dr. Luo, FSU Xylazine Research**

- Data collection is ongoing
- Survey is at 538
- Working on sample collection
- Meeting with the funder to discuss the progress and discuss a 1-year extension
- Hoping to write and publish the findings from the survey

## **Agenda Item 3. Overdose Awareness Updates**

### **Sanquis Graham, CCDPH**

- International Overdose Awareness Day Event

- Collaboration with community partners at FSU
- FSU students got together to share experiences of how overdose has affected their lives
- Alyson Davis shared SAMHSA update for trainings at Ft Bragg during the same week
- SAMHSA Updates Jessie Garner
  - Starting in August, the team had 10 trainings
  - Trainings at schools, community groups, grocery stores, etc.
  - YTD: 32 trainings, 868 individuals attended, and 670 boxes of naloxone were distributed
  - Resource guides and test strips are given with naloxone boxes to adult attendees
  - Contacting local township leaders for more training opportunities
  - Peer support specialist starting on 9/22
- Recovery Month: Community Partner Updates
  - Carolina Treatment Center: Recovery Remix on 9/22
  - NCHRC: Recover Out Loud 9/6
  - Life Net Services: Pancake breakfast on 9/25
  - Shifting the Narrative on 9/27 at Agricultural Center
- Memorial Wall
  - Send photos to link for the wall at the Recovery Center
  - Link is in the email for Sept CFORT
- Supplies from NCHRC for the Recovery Center and the Health Dept for wound care supplies ordered

#### **Agenda Item 4. Opioid Settlement Updates**

##### **Sanquis Graham, CCDPH**

- Community-Based Projects
  - Applications have been read and submitted to county commissioners. The suggested applicants were approved on 8/25
  - Process of funding new contracts is in process with county commissioners
  - First team: Broken Chains and Carolina Treatment Center
  - Second: Community health interventions and Primary Care NC
  - Third: Mid-Carolina Kinship Care and Spring Lake Family Support
  - Fourth: NCHRC and Carolina Infectious Disease Clinic
  - Fifth: Southlight and Oxford House
  - January 1<sup>st</sup> start date (tentative)

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

- CFORT App facilitates naloxone requests, training registration, events, etc., at this link: [cfort.cumberlandcountync.gov/login](https://cfort.cumberlandcountync.gov/login)
- Perinatal Task Force meeting scheduled for September 24th at 2pm (hybrid)
- SIM Taskforce meeting scheduled for October 13th at 3 pm (virtual)
- Trauma-Informed Response within CJS, September 30th 8:30am to 1pm

*Meeting Adjourned*

*Next meeting: October 21, 2025 10am -11:30am*