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SIM Taskforce Meeting Minutes

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Welcome and Introductions

- Provided by Jennifer Green, Health Director, and Charlton Roberson, SIM Taskforce Coordinator
- Funding from the BJA COSSUP Grant will support the establishment of a SIM Taskforce and a part-time SIM Taskforce Coordinator staffed by NCHRC
- The aim of the SIM Taskforce is to build a cohesive coalition of cross-sector partners encompassing agencies within adult and youth SIM
- The SIM Taskforce will identify and implement strategies to fill the gaps in resources and services identified during the SIM Mapping Workshop
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Priority Review

- The Adult and Youth Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) maps are available [online](#). During the SIM Mapping Workshop in January 2025, the group identified priorities. Progress and actions towards these priorities were shared.
- *Funding for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training across sectors to include a dedicated CIT Coordinator:* Funding for a CIT Coordinator was included as part of the Opioid Settlement Funds Strategic Plan as an Option B Strategy. Funding will move forward pending approval of the plan from NC Department of Justice/NC Association of County Commissioners.
- *Enhanced support for alternative services (Peer support specialists, support groups) and Funding support for specialty court coordinators*
 - o Participants were asked to share any new PSS (or similar positions)



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- PSS listserv has been established to enhance coordination of services. Share names and contact information with PSS at the Recovery Resource Center:
LPSmith@cumberlandcountync.gov
- Justice Services is hiring for a peer support specialist and a Veteran's Court Coordinator :
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cumberlandcountync>
- NC HRC is hiring a LEAD Team Coordinator. The position will be posted this week.
- Megaforce is a temporary staffing agency and can help support hiring PSS.
- *Enhance support for case management/transition planning for individuals exiting local detention and prison:* Alliance Health's Service Expansion Proposal includes funding for Jail Liaison and Post-Release Coordination Team. Alliance Health, Wellpath, Detention Center staff, and Cumberland County staff are meeting to establish job descriptions for the team. These positions will work closely with the existing PSS and the Licensed Clinical Social Worker at the detention center. The team will serve both Alliance and non-Alliance members
- *Providing training for multi-agency staff to screen individuals into the appropriate specialty court:* Save the Date: Trauma Informed Response within Criminal Justice System , September 30th 8:30AM to 1PM. Registration available soon, point of contact is Greg Berry, C-FORT Coordinator.

Recap on Data Sharing

- Enhanced Data sharing to improve the coordination of services is a priority. Thank you for sharing your example consent forms and confidentiality agreements. Agencies were asked to share any additional examples of consent forms and confidentiality agreements. The BJA Project Team is working to draft an example for the group to review.
- As part of the BJA grant, Fayetteville Police Department is hiring a crime analyst. This position is expected to start in September. The position can create heat maps and other reports to inform local interventions. For example, a crime analyst created heat maps of overdoses to inform focus areas for naloxone distribution. The next focus will be on Hope Mills and Grey's Creek.
- **What data do you want to see? What would be helpful to inform your work?**
 - Participants requested a list of data points available from the crime analyst – Jennifer/Charlton/Greg will follow up
 - Data requested along with crime data is the number of persons Youth and Adults with Cognitive Mental Health, Substance Abuse and IDD Diagnosis who are homeless and have limited supports. in all locations of Cumberland County.
 - Data that shows substance use and gun violence connection
 - <https://www.ncdps.gov/division/office-violence-prevention/2025-cumberland-county-violence-profile/open>
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- What data do we have available from Cape Fear Valley or Highsmith Rainey?— Jennifer and Charlton will follow up.
- Zipcode/Census tract data for where the drug related crime is happening? When individuals are picked up for drug offenses would like to know if they already have a criminal justice history?
- When we hire the CIT Coordinator, it would be helpful to know the outcomes of interactions with first responders and officers that are CIT trained (What happens to individuals that are diverted?) Could this be tracked via CIT data sheets?
- For individuals that are diverted from the criminal justice system, what is the future impact of future law enforcement interaction?
- Antonio Gardner will follow up with Judge King regarding data

Referral Outcomes

- The BJA Project has hired a NCHRC Diversion Specialist . Charlton shared the initial 60-90 days of individuals served by Charlton and the NC HRC Diversion Specialist. There were 56 participants served by the project. Referrals have been received from probation, Cumberland County Detention Center, Justice Services, etc. Charlton provided 5 examples of success stories and outcome data for individuals that were supported by the Diversion Specialist. Participants have been referred to treatment, employment, sober living, vocational rehab, linkages to food, transportation, and recovery housing.
- Reminder for all partners to use the referral link to make referrals.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3FCD2F5/> There is also a survey link to report the outcome data of the referrals.

Upcoming Outreach and Round Table

- Triple P Class: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16jphL7dAW/>
- Overdose Prevention/Naloxone Distribution
 - Bragg Blvd. and Cedar Creek Rd – Completed
 - Hwy 301 Corridor – August 18th
 - Greg Berry – Point of contact (GBerry@cumberlandcountync.gov)
- Alliance has partnered with the C-FORT Recovery Resource Center and Way2Real Community Center for the educational training seminars. Flyers will be shared with the minutes.
 - Tools for Helping Someone in Crisis
 - Diabetes Basics
 - Medicaid Essentials
 - Discussing Mental Health in Youth
 - Eating Healthy on a Budget
 - Self-Care



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- Discussing Trauma
- Discussing Mental Health and Adults
- C-FORT Recovery Resource Center Overdose Awareness Day Memorial Wall
 - Photos are due by August 15th
 - The survey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DKY376Z>
- NCHRC has opened a syringe exchange site at Village Pharmacy in Eastover (available Monday-Friday)
- Food Lion is hosting a mental health pop up fair – details are forthcoming
- LifeNet Health Services is hosting Recover Outloud on September 6th- Flyer will be shared with the minutes.
- 5K Prostate Cancer Run – September 5th at Kiwani's Rec Center
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