



Department of Public Health

SIM Taskforce Minutes

December 8, 2025

Level Setting:

Sanquis Graham reviewed the purpose of the SIM Task Force, focusing on needs presented in the January SIM Mapping Day. The need for participant demographics, service linkages, and data trends related to opioid overdoses and mental health issues in Cumberland County was highlighted.

North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition:

Charlton Roberson presented data on referrals, demographics, and service linkages from May to November.

- Task Force served 123 unique participants, primarily African American males, addressing underserved populations.
- Major service linkages included housing support, mental health treatment, and employment services.
- Documentation and follow-up processes for outcomes need improvement to better track program impact.
- Data shared indicated trends in opioid overdoses and mental health issues in Cumberland County.
- Challenges noted in collaboration with the Cumberland County reentry council for justice-involved referrals.

Data Report:

Sanquis discussed the taskforce aims of gathering data to address specific questions and needs of participants through a partnership formed with NC Detect and NC SUDORS.

- Current data on overdose rates shows a shift in drug use methods, with smoking increasing significantly.
- Most overdoses occur in residential settings, highlighting the need for community training on naloxone use.

- A significant percentage of overdose victims interacted with healthcare providers, indicating potential intervention opportunities.

Action Items

- Gregory Berry will check on Addison Buss and provide an update.
- Demetria Murphy will reach out to the Local Reentry subcommittee chairs to bridge the gap for referrals.
- Demetria will invite Charlton and his team to the subcommittee meetings.
- Charlton and his team will have a one-on-one conversation with Stacey Buckner to discuss data collection and outcome measures.
- Sanquis will provide clarity on the next reentry council meeting to the executive committee.
- Sanquis will share the slides and data reports with all participants after the meeting.

Next Meeting:

- January 12, 2026 at 3 pm