OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING

April 18, 2024



BUILDING BRIDGES INITIATIVE FUNDING

CAPT. JEFF ARMSTRONG



PAST QUARTER SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS





GROUP 1

EDUCATION & PREVENTION

CONFERENCE FOR FAITH LEADERS

Dr. Rosa Smith-Williams

PARENT ADVOCACY GROUP

Theresa Mathewson



GROUP 2

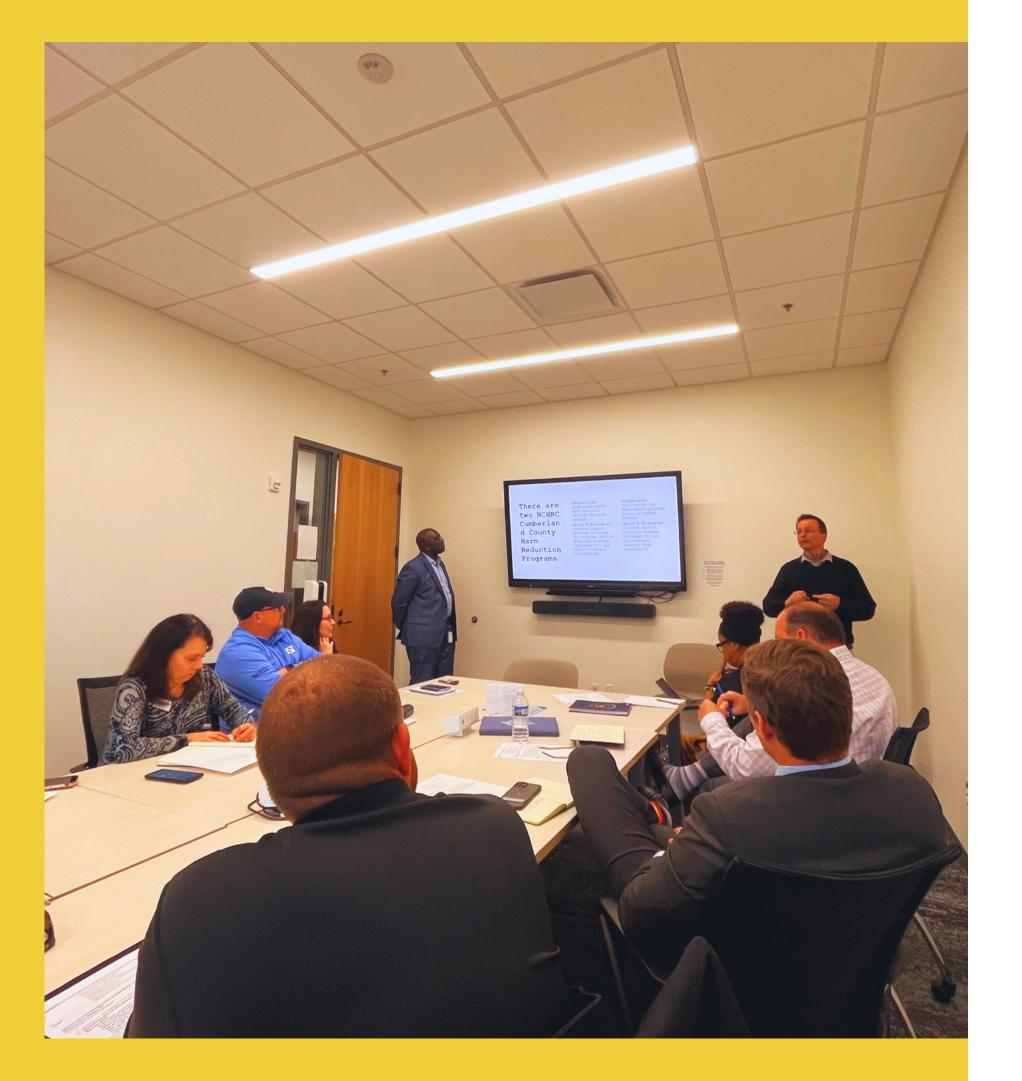
TREATMENT & RECOVERY

MAT/MOUD IN JAIL: PHASE II

Capt. Jeff Armstrong Scarlett Abounada

POST-OVERDOSE RESPONSE TEAM

Amy Godwin



GROUP 3

HARM REDUCTION

NARCAN IN HC SCHOOLS

Larry Smith
Dr. David Tillman

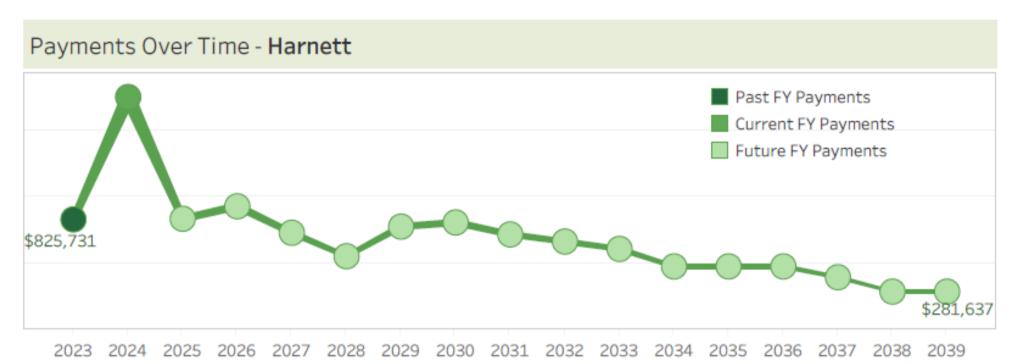
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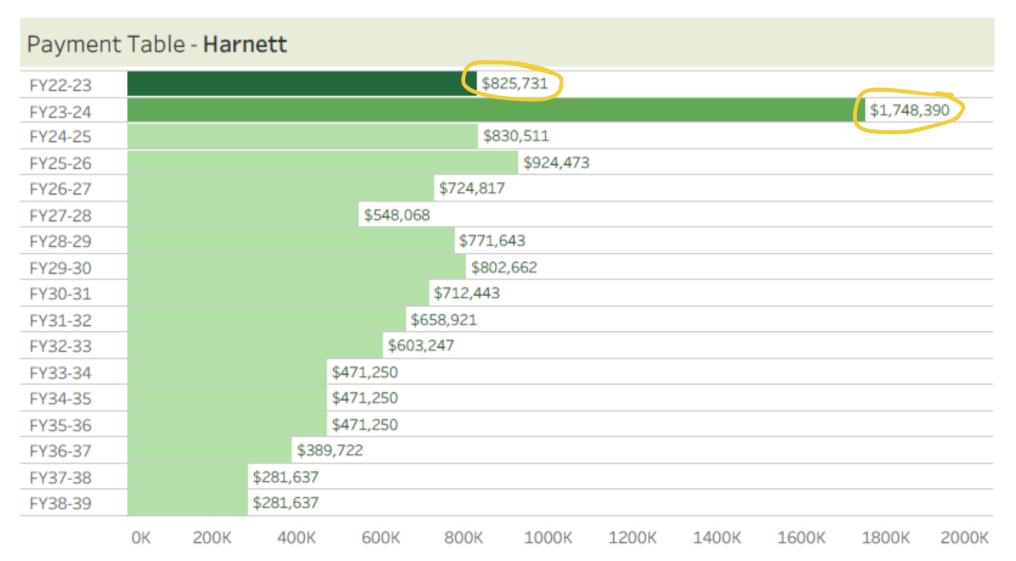
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FUNDING PROPOSAL FROM EXECUTIVE COMITTEE



\$11,517,651





Amount

ALOOK AT THE FUNDING

- As of now, the County has received just over \$2.5 million
- \$215,000 has been allocated to the MAT/MOUD program in the Harnett County Detention Center
- It is crucial to follow the structure that was approved in the SOLVE Strategic Plan

1 Education & Prevention Subcommittee

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Jermaine White Dr. Rosa Smith-Williams

Executive Committee

Coley Price, OTF Co-Chair
Chris Appel, OTF Co-Chair
Ally Fouts Gaines, OTF Coordinator
Ainsley Johnson, Health Director
Capt. Jeff Armstrong, HCSO

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Robert Agnello
Amy Godwin

Co-Chairs:

Dr. David Tillman Larry Smith

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Treatment & Recovery Subcommittee

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Harm Reduction Subcommittee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- The Executive Committee reviews
 funding proposals from subcommittees
- If Executive Committee votes to approve a funding proposal, it must then go before the Opioid Task Force for a vote
- If the Opioid Task Force approves, the Executive Committee shall propose the project to the Harnett County
 Commissioners for formal approval

FUNDING PROPOSAL

- The Harm Reduction subcommittee proposed allocating \$20,000 of opioid settlement funding to the purchase of naloxone for distribution by community-based organizations such as nonprofits, faith communities, etc.
- This initiative aligns with item Number 7 under Option A of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of NC
- This initiative aligns with Strategy 3.1.3 from the SOLVE Strategic Plan
- The Executive Committee approved this proposal unanimously
- The **Health Department** has an existing protocol for distributing naloxone to community-based organizations

NEXT STEPS & MOVING FORWARD

ALLY FOUTS GAINES



Harnett County Opioid Task Force: Goal Matrix

Goal 1: Education & Prevention		2023	2024		2025				2026	2027	2028		
	Goal 1. Education & Flevention		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
1.1	Targeted Support for Youth and Families												
1.1.1	Implement evidence-based support program in Harnett County Schools for at-risk students				X								
1.1.2	Provide awareness and education in Harnett County Schools to reach all youth				X								
1	Cultivate collaboration between faith communities, DSS, and Health Dept to												
1.1.3	reinvigorate educational programs and support groups for foster families and grandparents raising kids						Х						
1.2	Leverage Peer Support Networks & Community Advocacy												
1.2.1	Encourage formal incorporation of parent advocacy group for parents with lived experience of the effects of harmful substance use on their children's lives		х	x									
1.2.2	Develop recovery community organization led by individuals with direct lived experiences with substance use challenges to provide recovery-oriented advocacy, education, and community-building							х					
1.3	Engage Faith Communities in Education & Stigma Reduction												
1.3.1	Convene conference for local faith leaders to explore models for engaging faith communities in all tiers of prevention of harmful substance use and overdose		х										
1.3.2	Facilitate the engagement of local faith communities in Mental Health First Aid training and more advanced training for clergy			Х									
1.3.3	Establish communication network with affiliated clergy and congregations across the county					X							

Harnett County Opioid Task Force: Goal Matrix

	Goal 2: Treatment & Recovery			20	24			20	25	2026	2027	2028	
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
2.1	Adopt Treatment Models for Justice-Involved Individuals												
	Establish MAT/MOUD in the jail for incarcerated individuals currently in treatment (Phase I) and those who would like to initiate treatment in jail (Phase II)	x	х	X									
2.1.2	Create a Law-Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) pre-arrest program redirecting individuals involved in low-level offenses toward community-based support services rather than traditional criminal justice processing										х		
2.1.3	Expand on the current Veterans Treatment Court program to develop a similar recovery court for the general population which offers individuals with SUDs an alternative to incarceration, focusing on treatment, supervision, and rehabilitation for recovery												х
2.2	Enhance Healthcare Networks to Improve Continuum of Care												
2.2.1	Establish a post-overdose response team (PORT) in the county that utilizes community paramedicine and primary care providers alongside other professionals to provide immediate support and resources after an overdose to connect individuals to treatment and prevent future overdoses		х	X									
	Equip primary care providers to effectively manage medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders in primary care settings				Х								
	Increase access to the full range of behavioral health services and MAT/MOUD, including expanded use of mobile clinics and telehealth services					Х							
2.2.4	Develop a local inpatient detoxification center to provide a medically supervised process where individuals with substance use disorders receive intensive care and support to safely manage withdrawal symptoms in a controlled environment										x		
2.3	Develop Community Supports for Recovery												
2.3.1	Create a pilot program for enhancing HARTS transportation services through microtransit and/or rideshare to facilitate recovery through improved access to healthcare appointments, counseling/therapy, group meetings, appointments with social service providers, and grocery stores									x			
2.3.2	Expand availability of recovery and transitional housing in the county										Х		
	Develop a program to incentivize employers in Harnett County to become recovery- friendly workplaces											Х	

Harnett County Opioid Task Force: Goal Matrix

Goal 3: Harm Reduction		2023	2024				20	25	2026	2027	2028		
		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
3.1	Universal Access to Naloxone												
3.1.1	Ensure naloxone availability at every school within HCS	X	Х										
	Make free, low-barrier naloxone available for every individual who is released												
3.1.2	from detention in HC Detention Center, along with overdose prevention and			X									
	response training												
3.1.3	Explore distribution of naloxone through networks of community-based		х	Х									
3.1.3	organizations and faith-based organizations												
3.2	Improve Health & Safety for People Who Use Substances												
1	Develop and distribute locally-adapted health and safety kits for people who use												
3.2.1	drugs that include a quick guide to local resources, overdose education,									х			
3.2.1	reproductive health and STI prevention, sanitizing wipes, wound care supplies,									^			
	fentanyl test strips, and naloxone												
1	Provide technical assistance (including grantwriting support) to community-based												
3.2.2	and/or faith-based organizations to establish a syringe service program in Harnett								X				
	County												
3.3	Eliminate Accidental Exposures in the Community												
1	Conduct a multi-level messaging campaign to prevent accidental drug exposures in												
1 3 3 1	young childrenincluding printed messaging to faith communities, social media					Х							
3.5.1	campaigns, community workshops, and local broadcast media					^							
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	Encourage safe disposal of needles and other drug paraphernalia through												
3.3.2	supervised collection sites and secure sharps containers in public places				X								
	throughout the county												



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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GROUP 1

EDUCATION & PREVENTION

Co-Chairs:

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- May 9th @ 1pm, Library
 Meeting Room
- June 13th @ 1pm,
 Library Meeting Room

GROUP 2

TREATMENT & RECOVERY

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Robert Agnello
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Amy Godwin
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- May 13th @ 2pm,
 Training Room 103
- June 10th @ 2pm,
 Training Room 103

GROUP 3

HARM REDUCTION

Co-Chairs:
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- May 16th @ 2pm,
 Training Room 103
- June 20th @ 2pm,
 Library Meeting Room

NEXT OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING

July 18th @ 2pm, Training Room 103