

Region 6 Network of Care and Prevention
Meeting Agenda
March 26, 2026 at 1:30pm
Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams



Started at 1:33 PM

Welcome/Introductions/Housekeeping – introductions in chat

Open Comment

-Amy Carmen gave a shout out to those who helped a particular patient and his partner stay in services and housed.

HOPWA/Housing updates

- RW Housing (ACRA, CAARE, and TEC) –
- Hailey Stout did not have announcements for ACRA, and no ACRA representative was in attendance
- Carolyn Hinton - CAARE continuing to support the network for housing, SROs will now need to pass some costs on to occupants, currently no food vouchers and some will become available in April
- TEC had no representative at meeting when asked to speak
- City of Durham HOPWA – Durham, Chatham, Granville, Orange, and Person Counties
- Carla Pike – 12 approvals in Feb, still have STRMU and PHP funds available, maintaining prioritization list for TBRA vouchers
- Amy Carmen – asked - Is there a waiting list for HOPWA?
 - Contessa Sawyer – answered - there is a prioritization list for TBRA, but no wait list for other HOPWA services
- Hayley Cunningham – asked - What are the 12 approvals?
 - Contessa Sawyer – answered - All 12 were STRMU
- Carolyn Hinton – asked – What is the process for people moving into TBRA? Is application through DSS or City of Durham?
 - Contessa Sawyer – answered - Assessment and confirmation of eligibility, then added to priority list. Currently 16 individuals housed through TBRA vouchers. Application is through DSS.
- Carolyn Hinton – asked - How many on prioritization list?
 - Contessa Sawyer – answered =- Over 100 individuals.
- Hayley Cunningham asked - What is the difference between prioritization list and waiting list?
- Contessa Sawyer – answered - Based on priority score rather than date added to list.
- Duke Partners in Caring HOPWA – Lee, Vance, and Warren Counties
- Angel Freeman – currently getting apps for individuals in served counties, no current TBRA availability, offering supportive services in served counties
- Wake HOPWA – Franklin, Johnston, and Wake Counties
- Crystal Russell – 7 TBRA vouchers currently in use, and a prioritization is used for assigning through coordinated entry system
- Amanda Suggs – availability for PHP and PHP referrals need some level of income

Prevention Updates – Chris Mack

- Continue to send in PrEP referrals
- Quarter ends 3/31/26
- All data must be reported in by end of April for quarterly report due 5/15/26 (Eval Web for quarter 1 should be in by April 30th)
- PrEP referral successes for quarter 1 – more interest in pills and injectables, , clients are benefitting from earliest scheduling available for initial appts, new process for PrEP access across region (incentives for linkage, retention, and continuation; client monitoring)
- PrEP barriers and challenges – staff shortages in some agencies, funding coverage for those w/o insurance (ongoing), appointments not kept (often transport and employment issues), need more providers in network of services
- June 2026 – National HIV Testing Day, Pride events
- Agreement addendums and contacts should be sent to agencies by June 1st
- Allison Hargrove asked - If we have new providers offering Prep in Johnston County- do you need that data as well?
 - Chris Mack and Hailey Stout answered – would love to gather that information
- Hailey Stout asked – Who in Johnston Co is new to offering PrEP?
 - Allison Hargrove answered – They are beginning to track data, as they had been unaware of all of the providers offering PrEP in Johnston.
- Feedback is encouraged

NC EtE – Warren Vance Community Health Center

- Phylcia Wimbush-Crews – presented on ending the epidemic in Warren and Vance counties
- Using injectables to lower pill burden
- Pillars – engage and embrace – improve access to ART, increasing retention in care, reducing barriers to treatment adherence
- Cabenuva Program – identify pts experiencing adherence or fatigue , education about long-acting injectables, scheduling and monitoring pts
- Case Study of female with struggles adhering to meds and bringing down VL labs – shared clinical outcomes (dramatic improvement, achieve undetectable levels) – shared graph of pt's VL
- Covered impacts of LA injectable ART
- Moving Forward – expanding access, identifying patients, increase retention, U=U education, meeting people where they are, addressing social determinants and barriers, extra CM meetings, giving options for medications

Upcoming presenters –

- May – WCHS – Ryan White
- July – Duke Partners in Caring - HOPWA
- September – Durham ITTS
- November – WCHS - ITTS

RQI Updates - Hailey Stout/Chris Mack

- Hailey Stout – we are on track with the planning stage
- Caressa Harding – 2026 QI projects discussed. Thanks to the region for participating in Regional Quality Council project this year. Just held some start-up meetings, provided documentation and

tracking tools. Last meeting was 2/13. Durham HOPWA, TEC, and RW are planning to meet and enhance partnerships.

State Updates –

- Tia Sumler – HOPWA project monitor will be coming to do a site visit at Duke Partners in Caring
- Sharon Jackson - with care – no updates
- Eric Davis – a few prevention updates will be shared at provider’s meeting tomorrow (3/27/26)
- Hailey Stout – a training will happen after the provider’s meeting tomorrow (3/27/26)

Care Updates - Hailey Stout

- Fee for service – 201 dental appts (closer to 240), 30 EFA, \$84k in labs – keep sending dental referrals – will have an additional \$300k+ in dental funds to be spent by September 2026
- Closing out of grant year, received projected March invoices, will finalize reconciliation in early April
- Thanks to Iesha Hocutt for processing payments and referrals
- Michael McNeill: 31 RW covered eye exams and/or glasses, 14 people with copay assistance

“No one can whistle a symphony; it takes an orchestra...”

- Hailey Stout praised - Received dental referrals from HOPWA programs
- AAS-C and Wake Co HOPWA program – worked together to offer supportive services and gain access to funding for a pharmacy bill – all immediate needs addressed in one visit
- Sophia Sibert – thanks to Hailey Stout for her ongoing assistance
- Michael McNeill – thanks to Hailey after first full year of serving in her position during a confusing year

Upcoming Meetings: (Last Thursday of odd numbered months except November at 1:30om):

- March 26th
- May 28th
- July 30th
- August 27th (Ryan White 2027/2028 budget meeting)
- September 24th
- November 19th

Open Comment / Close of regular meeting – 2:48 PM

FY 26/27 Ryan White Budget Realignment Meeting – begins at 2:55 PM

Quality Improvement Funds

- Healing with CAARE QI funds must be realigned and spent elsewhere (\$12,510)
- Quality Improvement – it’s own budget – Duke Adult, Lincoln, WCPH, and Peer (TBD) are currently funded fully or through cost sharing

- AAS-C reimbursed for peer support specialist in food pantry (\$12,350) – Tiffany Hickman and Devaughn Gentry described the PSS role
- Hailey Stout opened discussion to group for next steps with realignment
- Linda Connor stated support for increasing the cost sharing of FTE to funded agencies
- Amy Carmen feels FTE support does not need to be increased at Duke Adult ID
- Sandra Gomez – clarified funding numbers per agency
- Keisha Williams asked – what is the cost sharing shortage for Wake Co? –
 - o Hailey Stout answers: \$7867
- Hailey: If Lincoln and WCPH are fully funded to end cost sharing it would leave \$2577 for realignment to AAS-C.
- Sarah Williams – clarified Peer TBD line and AAS-C line (they are the same line item)
- Sarah Williams moves to realign the CAARE QI funds to cover the cost sharing at Lincoln and WCPH and residual funds would move to AAS-C peer line to support food pantry, Linda Connor seconded motion. Roll call vote by Hailey Stout
 - o AAS-C - Yes
 - o Duke Adult - Yes
 - o Duke Pediatrics - Yes
 - o Duke Partners In Caring - Yes
 - o Durham IITS - Yes
 - o Lincoln - Yes
 - o NCCU – no vote cast
 - o Piedmont - Yes
 - o UNC - Yes (Amy)
 - o WCPH - Yes Keisha
 - o Warren Vance – Yes

Foodbank Food Cards

- Sandra Gomez moves to realign \$250 to Regional Budget from CAARE foodbank food cards
- Linda Connor moves to vote by unanimous consent vote, who second?
- Unanimous consent vote carries

Housing Funds (\$41k+) – tabling until future meeting – no vote needed as it was earmarked and not in CAARE's budget

Admin (Salary and Processing Fees) - \$11,075

- Hailey asked if she may make strategic decisions regarding these funds
- Linda Connor moves to fully funding positions should be first, Sandra Gomez seconded
- Linda Connor moves to use unanimous consent for voting, Keisha Williams seconded, unanimous vote carries

Planning (salary only): \$29,798

- Hailey Stout - Should these go to general Fee For Service funding lines anyone can use?
- Linda Connor – can we decide to move to FFS lines, but decide later which lines specifically to add?
 - o Hailey Stout answered – It may be best to move it and decide now. Suggested moving funds to dental. Can place funds somewhere now and move them later depending on needs later in the year.
- Keisha Williams states support of moving the funds to emergency financial assistance funding line
- Hailey Stout – There is more flexibility in EFA line item.

- Keisha Williams moves to realign planning funds to cover staff cost sharing, and remaining funds would move to EFA line. Linda Connor seconds.
- Amy Carmen moves for unanimous consent vote, Keisha Williams seconds. Unanimous vote carries.