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Opioid Settlement Funding
Budget Work Session
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Opioid Settlement Manager |
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Opioid Settlement

18 Year Payment to Durham during 2022-2038:

\$20,958,139

FY22-23	\$1,502,545
FY23-24	\$3,181,465
FY24-25	\$1,511,243
FY25-26	\$1,682,221
FY26-27	\$1,318,916
FY27-28	\$997,293
FY28-29	\$1,404,123
FY29-30	\$1,460,567
FY30-31	\$1,296,399
FY31-32	\$1,199,008
FY32-33	\$1,097,700
FY33-34	\$857,512
FY34-35	\$857,512
FY35-36	\$857,512
FY36-37	\$709,159
FY37-38	\$512,481
FY38-39	\$512,481



NC Opioid Settlement Strategies

In line with the National Settlement Agreement, funds “may support programs or services...that serve persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) or any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or mental health condition.”

Exhibit A strategies are **high-impact strategies** to address the opioid overdose epidemic.

Exhibit B strategies are from the national settlement agreements. These strategies are available to local governments that have first engaged in the **Collaborative Strategic Planning process**. There are over 100 **Exhibit B strategies** that are grouped into 12 **Exhibit B categories**.





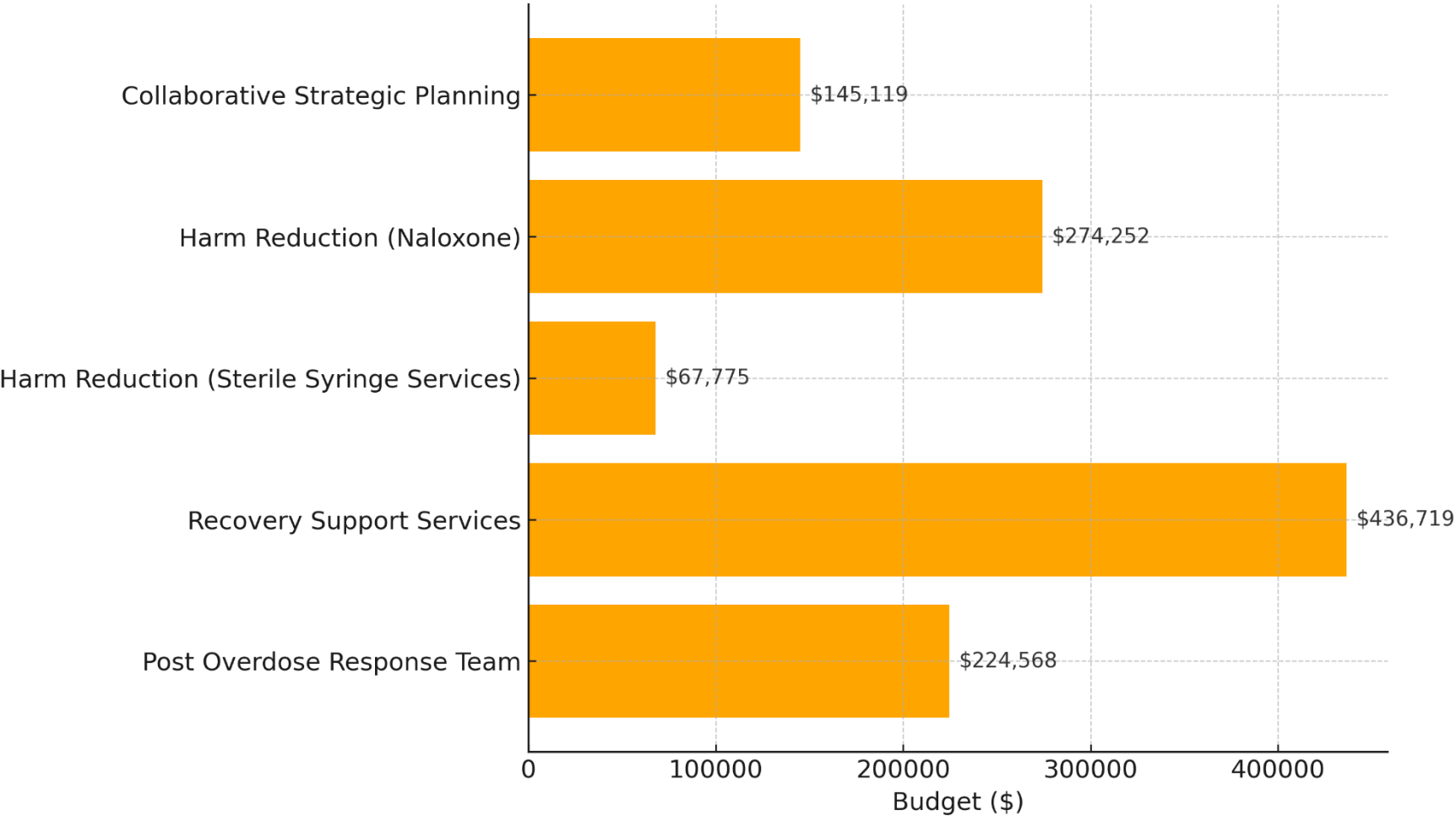
MOA Guiding Principles

1. Spend the money to **save lives**
2. **Use evidence** and data to guide spending
3. **Invest in prevention** of root causes
4. **Focus on equity** and populations disproportionately impacted;
Include people with lived experience
5. **Transparency and Accountability**
 - Fair and transparent process for deciding where and how to spend the funding



EOY Budget Review – Opioid Settlement

EOY Budget Review – Opioid Settlement (FY25)



TOTAL
\$1,152,433



Current Department Highlights

1. Resolution for Advisory Committee submitted for approval
2. Harm Reduction position filled; partnerships expanded
3. Recovery participant engagement increased
4. Two Community Paramedics added to the team

Current Department Highlights

Collaborative Strategic Planning

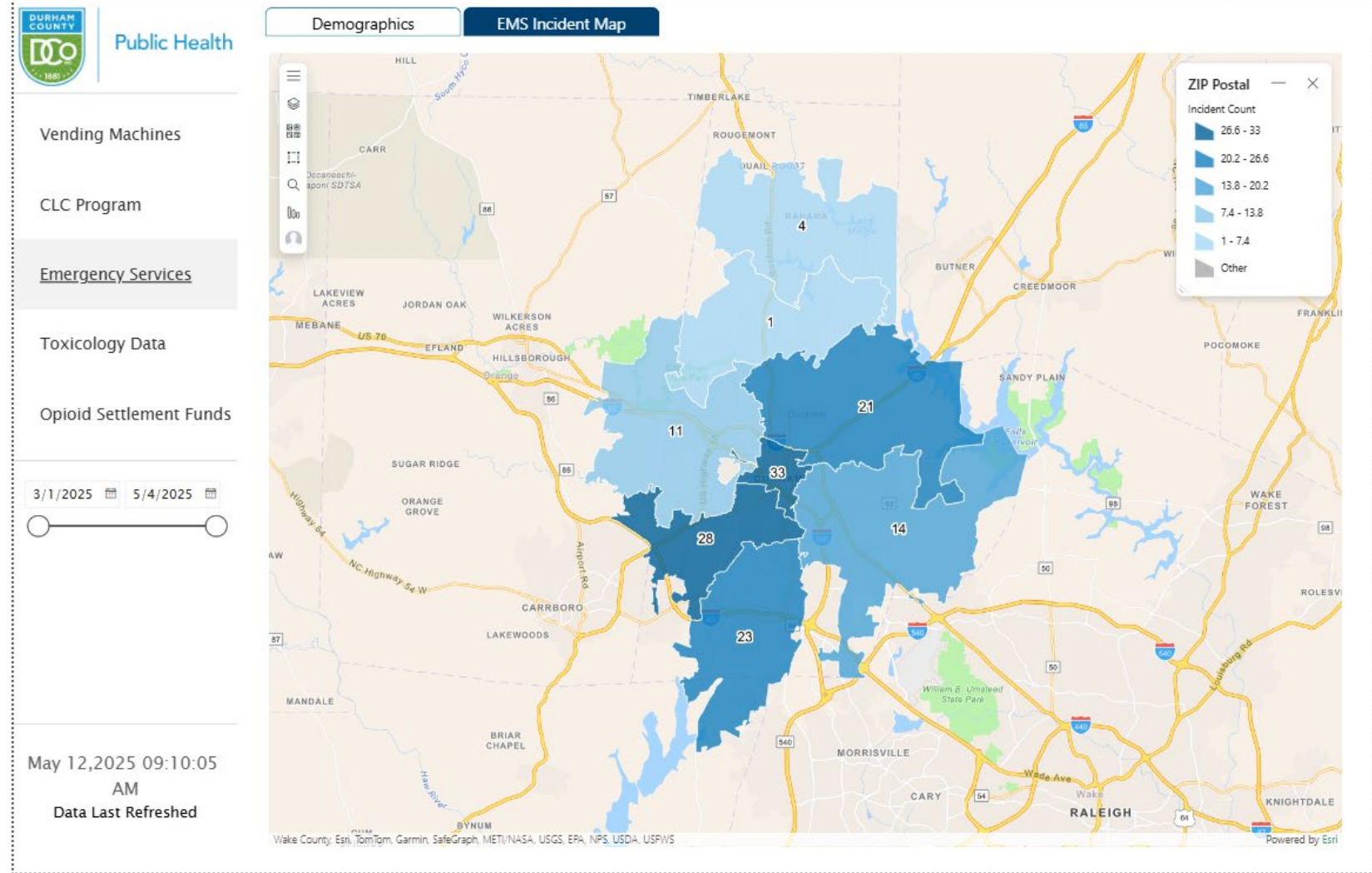


- Shared Opioid Settlement 6 updates with key local stakeholders/committees.
- Developed Advisory Committee resolution and bylaws
- Engaged with Opioid Settlement Program Managers across North Carolina to share best practices, align on strategies, and strengthen statewide coordination.

Current Department Highlights

Collaborative Strategic Planning

- Collaborated with Data Scientist John Paul Zitta to create a public-facing data dashboard showcasing monthly progress.



Current Department Highlights

Naloxone Distribution

- 3,300 naloxone kits distributed through:
 - Vending machines
 - Partner organizations
 - Direct outreach.
- 10 overdose response trainings delivered to 194 individuals. 97% of participants reported confidence in using naloxone after the training.



Current Department Highlights

Sterile Syringe Distribution

- Mobile delivery and outreach efforts led to 40 new participants; a major increase compared to the dozen (12) regular walk-in users at the pharmacy.
- These mobile efforts resulted in more than double the distribution of sterile syringes compared to walk-in volume alone.



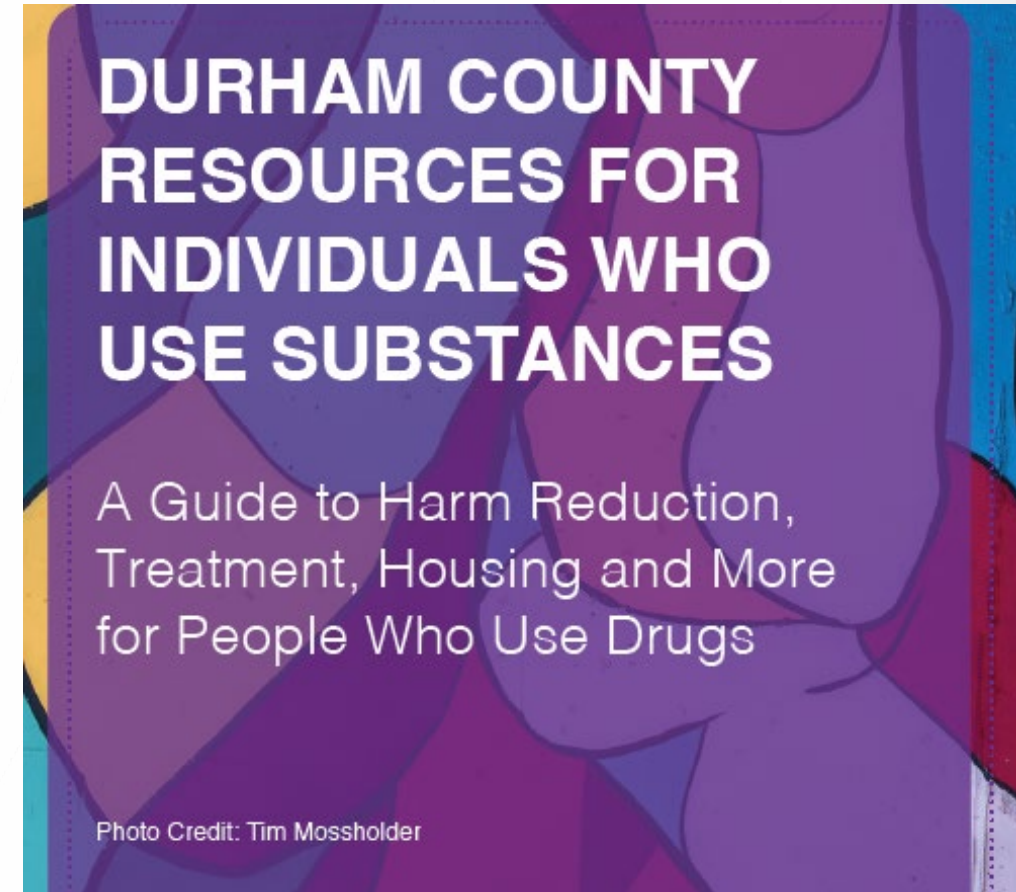
Current Department Highlights

Recovery Support Services

CLC Peer Support Specialists

Impact:

- 187 new participants served; 94 had opioid use issues.
- 75 participants enrolled in treatment; 38 of them for opioid use.
- 2,767 total contacts made; 402 free Uber rides provided.
- 100% satisfaction reported by surveyed participants.



Updated English and Spanish resource guides now include expanded information on treatment providers and services in Durham County.

Current Department Highlights

Post Overdose Response Team

Opioid Response Trends:

- EMS is responding to ~60.6 opioid-related incidents per month in FY25, down from 74.8 in FY22.
- The decline is attributed to broader community efforts (naloxone access, stability post-COVID, education, etc.)

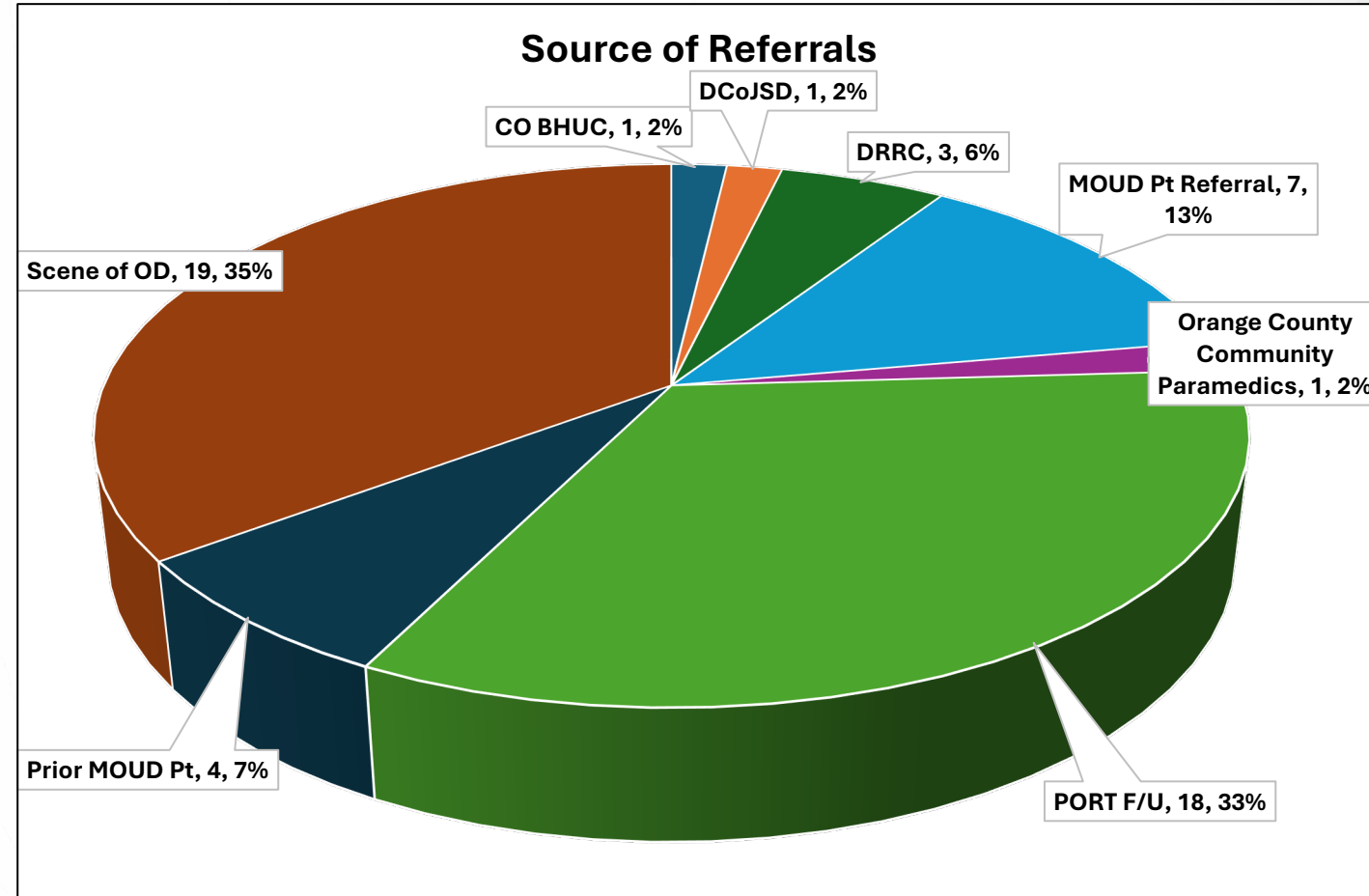


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Post Overdose Response Team

MOUD Program:

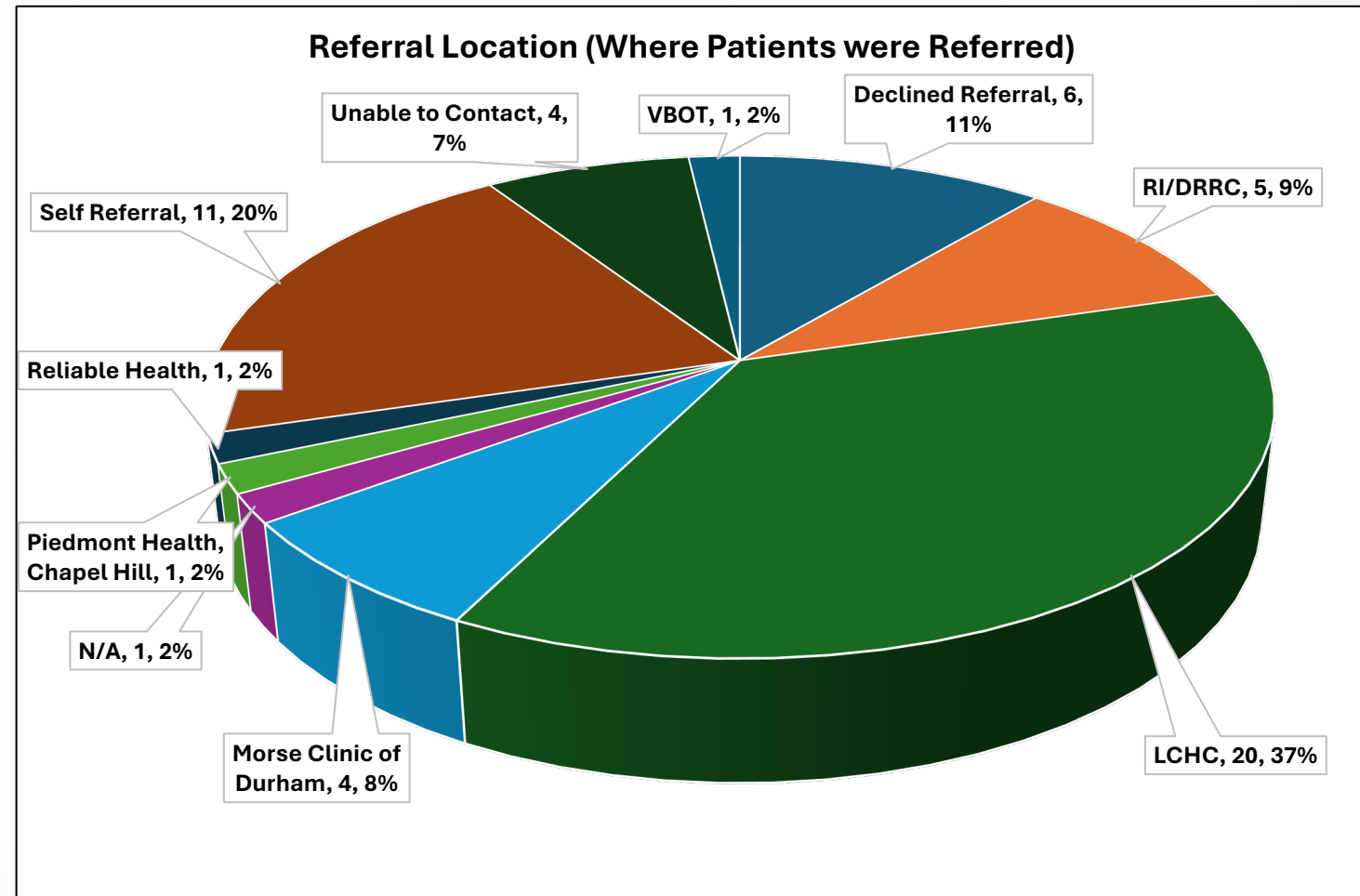
- Began in May 2023 (FY24); in FY25, inducted 54 unique patients. 11 patients received repeat care, 2 due to relapse, 9 due to issues accessing their prescriptions.
- Retention: ~65% at Lincoln Community Health Center; ~25% at Morse Clinic (preliminary data).



Current Department Highlights

Post Overdose Response Team

- Lincoln Community Health Center is our top referral partner (37%), with early data showing ~65% retention; other key partners include Durham Recovery Response Center, Morse Clinic (25% retention), and telehealth providers VBOT and Reliable Health.



FY25-26

Recommended Budget Highlights



FY 2025-26 Recommended Spending Plans

1. Collaborative Strategic Planning:

- Funding increase from **\$145,119 to \$158,015** to support advisory committee development, data transparency, and stakeholder coordination.

2. Harm Reduction Expansion:

- Funding increase from **\$274,252 to \$299,252**
- Launching a contract position to expand outreach, training, and community distribution.
- Increase naloxone distribution through our existing 15 partner sites across high-overdose areas of Durham

3. Recovery Support Services (CLC), Syringe Services, and PORT:

Other Strategies seeking level funding except OES with the addition of a Peer Support Specialist to strengthen participant engagement and care continuity.

Additional Issues or Topics for Discussion



Current Challenges

1. **Phone Access:** Seeking funding to launch a free phone program for CLC participants to stay connected to treatment and support services.
2. **Peer Support Staffing:** PSS roles are high-stress; staffing gaps may occur despite funding for 3 full-time positions.
3. **Grant Risk:** Potential early loss of FR-CARA grant threatens key services, including naloxone, MOUD, fentanyl test strips, educational materials, and training (set to end Sept 29, 2026)
4. **Sustainability Planning:** FY27 budget support may be needed to continue vital services if grant funding ends early.

Opioid Settlement Annual Community Meeting



**Opioid Settlement
ANNUAL
COMMUNITY MEETING**

 **JUNE 5, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

 **BOCC CHAMBERS, ADMIN. I BUILDING
200 E. MAIN ST., DURHAM, NC
SECOND FLOOR**

Learn more about how Durham is using its opioid settlement funds to address the opioid epidemic, and give your input. Light refreshments will be provided!

SPEAKERS

			
Jaeson Smith Collaborative Strategic Planning	Morgan Culver & Dennis Hamlet Community Naloxone and Syringe Distribution	Lacie Scofield Community Linkages to Care (CLC) Peer Support Program	Dr. Anjni Patel Joiner Post Overdose Response Team

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Additional Resources

- ❖ County Manager's Office departmental webpage
www.dconc.gov -> County Manager's Office -> North Carolina
Opioid Settlement tab -> News
- ❖ NCACC Opioid Settlement Technical Assistance Team
(OSTAT) – www.ncacc.org/services-for-counties
- ❖ Community Opioid Resource Engine (CORE-NC)
www.ncopioidsettlement.org

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!