

Part 1. Community Profile and Experience with Opioid Crisis

Communities may apply as an individual county team, a municipal-county partnership, or a multi-county collaborative. Note that in any of these combinations, at least one county must be represented. Your community team may also include nonprofits, health care providers, additional government agencies (e.g., military base or VA), or other stakeholders as appropriate to your community. We'll ask about these team members later in the application.

Please identify the local government(s) on your community team, including at least one county.

County on your team: Durham County

Please describe your community. For example, you could tell us about its demographics; its rural, urban, or suburban character; or its dominant industries. There are no wrong answers here—feel free to include whatever seems important to you. *(1000 or fewer characters with spaces)*

Durham County (DCo) is a diverse community of 311,640 residents (U.S. Census Bureau, 2017) with an engaged populace and rich cultural history. The majority of Durham County residents identify as White (51%) or Black/African-American (38%); 13% identify as Hispanic/Latino. Durham County's median age of 34.6 is lower than North Carolina's 38.3 median age.

DCo's population has increased 15% since 2010 (U.S. Census, 2017), including an influx of highly-skilled workers, which is driving up housing costs. The median County income rose 8.4% from \$49,894 to \$54,093 between 2010 and 2016 (2006-2010 ACS, 2012-2016 ACS). This growth has not been equally distributed across demographic sectors, with low-resource residents and residents of color bearing the brunt of the negative impacts of growth (e.g., high rates of eviction, unemployment).

DCo recently joined the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) to prioritize an equity lens when addressing social determinants of health. ***Character count (985)***

Please describe the magnitude of the opioid crisis in your community. *(1000 or fewer characters with spaces)*

Durham County's (DCo) estimated overdose rate resulting in an Emergency Department (ED) visit was 45.1 per 100,000 in 2017 (NC DETECT). Though this is one of the lower rates in Region 5, known glitches in DCo's surveillance system due to potential ICD-10 codes underreporting has likely resulted in underestimated rates. More striking, Black individuals accounted for more than half of overdose-related ED visits in Durham (54.7%) followed by White individuals (40.2%), an uncommon trend compared to national and state data where White individuals represent the majority of opioid overdoses and deaths. As of early 2018, the NC Harm Reduction Coalition reported that DCo represented 13% of the total naloxone reversals in Region 5 since they began distributing naloxone to high-risk communities in 2013. Financially,

this crisis cost DCo approximately \$41 million in medical and work loss in 2016, not including treatment and recovery costs (NC Injury and Violence Prevention, 2016). ***Character count (984)***

Please describe your community's **prior or ongoing experiences** with opioid crisis mitigation efforts, if any. (1000 or fewer characters with spaces)

Dco and partners have accomplished the following:

Prevention: Naloxone kits are available in several schools, the Detention Center, the Durham County Department of Public Health (DCoDPH) Pharmacy, DCoDPH health educators, and community outreach workers. Naloxone is also carried by 75 County Sheriff's officers. Together for Resilient Youth (TRY) distributed 282 home-use prescription drop boxes and donated permanent drop boxes throughout DCo.

Education: EMS personnel provide a naloxone kit and recovery resources following an overdose. TRY's Lock it Drop it Campaign reached >20,000 youth and adults with its message about securing prescription drugs.

Harm Reduction: The Safe Syringe Program (SSP) began this month at DCoDPH Pharmacy and includes mobile units. SSP offers HIV/Hep-C testing, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and treatment referrals.

Dco recently hosted a substance use and opioid forum to plan a coordinated response for subsequent mitigation efforts. ***Character count (984)***

Part 2. Identifying the Core Team

Through the application process, communities must identify a **core team of three key individuals** representing different local governments, departments, and/or organizations. If your community is selected, this core team will serve as the executive committee for the broader community effort and will identify members of the full community team.

Please identify your core team below. If your community's application includes multiple local governments, or *multiple departments within a local government*, the members of the core team should reflect those different organizations. (Please include name, organizations, and job title for each; there is no need to include contact information at this time).

Core team member #1: Wendy Jacobs, Durham Board of County Commissioners, Chair

Core team member #2: Dr. Wanda Boone, Together for Resilient Youth, Executive Director

Core team member #3: Gayle Harris, Durham County Department of Public Health, Health Director

Part 3. Identifying Possible Members of the Full Community Team

If your community is selected for the program, the core team will then work to identify **the full community team**. The community team will be a diverse group of local government officials and key community actors, all committed to active participation in the two-year program. As needed, the School of Government will assist communities with a stakeholder identification exercise to help build the full team.

Given that each community has different needs and different key stakeholders, composition of the teams will vary (but must include at least one county official). Among others, community teams may include, but are not limited to, the following individuals:

- Elected officials, city & county managers, public health officials, mental health officials, social services officials, law enforcement officials, EMS, judges and/or magistrates, attorneys, superintendents of school systems, public library representatives, community college administrators, military representatives, or nonprofits

Please list preliminary partners or key stakeholders that you would consider asking to join your community team if your application is selected. Include name, organization, and job title for each person to the extent they are known. (There is no need to include contact information at this time. *No specified limit to # of people*)

Commissioner Wendy Jacobs – Chair, Durham Board of County Commissioners
Dr. Wanda Boone – Founder & CEO of TRY and Co-Chair of SU/MH Committee of the Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Dr. Bill Ingram – President of Durham Tech Community College
Dr. James Finch – Addiction Medicine, Duke Health
Dr. Pam Rudd – Lincoln Community Health Center
Ann Sporn – Parent Support Group Liaison, TRY
Loftin Wilson – NC Harm Reduction Coalition
Vera Reinstein – Alliance Behavioral Healthcare
Captain Helen Tripp – Durham County EMS, Director of Community Paramedicine Program
Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Superintendent, Durham Public Schools
Sheriff Mike Andrews, Durham County
Dr. Johnson O. Akinleye - NCCU
Chief C. J. Davis – Durham Police Department
Ben Rose – Director, Department of Social Services
Dr. Larry Greenblatt – Duke Health, Outpatient Clinic
Phillip Graham – RTI
Dr. Steven Prakken – Duke Health – Pain Clinic
Dr. Charles (Chuck) Browning – Medical Director, RI International (Crisis Response Center)
Kevin McDonald – Executive Director, TROSA
Gayle Harris – Public Health Director, DCoDPH
Gudrun Parmer – Criminal Justice Resource Center

Part 4. Letters of Support and Point of Contact

Community support will be vital for the success of your community team. Please use the file upload portal below to upload **three letters indicating that relevant leadership supports the organization's participation in this two-year program**. Acceptable file formats include PDFs, Word documents, and common image files.

If your three letters are saved together in one file, you may upload that file in the first portal below. If they are in three separate files, you must use all three portals (only one file per portal).

<Upload files> three letters of support only –

Single point of contact who can answer questions about this application

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