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SIM Taskforce Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2026

Welcome

- The meeting was facilitated by Jennifer Green (Health Department) and Charlton Robeson (SIM Taskforce Coordinator)
- Introductions were provided in the chat box

Year-to-Date Update, Charlton Robeson Annual Outcome Measures

- Reporting Period: January 1, 2026 through June 7, 2026
- From January 1, 2026 through June 7, 2026, the SIM Program served 70 participants and documented 499 service linkages and 147 follow-up contacts. Transportation was the most frequently documented linkage, followed by Other, Recovery Support, Housing, and Food Assistance. The program also documented meaningful individual outcomes related to charge diversion, recovery support, housing stability, health care connection, employment, benefits access, family reunification, and reduced use of public spaces for shelter.
- **Overall impact:** The data show a high level of practical support activity, with an average of 7.1 linkages and 2.1 follow-ups per participant during the reporting period. Outcome narratives suggest that coordinated partner engagement is helping participants move from crisis-level need toward stability, treatment engagement, and self-sufficiency
- There has been an intentional effort to increase engagement among historically marginalized communities, including the African-American community. Among SIM participants, 51.4% were African-American. Only 2.9% of participants were Native Indigenous. The taskforce needs to enhance engagement with the Native American community.
- Collecting information about which SIM intercept the referral has come from has been challenging to collect this data. Anecdotally we have seen increased engagement from intercepts 2 (Initial detention/initial court hearings) and 3 (jails/courts) and we are working to increase engagement from intercept 5 (community corrections)
- There were 499 linkages. The linkage pattern shows that participants most often needed help with transportation, recovery supports, housing, food, case management, employment, and behavioral health services.

Impact of interdisciplinary collaboration/Success stories:

- Charlton shared anonymous success stories from 4 SIM participants. The stories highlighted successes in
    - Charge diversion, recovery, employment, housing, and family stability
    - Reentry stabilization, health care, housing, home care, and benefits

- Probation referral, monitored housing, employment, and treatment engagement
- Collaborative outreach, public space stabilization, recovery housing, and medical connection
- **The year-to-date data and outcome examples demonstrate the value of the SIM Task Force model:** when outreach teams, law enforcement diversion programs, probation, behavioral health providers, housing partners, peer support specialists, health care partners, and community organizations coordinate services, participants can move from instability toward concrete improvements in health, recovery, housing, employment, legal outcomes, and family connection. Continued collaboration will strengthen this impact and help leverage limited resources for individuals starting with little or no support.
- A summary of the report will be sent out with the minutes

- New tool implementation
  - Participant survey: A new survey will be initiated by for participants who have been referred to and are receiving services from the SIM Taskforce. The purpose of the survey is to seek feedback directly from participants about the services that are received and identify any opportunities for improvements. The survey is designed to be short. The link will go directly to participants. If you are a referring partner, please share the survey link with participant. John Higgins team (Lead Expansion), provides a 30, 60, and 90 follow up for all individuals referred to the SIM Taskforce. The link will be shared once available.

- Annual Update, Dr. Jennifer Green Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Position
  - The health department is continuing to recruit for a CIT Coordinator. A need for this position was identified during the SIM mapping day. It requires a very specific skillset that not includes the ability to understand and coordinate a CIT Team but also facilitating partnerships and system improvements based on the needs represented in our SIM Mapping Day.
  - The position can be shared with your professional networks, and eligible candidates are urged to apply: ttps://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cumberlandcountync/jobs/5122014/human-services-clinical-counselor-ii-118003300?keywords=human%20services%20clinical&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs
  - For first responders that need CIT training now, Eric Johnson (Alliance Health) will provide contact information for training contacts in Wake, Durham, and Orange
    - Roosevelt Richard (Wake): rrichard@alliancehealthplan.org
    - Laylon Williams (Durham): lwilliams@alliancehealthplan.org
    - Karen Shaw (Orange): kshaw@alliancehealthplan.org

- Other items
  - Charlton is starting to engage specialty courts, including Juvenile Courts, Family Drug Treatment Courts, and WORTH Courts. Domestic violence and substance use and the criminal justice system cross sections. We are beginning work to address these challenges across sectors.

- Reminders

- Training and recruitment of peer support specialists was identified during the SIM Mapping Day. On Track Wellness, Mid-Carolina, C-FORT, and the health department are hosting a Peer Support Specialist Job Fair June 16, 2026 , 1pm-4pm in the Public Health Auditorium. The flyer attached to the meeting invitation can be shared with peers. Agencies that are hiring for a peer specialists can sign up to be a vendor. Please reach out to Sanquis Graham is you are interested (SGraham@cumberlandcountync.gov). The job fair will feature on-the spot interviews (not required if you are vendor), resume assistance, interview skills coaching, overdose recognition training, and connection to recovery support services.
    - FTCC is hiring for a Peer Specialist. The Health Department will follow up with FTCC regarding vendor tables

- Next meeting: July 13, 2026 at 3 pm Joint meeting with Alliance Health Crisis Collaborative. Send any agenda items to Eric Johnson (Alliance)

Attendance

Doris Small – Alliance	Eric Johnson
Addison Buss	Eva Barrett
Atabaa Goodman	Jacqueline Kenney
Brittany Borders	Jay Higgins
Charlton Robeson	Jennifer Green
Nicole Ross	Saeed Mohammed
Shanna Bell	Tamra Morris
Shanon Brummond	Te'ona Godwin
Daise Thorne	Tony G
Tonya Echols	Alexis Malena
Wedny Hedgpeth	Bobbie Mattocks
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