



## **STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**February 11, 2016**

The purpose of the following is to provide an update of what has been going on with the Stepping Up Initiative. Since the December Steering Committee meeting, the CORE Project Team has been working hard to keep the initiative moving forward. Below are highlights of what has occurred and the outcomes.

### **Outcomes from January 15, 2016 - Stepping Up Orientation for Key Stakeholders**

- Participants - Judges Camille Banks-Payne and Lisa Menefee, Commissioner Gloria Whisenhunt, Jennifer Martin (DA's Office), Ann Roberts (DSS), Quintana Stewart (Public Health), Rodney Stilwell (Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries), Rob Lang (US Attorney's Office), Robert Slater (Detention Administrator-FCSO), Brad Stanley (Chief Deputy-FCSO), Pam Peoples-Joyner (WSPD), Sherri Cook (Probation/Parole), Sharon Singletary (Methodist Home FC), Louise Whealton (NAMI), Wanda Burney (DSS), Tim Black (EMS), Alice Barclay (CenterPoint Human Services). CORE Team: Ronda D. Tatum, Patrice Y. Toney, Amber Humble, & Doris Paez
- Introduced Key Stakeholders into the Stepping Up Initiative and their critical role in helping with this process.
- Expressed that this is a multi-year effort. No quick fixes
- Set the context for the project - who, what, and why
- Introduced Frequent Flyers and data we have
- Discussed issues, challenges and needs
- Introduced members to Sequential Intercepts for Change
- Gained commitments from a number of participants to be a part of the Planning Team to navigate and help the CORE team identify and lift up to the Board of Commissioners what Forsyth County needs to tackle first.

### **Outcomes from February 5, 2016 - First Planning Team Meeting**

- Participants - Judge Camille Banks-Payne, Ann Roberts (DSS), Sommer Whitaker (NC Dept of Public Safety - Adult Corrections & Juvenile Justice), Sharleen Sullivan (DA's Office), Sharon Singletary (Methodist Home - Forsyth County), Brad Stanley (Chief Deputy-FCSO), Robert Slater (Detention Administrator - FCSO), Marlon Hunter (FC Public Health), Rodney Stilwell (Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries), Alice Barclay (CenterPoint Human Services Jail Liaison), Louise Wheaton (NAMI/NAMI NC), Brian Dobey (WSPD), Andy Hagler (MH Association), Commissioner Gloria Whisenhunt (FC

Commissioners). CORE Team members: Ronda D. Tatum, Patrice Y. Toney, Amber Humble, & Doris Paez.

- Great conversation among participants broken into their various intercepts
- Each intercept area worked on Resources (those missing from the map) and Dreams (what would make the system work)
- There were several “dreams” identified but each intercept group chose 1 particular dream upon which the CORE team is to focus
- 5 “Big” Dreams to focus on are:
  - Supportive Community Housing
  - Training (Cross Training) of key County/Mental Health/Community personnel (“Stepping Up University”)/[Co-Responder MH/Law Enforcement Models]
  - Discharge Planning Process
  - Mental Health Navigators (People & Portal) to efficiently find/connect the resources in our community
  - Shared Database (allows agencies to link people)

### **Next Steps**

- **NACo Legislative Conference** - Commissioner Whisenhunt has been asked to sit on a panel about the Stepping Up Initiative and what we’re doing in Forsyth County
  - CORE Team has put together a 1 pager that outlines the WHY FORSYTH ANSWERED THE CALL, CHALLENGES, SUCCESSES, and LESSONS LEARNED
- **Planning Team Meeting #2 - March 4, 2016 - 8:30 -11am - Multipurpose Room**
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- **Stepping Up Summit - April 17 - 19, 2016**
  
- **CORE Team**
  - Research the 5 big dreams from the Planning Team
  - Research the Resources provided by the Planning Team
  - Establish definitions and the point scale for the “Re-engineering Test” (addressing Functionality, Impact, & Feasibility of the identified dreams)
  - Continue work on population studies for March 1 meeting
  - Plan for March 1 meeting

The NC Association of County Commissioners’ annual meeting will be held in Forsyth County August 11-14th. There will be a 75 minute session one of those days devoted to the Stepping Up Initiative. It is still in the planning phase but I sold it more as a NC Stepping Up Summit with panelists for different counties discussing what they have done since passing their resolutions focusing in on the challenges, successes and lessons learned (similar to what NACo is doing at the Legislative Conference).

If you would like more information, please let me know.