Robeson County Detention Center MAT Project

Project Overview
The project works to screen, assess, and provide medically responsible interventions with individuals as they enter the Robeson County Detention Center, throughout their incarceration and upon release. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is introduced as an intervention, Narcan and education is provided to staff to educate employees on SUD issues and how to identify signs and symptoms of opioid withdrawal. Upon release, participants can expect to have reliable transportation to receive case management, peer support, and treatment services that are provided by the highly qualified agencies identified below. The objective of this project is to reduce barriers to success by addressing Social Determinants of Health in a way that is meaningful to the individual.

Goals
1. Create a treatment response for the offenders at the Robeson County Detention Center with an Opioid Use Disorder, utilizing evidence-based practices for withdrawal management and follow-up referral options.

2. Prevent overdoses among the Robeson County Detention Center population who are released to the community.

3. Reduce recidivism among the Robeson County Detention Center population with an OUD by beginning on-site treatment services at the facility and linking offenders to the appropriate community resources.

A Multidisciplinary Team and their Roles:

- RHCC who serves as the project manager, facilitating meetings among the team and providing financial management of the grant.

- Stop the Pain who serves the project with providing a case manager that goes into the facility to meet with participants and upon release provides peer supports to guide participants along their recovery journey.

- Southeastern Integrated Care provides another case manager that links participants to resources upon release and they also provide additional peer supports to walk through the recovery journey with participants. Their role also includes a Psych Nurse Practitioner and an LPN to evaluate participants for OUD and ensure that they are receiving adequate care and are able to prescribe the MAT to participants.

- UNCP works on the evaluation team, by evaluating available data and project processes to provide the best outcome for the project. We also serve the team by identifying goals and designing the reporting processes. Student interns are also a part of the team, they have the opportunity to assist with evaluating and get experience working on a multidisciplinary team in a rural setting.

Project Team: