**Follow-up Report**

**County and Location of Forum:** Macon County - Robert C. Carpenter Community Building (1288 Georgia Road, Franklin NC 28734)

**Date and Length of Forum (Please attach agenda):** November 28, 2017 from 6:00pm - 8:15pm

**Number of Attendees (Please attach list of participants):** 26

**Name of Person Preparing Follow-up Report:** Jim Bruckner, Macon County Health Director and Lynnda Baker, Macon County Public Health Population Health Section Administrator.

**Key Ideas and Next Steps:**

**IDEA #1: [Increase Education and Prevention in the School System and Community]**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?

**Develop a curriculum to present to Macon County School Board and School Superintendent. Develop a justification and job description for a health educator position.**

* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?

**Macon County Public Health, Macon County Policy Leaders (Macon County Commissioners and County Manager; Macon County School Board; and Macon County School Superintendent); School Principles; and VAYA Health.**

* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?

**Strong collaborative relationship among community policy leaders; Macon County Public Health; and Macon County School Administration.**

* What are the hidden obstacles to implementing this idea?

**Community buy-in as it relates to school based programs of this nature; Funding to support health education staff time to be spent on school programs/activities; and political backing.**

Name of lead person(s) for idea:

**Macon County Public Health (Health Education Staff); Macon County Commissioner Liaison to the School System; Macon County Manager; Macon County School Superintendent; School Principles (Targeted School); and Representative of VAYA Health.**

**IDEA #2: [Tear Down the Stigma of Individuals Who Have Opioid Use Disorders and Put the Person First]**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?

**Develop policy or declaration document that addresses the need for community respect & treatment of individuals with opioid use disorders as a health issue instead of references them as criminals.**

* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?

**Macon County Public Health, Macon County Policy Leaders (Macon County Commissioners and County Manager; Town of Franklin Alderman, Mayor, and Manager; and the Town of Highlands Commissioners, Mayor, and Manager; and Macon County Sheriff); Community Mental Health Providers; and VAYA Health.**

* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?

**Strong collaborative relationship among community policy leaders; Macon County Public Health; Community Mental Health Providers; and VAYA Health all of whom have an understanding of the issue and how it relates to the treatment of individuals suffering with addiction.**

* What are the hidden obstacles to implementing this idea?

**Culture shift of this nature requires full support of policy leaders and the mental health community, and community buy-in.**

Name of lead person(s) for idea:

**Macon County Public Health (Health Education Staff); Macon County Substance Use Taskforce; Macon County Mental Health Taskforce; Macon County Commissioner Liaison to the County Mental Health Taskforce and the Regional Local Management Entity (LME); Macon County Sheriff; Community Mental Health Providers; and Representative of VAYA Health.**

**IDEA #3: [Develop a Jail Diversion Program to Reduce Recidivism/Incarceration and Create an Opioid Care Navigator Position]**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?

**Develop a program that reduces recidivism and incarceration of individuals with opioid use disorders. Develop utilizing a “hub and spoke” model and a harm-reduction philosophy a care, navigator position that along with other community agencies will work together provide access to a continuum of services for persons with opioid use disorders.**

* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?

**Macon County Public Health; Macon County Policy Leaders (Macon County Commissioners and County Manager; Macon County Sheriff; and District Attorney); Macon County Substance Use Taskforce; Macon County Mental Health Taskforce; Macon County Commissioner Liaison to the County Mental Health Taskforce and the Regional Local Management Entity (LME); Local Law Enforcement (Franklin and Highlands Police Departments); Court System (staff and Judges); and Representative of VAYA Health.**

* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?

**There is a strong working relationship and open communication among key partners. High awareness of the need is realized by those key partners**.

* What are the hidden obstacles to implementing this idea?

**Funding is biggest obstacle to realization and implementation.**

Name of lead person(s) for idea:

**Macon County Public Health (Health Education staff); Macon County Sheriff; District Attorney; Macon County Substance Use Taskforce (Chair); Macon County Mental Health Taskforce (Chair); Macon County Commissioner Liaison to the County Mental Health Taskforce and the Regional Local Management Entity (LME); Local Law Enforcement (Representatives of Franklin and Highlands Police Departments); and Representative of VAYA Health.**

**IDEA #4: [Schedule Medication Take-Back Events and Coordinate a Lock Your Med’s Campaign]**

* What specific tool do you want to implement in our county?

**Continue coordination an annual County wide “Medication Take Back” event and develop and implement a “Lock Your Med’s” campaign.**

* Who are the key partners you need to help champion this idea?

**Macon County Public Health; Macon County Sherriff; Local Law Enforcement (Franklin and Highlands Police Departments); and Macon County Substance Use Task Force.**

* What assets do you have that could help you implement this idea?

**Structured coalition (Macon County Substance Use Task Force) who can plan, implement and ensure event success.**

* What are the hidden obstacles to implementing this idea?

**Staff time and funding to support event.**

Name of lead person(s) for idea:

**Macon County Sheriff; Macon County Public Health (Health Education staff); Local Law Enforcement (Representatives of Franklin and Highlands Police Departments); and Macon County Substance Use Task Force (Chair).**