



## South Carolina Department of Mental Health

- The new hire from October 2021 resigned and we are in the process of recruiting for this position again. Existing staff are working together to work this position until we successfully recruit a new MHP.
- Midlands FRST flyers and outreach have been completed by 8 police departments, towns, and EMS.
- A referral form was developed by the Uplift team and is currently being used by ED staff.
- Community visits have been initiated and shared protocols are in place.
- Crisis Intervention Training, CIT, is being completed by LCCMHC staff thanks to Town of Lexington PD.



## Readiness and Partnership Transformation

221 individuals completed the Uplift Readiness Assessment - a 142% increase from last time! They spanned five types of providers (medical, law enforcement, first responders, mental health, and other providers). Over half of the participants had some prior knowledge of Uplift. A common challenge includes the complexity of assisting people with behavioral health issues in an effective manner, as well as limited staff. Reported strengths show a shared belief that organizations are using the most effective techniques in helping people with behavioral health issues. Work and organizational culture was also noted to be a key strength. Growth has been seen in every measured domain including working together, being strategic, and having a shared vision. Since current goals were all met or nearly met, new goals were set.

## Mental Health First Aid

- 9 Uplift members attended MHFA hosted by LRADAC.
- Trained to recognize a mental health crisis and how to temporarily handle the situation.
- Participants were given Deterra Drug Disposal System, fentanyl test strips, and 4 units of Narcan.

## Upcoming event!

LRADAC is hosting a YOUTH mental health first aid training.

- Friday, March 24
- Check your email for a registration link



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## Cayce Social Work Intern Program

Since its inception in January...

- Cases were identified in total: 45
- No answer or bad number: 19
- Still pending: 9
- Made contact: 12
- Provided resources: 5

42% of individuals were receptive to services

## Community Paramedics

- Uplift HIPPA and Patient Participation forms currently out in publication.
- Handling referrals from Law and Fire Services.
- Community EMT's have not been implemented due to a shortage in the workforce.
- Purchased second Uplift vehicle.

## Community Paramedics: Patient Statistics

- # in Referral Status: 2
- # in Active Status: 18
- # in Maintenance Status: 3
- # in Monitoring Status: 4



## Subcommittee Updates

1. Resource Guide Goal - continue to tailor the resource guide. We added:

- What are the business hours?
- Do they have an app?
- If stated free service, what is the capacity of "free" and what type of insurance do they take?
- Moved the referral location to a separate tab because they are not immediate



2. First Responder/Healthcare Worker Support Goal - Expand the first responder kickball game.

- January games were postponed to allow the committee to figure out a potential waiver and legal issues.
- Add to-go bags, music, food, and prizes.



3. Youth -Host connected conversation series with LRADAC about early risk.

- 3/9: Carolina Springs Elementary School
- 3/9: Carolina Springs Middle School
- 3/9: White Knoll High School
- 3/21: Red Bank Elementary School



Red Bank Elementary School



Carolina Springs Middle School



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