

Insights for the Quarter

Volume 5 of the Share Health Southeast Georgia Board of Directors includes a highlight of our newest staff member, Sheryl Lewis, who comes to Share Health from the Southeast Health District. Additionally, this volume will share updates on where we are on the COVID-19 Health Equity Navigator Project, two new grants for which Share Health has applied, a Rural Health Network Development Planning grant and a RCORP Overdose Strategies grant. Both are one year grants. Moreover, updates will be provided on our current staff members with a feature highlight of a board member. The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 8th at Noon. This meeting will be held via Zoom.



Staff Member Highlight: Sheryl Lewis

Share Health welcomed Sheryl Lewis on board in October. Sheryl comes to Share Health from the Southeast Health District, where she started working in February 2000 as a Social Services Coordinator for the Covering Kids Program. In 2004, she moved into a Program Consultant position with the Health District's HIV Program where she performed a variety of administrative tasks, including grant writing and case management services to persons living with HIV. With receipt of federal RCORP funding for implementation of prevention, treatment, and recovery services for SUD/OID, in addition to her responsibilities at the HIV clinics, she served as the Program Coordinator for the Jeff Davis Substance Abuse Coalition starting in 2019 and, in 2020, as Project Director for the Wayne Community Recovery Coalition (WCRC). Sheryl has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Valdosta State University. She lives in Willacoochee, Georgia with her husband and their daughter.

COVID-19 Health Equity Navigator Project

Share Health began distributing COVID19 test kits in July. The Southeast Health District has been supplying us with the kits whenever we are in need. These kits have been distributed at events, to community partners, and at meetings. From October to December, 55 boxes, which equates to 330 test kits, have been distributed in 5 counties (Appling, Bulloch, Evans, Jeff Davis, and Tattnall). and to two community partners, SEGCP and Pineland. Share Health conducted outreach at 4 events in 4 counties in October and November. In October, outreach was done at the Restoring the Breach Community Health Fair in Bulloch and the Tattnall Kiwanis Pumpkin Patch in Glennville. In November, outreach was done at the Evans County Community Health Fair and the Diabetes Awareness event in Appling.

Southeast Georgia Communities Project (SEGCP) continues to do an excellent job in distributing PPE, test kits and educational materials to Latinx residents and migrant farmworkers throughout the target area. These items are distributed through the SEGCP food pantry, at food distribution sites, Mexican tiendas, laundromats, farm labor camps, churches and other sites frequented by Latinx residents. During the quarter, outreach was conducted in the following counties: Bacon, Bulloch, Candler, Jeff Davis, Pierce, Tattnall, Toombs, Ware and Wayne. From October-December, SEGCP reached 2,070 individuals across nine counties with COVID-19 information, distributed 1,550 print copies of Spanish language educational materials, and 1,370 test kits.



Share Health Staff Updates



Crista LiCausi Carroll, MPH - Communications and Marketing Specialist
Ryan and I got married in Savannah, GA on November 19, 2022. It was such a beautiful day, and we had a great time celebrating with friends and family. Our honeymoon was in Gatlinburg, TN. We had an amazing time going to Anakeesta, Downtown Gatlinburg, and also Dollywood. It was around the holiday season, so we saw all of the lights and Christmas decorations they had. It was truly such a fun time, and we already want to go back!

– Crista LiCausi Carroll



Livy Hiers Davis - Program Coordinator

On November 29, 2022, Livvy and her husband Jordan Davis welcomed a little boy, Ander Joseph Davis into the world. He weighed 7lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. Livvy and her family are so excited about their new bundle of joy! Congratulations!



Destiny Jordan, MPH - Data Analyst

Destiny Jordan is a Data Analyst with Share Health Southeast Georgia. Originally from Swainsboro, GA, Destiny graduated in December from Georgia Southern's Jiann Ping Hsu College of Public Health with her MPH in Epidemiology. Her next steps are to seek a career as a data analyst on the federal level or in pharmaceutical research. Congratulations Destiny on obtaining your MPH!!

Board Member Highlight

Peyton W. Frye joined the Share Health Board of Directors in 2021. He is the Practice Manager for EGHC, a federally qualified Community Health Center with offices throughout southeast Georgia. Prior to joining EGHC, Peyton worked at Spivey State Bank from 2007-2016, and was Senior Vice President when he left banking for EGHC. Peyton is a graduate of Valdosta State University and is a graduate of the Georgia Banking School of the University of Georgia. He has served on numerous boards during his professional career and currently serves as the Chair of the Southeastern Technical College Foundation and the Southeastern Technical College Early Childcare Board. He is an active community volunteer for numerous local, state and regional organizations. He lives in Swainsboro with his wife (Brooke) and two children (Lawson, 12 and Anna Caroline, 9). Peyton's background in Finance has been extremely helpful to the Share Health staff, as we position the organization going forward. He currently serves as the Share Health Treasurer. Peyton considers Share Health an organization that furthers the mission of bringing high quality healthcare to all in need. "Share health can truly become the link between our area and improving the health outcomes of all in need".

Share Health Updates

Drug Free Communities Support Program

The Jeff Davis Drug Free Communities Support Program Project Coordinator has been hired by Jeff Davis Hospital. The Project Coordinator is responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing the work plan for the JDSAC Drug Free Communities Support Program including coordinating day-to-day project activities, serving as a liaison with external data manager, and working with sector representatives and the youth action team to implement activities and strategies. Kalli Wooten is a native to Jeff Davis and previously served as the Case Manager for the previous RCORP grant.

The Wayne County Recovery Coalition is currently working on the application process. At the January Coalition meeting, the partners voted on the new mission and vision statements for the Coalition and the Executive Committee decided on the drugs of focus. Additionally, the 12 sectors have been finalized; they will be signing their Coalition Involvement Agreement (CIA) forms in the coming weeks. Additionally, the Consultants have been given the data questionnaire and will draft the project narrative while Share Health develops the Work Plan. The due date for this grant is March 15, 2023.

Grants

Barbara Bruno submitted the grant application to develop a Women's Wellness Network. This \$100,000 application requested funding for a Rural Health Network Development Planning grant through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to improve access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of preventive health and wellness services to women living in Evans and Tattnall County. Planning grants do not fund direct services. Rather, this grant will fund strategic planning and community engagement activities, leading to well-defined strategies to implement the Women's Wellness Network. It will link community health care partners and other community stakeholders together, enhancing their collective capacity to build a comprehensive, accessible, and practical approach to delivering preventive services to the rural women who live in Evans and Tattnall Counties. Partners for this grant include: East Georgia Healthcare Center, Evans Memorial Hospital, Evans County Cooperative Extension, Southeast Georgia Communities Project and the Ware County Board of Health/Southeast Health District. We should know whether this application is approved for funding in June 2023. If funded, the grant would start July 1, 2023. It is a one-year grant.

A grant for the RCORP Overdose Strategies grant was prepared by Share Health and submitted on January 19th. The lead applicant for this grant is the Ware County Board of Health/SEHD. Share Health is listed as a contractor to the Board of Health. This grant will provide critically needed funding for three SUD/OID activities: Naloxone distribution, Recovery Care Organization (RCO), and establishing Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Services (PrEP) for SUD/OID individuals who are at risk for HIV transmission. Share Health will be involved in Naloxone distribution and RCO activities as outlined in the grant. If funded, this grant would start on September 1, 2023. It is a one-year grant.

Trust Partnership Conference

The Trust Partnership, a coalition of community partners committed to reducing opioid and substance use disorders in Brantley, Pierce, and Ware Counties, hosted its 1st Annual Conference on December 2nd. 65 partners attended, including 22 from regional law enforcement, to increase their knowledge about prevention and treatment and to network and strategize with professionals across the region. The conference was also a celebration of the 1st anniversary of the Trust Partnership that was established in October 2021.

National and locally known experts presented information on cultural diversity, health equity, the dangers of Fentanyl, and local criminal street gangs. Dr. Pierluigi Mancini ended the conference with an overview of the opioid epidemic in Georgia and a Narcan training. Dr. Mancini has over 30 years of experience in culturally and linguistically appropriate behavioral health treatment and prevention and is one of the most sought after national and international consultants and speakers about mental health and addiction.

A general theme throughout the conference is that addiction is a brain disease, that it matters, and it must be recognized as such. Individuals and families across our region are suffering great losses because of it. A compassionate community working together will be the key to ending this health epidemic in our region. The vision of the Trust is to ensure that the communities of Brantley, Pierce and Ware County are opioid, and substance abuse free; that the community at large is aware of and able to employ rescue practices that save lives; and that those suffering from this disorder have access to and support throughout treatment and recovery. The coalition meets every other month and will meet again to continue its work on February 3. If you would like to attend the next Trust Partnership meeting email: emily.allen@dph.ga.gov.

Upcoming & Past Events

- The Coalition for a Healthy Appling County's 2nd Annual Crime Victims Rights 5k will take place Saturday, April 29th at 9:30AM. Be on the lookout on our Facebook page for location, sponsorship opportunities, registration applications, and more!
- On January 13, 2023 the Coalition for a Health Appling County hosted a Domestic Violence training. This was a community education training on the outline of what domestic violence is and the effects of domestic violence on victims and their family systems and sub-systems.