



# Opioid Overdose Response Teams: Best Practices

OCTOBER 8-9, 2025

## Summit Agenda

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

**8:00–8:30** Registration/Check-in and Breakfast *(provided)*

**8:30–8:45** Welcome and Overview  
— Shuchin Shukla, MD, MPH

**8:45–9:45** Keynote  
Overview of PORT in NC  
— James E “Tripp” Winslow, MD, MPH

**9:45–10:00** Break with Exhibitors

**10:00–10:45** Morning Breakouts *(please choose one; sessions will repeat in afternoon)*

**1A** Guilford County PORT Experiences  
— Jim Albright, BA, MS, NRP  
— Mike Thull, LCSW, LCAS, CCS

**1B** Gaston County Post Overdose Response Team  
— Brandon Miller, BS, NRP, CP-C  
— Justin Greer, EMT-P, CP-C  
— Rev. Michelle Mathis

**1C** Boots on the Ground and Linkage to Care (Catawba Co)  
— Jason Powell, BA, CCEMT-P, CPSS

**1D** MOUD 360: A Full Circle Approach to the Opioid Crisis (Wake Co)  
— Michael Lyons, BS, EMT  
— Justin Garrity, MSW

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- 1E** Community Paramedicine and the Opioid Crisis:  
Fighting Addiction from the Front Lines (Stanly Co)
  - Mike Campbell, EMT-P
- 1F** Community Paramedics – Providing Whole Community Social Health Care:  
Meeting People Where They Are (Buncombe Co)
  - Justin Hall, NCCPSS, EMT-B, CADC-R
  - Claire Hubbard, EMT-P, RN
  - Marvin McCoy, RN, EMS, ACLS, PALS, NRP
  - Brandi Hayes, CNA, NCCPSS, CHW
- 1G** Surry County Opioid Overdose Response Team: Best Practices
  - Andrew Casstevens, CCP
  - Sonya Cheek, CPSS, CADC-R
- 1H** Responding in Real Time: Optimizing Patient Engagement and Referrals (Carteret Co)
  - Brooke Barnhill, MPH, CHES
  - Angie McKay, NCCPSS

**11:30–12:30 Lunch** *(provided)*

**12:30–1:15 Afternoon Breakouts** *(please choose one; sessions repeated from morning)*

- 2A** Guilford County PORT Experiences
  - Jim Albright, BA, MS, NRP
  - Mike Thull, LCSW, LCAS, CCS
- 2B** Gaston County Post Overdose Response Team
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<b>1:15–2:00</b>	<b>Afternoon Breakouts</b> <i>(please choose one; sessions repeated from morning)</i>
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<b>2:00–2:15</b>	Break with Exhibitors
<b>2:15–3:15</b>	<b>Plenary 1</b>  From Scene to Strategy: Leveraging EMS Data to Strengthen Opioid Overdose Response — James Hood
<b>3:15–4:15</b>	<b>Plenary 2</b>  Leveraging State and Regional Funding for Overdose Prevention — Nidhi Sachdeva, MPH — April Bragg, PhD
<b>4:15–4:30</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> — Bob Dieterle, MBA
<b>4:30</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

<b>8:00–8:30</b>	<b>Registration/Check-in and Breakfast</b> <i>(provided)</i>
<b>8:30–8:45</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> — Tyler Yates, BSW, CADC
<b>8:45–9:45</b>	<b>Keynote</b>  Medicaid Expansion: Helping North Carolinians Get Enrolled — Jay Ludlam, JD — Rebecca Cereese — Katie Alexander, BA

**9:45–10:45 Plenary 3**

The Importance of Equitable Partnerships with Community-Based Organizations

— Michael L. Hayes, NCCPSS, CCHW-VPP

**10:45–11:00 Break with Exhibitors**

**11:00–11:45 Morning Breakouts** *(please choose one; sessions will repeat in afternoon)*

**3A** Introduction to Harm Reduction Principles and Strategies

— Elyse Powell

**3B** Exploring Your Why: Consumer Expertise and Reducing Overdose

— Louise Vincent, MPH *(facilitator)*

— Samantha Bradley, NCCPSS *(panelist)*

— Brandi Hayes, CNA, NCCPSS, CHW *(panelist)*

**3C** Rural Harm Reduction Development and Progress: Lessons from Holler Harm Reduction

— Ainsley Bryce

**3D** Harm Reduction Partnerships

— Rev. Michelle Mathis

— Mary Jo Silver, NCCPSS

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**1:30–1:45 Break with Exhibitors**

**1:45–2:45 Plenary 4**

Blue Lights to Lifelines

— Donnie Varnell

— Alicia Brunelli, PSS, CTR

— Lars Paul, BA

2:45–3:45

## Plenary 5

Resiliency Practices for PORT: Promoting Wellbeing in Individuals and Teams

- Mary Lynn Barrett, LCSW, MPH (*facilitator*)
- Justin Hall, NCCPSS, EMT-B, CADC-R (*panelist*)
- Brandi Hayes, CNA, NCCPSS, CHW (*panelist*)
- Sonya Cheek, CPSS, CADC-R (*panelist*)
- Tara Tucker, MS, EMT-P (*panelist*)
- Sierra White, NCEMT-P, MAT-C (*panelist*)

3:45–4:00

## Closing Remarks

- Eric D. Southern, MSEM, CCP, Instructor II

4:00

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