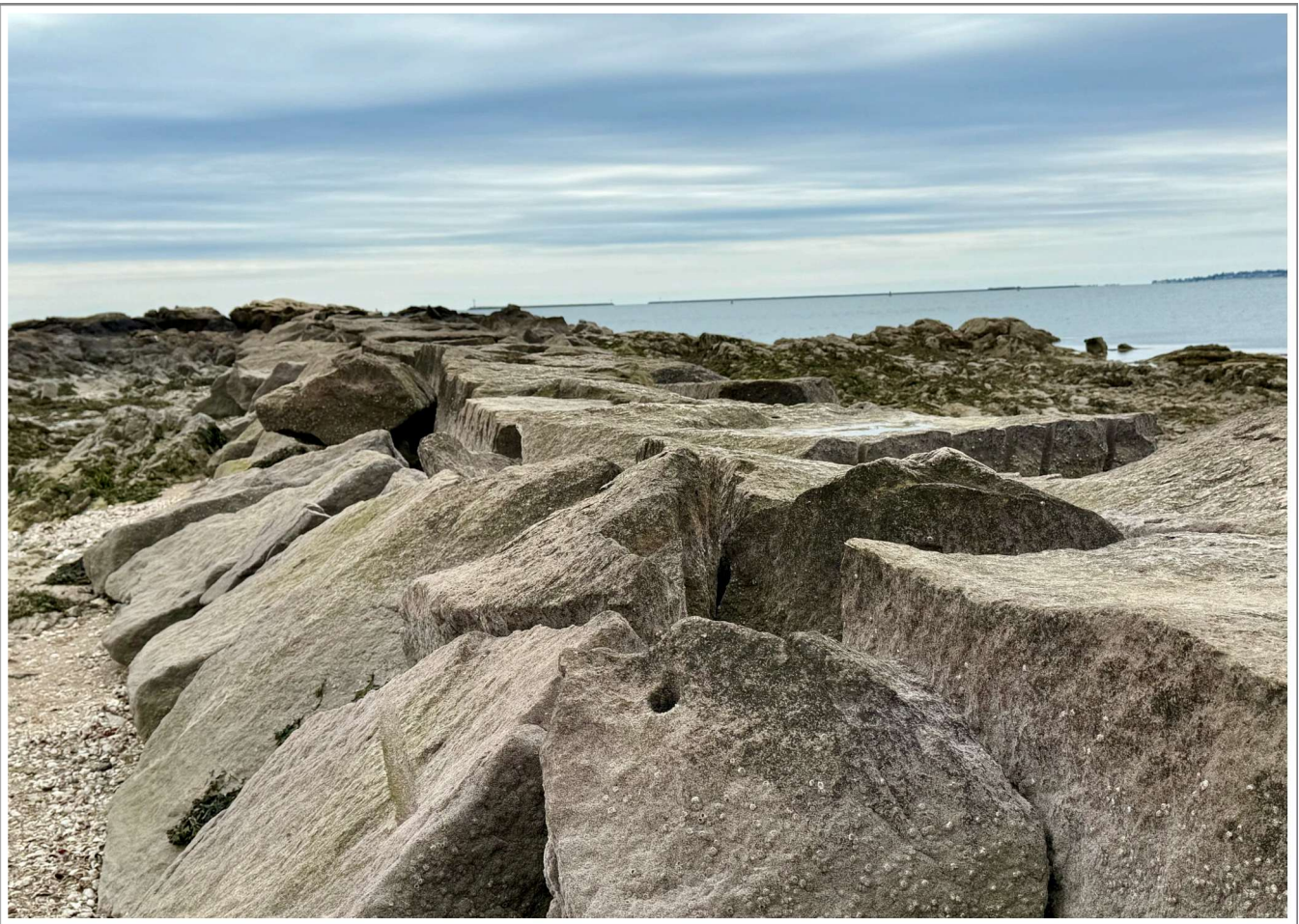

Quarterly Summary

Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery

January to March 2025



Introduction

The Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery (SCOSAR) presents this activity summary for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-2025, covering the reporting period from January 1 to March 31, 2025. This document provides an overview of key programmatic activities, strategic advancements, and community impacts resulting from SCOSAR's ongoing efforts to address substance use and recovery support throughout Surry County.

A principal highlight of this quarter was the successful first phase launch of the Goldie Healthcare Client Information System, representing a critical step forward in SCOSAR's commitment to integrated, data-informed service delivery. The system's implementation enhances client tracking, interagency collaboration, and compliance with opioid settlement reporting standards—laying the foundation for a seamless continuum of care.



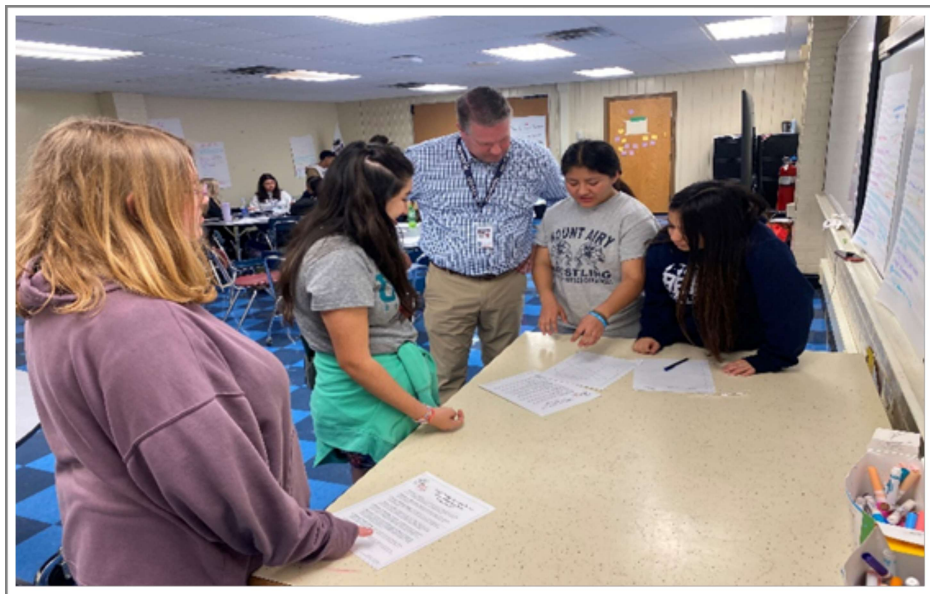
Throughout the quarter, SCOSAR maintained a strong focus on prevention, intervention, recovery, and justice system collaboration. Key developments include:

- Expanded Post Overdose Response Team (PORT) activities in coordination with Surry County EMS, contributing to notable recovery success stories and improved service engagement.

- Delivery of evidence-based prevention programming in schools and community settings, focusing on youth resiliency, mental health education, and substance misuse deterrence.
- Continued advancement of the Recovery to Work and Recovery Friendly Workplace initiatives, with documented job placements, training, and employer outreach.
- Initiation of targeted services within the Surry County Detention Center, including pre-release planning, treatment access, and coordination with drug court programs.
- Enhanced transportation services designed to increase access to treatment and reduce barriers for individuals in recovery.
- Strengthened partnerships with faith-based organizations, local schools, Rotary Clubs, and community agencies to extend outreach and support.

SCOSAR's work this quarter reflects a data-driven, community-oriented approach grounded in evidence-based practice and cross-sector collaboration. As longer-term outcome data continues to develop, this report affirms the programs's sustained progress and strategic alignment with state and local priorities to reduce the impact of substance use and support long-term recovery across the county.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership in this critical work.



Executive Summary

This document summarizes the key activities, achievements, and strategic directions of the Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery (SCOSAR) during the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (January 1 to March 31, 2025). The report highlights SCOSAR's comprehensive approach to addressing substance use in Surry County through prevention, early intervention, treatment support, recovery to work initiatives, and efforts within the criminal justice system. A significant focus during this quarter was the implementation of the new "Goldie Healthcare" client and data management system and continued strategic planning aligned with opioid settlement funding.

Main Themes and Important Ideas/Facts

1. Introduction and Overall Programmatic Efforts

- SCOSAR actively supported programmatic efforts serving youth and adults in need of community support and Post Overdose Response Team (PORT) interventions.
- Services included point-to-point transportation to enhance treatment engagement and Recovery to Work efforts.
- Recovery to Work initiatives involved soft skills training, job readiness, and direct job placement.
- Development of services within the Surry County Detention Center was underway.
- Significant staff training was completed, along with improvements in data collection and program revisioning based on evidence-based standards.

2. Implementation of Goldie Healthcare Client Information System

- SCOSAR launched the "Goldie Health Client Information System" in March 2025.
- Phase 1 implementation focused on the Post Overdose Response Team within Surry County EMS to track client service histories and meet opioid settlement reporting requirements.

- Future phases will include Recovery to Work programming, Transportation Services client tracking, and use within the Surry County Detention Center to support expanded services.
- The goal is to create a "seamless continuum of care" through shared client information across programs.

3. Early Intervention and Substance Abuse Prevention Services

- Prevention programming included school-based campaigns on alcohol, support for social host law surveys, technical assistance for "CATCH MY BREATH" anti-vaping, implementation of "Media Detective School Program," and the "Talk They Hear You SAMSHA Communications Campaign."
- "Resist the Influence Programming" taught youth about the dangers of cannabis, opioids, and the link between mental health and substance use risk factors.
- Staff certifications and training included Adult Mental Health First Aid (for staff and community agencies), Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Certified Peer Support Specialist recertification, and HOPE Train the Trainer.
- SCOSAR trained 11 Law Enforcement Officers in a Crisis Intervention Team class focused on Addiction 101.
- Participation in the North Carolina Trauma and Resilient Design Group.
- Implementation of "Girl's Circle," an evidence-based support group for youth (ages 12-18) at East Surry High School and Central Middle School, aiming to increase resiliency, school attachment, and self-efficacy (serving 13 youth).
- Partnership with Trinity Episcopal Church Youth Group in Mount Airy to support local youth with skill-building groups and meals (serving 20 youth).
- "Resist the Influence" drug education classes for 9th graders were held at multiple high schools, reaching students with information on mental health, alcohol, marijuana, and polysubstance use.
- Quote from Mrs. Morgan Tate, Health and P.E. Teacher at North Surry High School, highlighting the importance of *"Resist the Influence is such an essential program for our youth. Not only does it show our students the dangers and statistics of drugs and drug overdose, but it starts at the root: mental health and coping skills...this program addresses relevant and tough questions our students have surrounding these subjects."*

- North Surry High School participated in National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week with 16 different activities, serving 85 students.

4. Internship Program

- The internship program provides individuals with knowledge of community health operations and the challenges of building a healthy community.
- Interns gain a broader view of their community, contribute through outreach, understand community needs, and learn about the impact of addiction.
- SCOSAR partners with all county school systems and offers internships to eligible students.
- One Montreat University student was awarded a paid summer internship at SCOSAR through the Golden Leaf Foundation.

5. Faith-Based Community Efforts

- Collaboration with Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Elkin to present on Positive Childhood Experiences (PaCEs).
- Development of a collaborative group (Surry Friends of Youth, Surry Health and Nutrition Center, and SCOSAR) named Positive Childhood Experiences (PaCEs) to promote positive youth events.
- Supporting Poplar Springs Baptist Church in planning youth-focused community events, such as a "Flapjap Breakfast".

6. Youth Prevention Clubs

- Proposal to Mount Airy High School to initiate a prevention club ("The Claws") using the evidence-based Dover Youth to Youth Program, focusing initially on alcohol prevention.
- Partnership with Safe Sober to provide t-shirts for the club.
- Plans for a presentation skills lesson to create public service announcements.

7. Rotary Club Partnerships

- Coordinated with Mount Airy and Satellite Rotary Clubs and Surry County DSS for "Project Easter Bunny," providing 112 Easter Baskets for youth in foster care.
- Partnered with the Rotary Club and The Children's Center to facilitate a "Family Fun Day" in April 2025 for Child Abuse Prevention Month, aiming to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors related to substance use and family dynamics.

8. Naloxone Distribution in Schools

- SCOSAR met with Mount Airy City Schools to promote Naloxone availability in every school.
- Provided OneBox devices and Naloxone kits to each school, along with labeling, tracking, instructions, Quick Facts sheets, and a Narcan video training.
- Offered SafeProject virtual training to school officials and pledged ongoing support and replacement of expired Naloxone at no cost.

9. Post Overdose Response Team (PORT)

- The Surry County Intervention Team became part of Surry County EMS in October 2024, with SCOSAR and EMS staff collaborating on the transition and developing the local PORT.
- Key staff completed the NC Association of County Commissioners Settlement Learning Academy, culminating in a poster presentation at the NC Summit of Reducing Overdose.
- A proposal for a new licensed behavioral health specialist position to support the PORT team (alongside Peer Support Specialists and Community Paramedics) will be presented to the Surry County Board of Commissioners.
- During the reporting period, 6 citizens were referred to the PORT via emergency communications and 14 from community referrals.
- The vehicle purchased for the PORT team is now equipped and in use.
- Collaborative meetings continue between EMS, SCOSAR, and Surry County Health and Nutrition to provide seamless care and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) options, reducing the likelihood of relapse.
- A success story highlighted the effectiveness of integrating Peer Support Specialists into EMS, leading to a male with a long history of substance use achieving sobriety, employment, and improved well-being through MAT and recovery support.

- PORT referral and engagement data: 6 referrals post-overdose reversal (911), 14 community referrals, 20 individuals agreeing to talk with PORT.
- Outcome data: 21% of participants with OUD adhered to addiction treatment at 6 months.

10. Employment, Substance Use Treatment Services, and Pre-Release Planning in Detention Center

- Efforts started in the Surry County Detention Center in March 2025 following a six-month strategic planning process.
- Pre-release planning based on evidence-based practices will provide released detainees with access to SCOSAR services, including transportation, job assistance, treatment supports, and MAT via the EMS PORT Team.
- SCOSAR staff are supporting the new Accountability and Recovery Court staff with training and technical assistance.
- Post Overdose Team field MAT induction continues, with ongoing collaboration with the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center and local providers for seamless transitions and increased retention.
- Plans to add a Licensed Behavioral Health Specialist to the PORT to address substance-induced crises and impact involuntary commitment rates.
- Another success story detailed a 30-year-old male with a history of fentanyl and heroin use who achieved significant recovery milestones (sobriety, employment, car ownership, improved health) through the program.

11. Transportation Services

- Launched "Recovery to Work Transportation" providing limited-time services (two weeks) to the neediest clients.
- Implemented customer service surveys with drivers and began collecting BARC-10 Data to monitor long-term improvements in social capital.
- A duplicated count of 259 citizen transportation instances related to the general provision of Transportation Services for treatment and support.
- Improved policies and procedures are being developed, including informed consent, responsibilities, and communication protocols.

- Developing a new client ride request form and protocols for communicating delays and cancellations.
- Hired a part-time driver and seeking another for afternoon needs.
- Implemented training on Mental Health First Aid, driver safety (Sheriff's Department), and overdose response (Emergency Services) for drivers.
- Installing panic buttons in staff vehicles for safety.
- Success story highlighted an individual who initially relied on transportation services but eventually regained their driver's license and purchased a car, indicating progress in their recovery and independence.
- Shift in transportation focus towards treatment services due to increased need.

12. Recovery Friendly Workplace and Recovery to Work Program

- The Recovery Friendly Workplace (RFW) Program educates local employers about substance use disorder, prevention, addiction, and supports recovery in the workplace.
- RFW has three phases: orientation, letter of intent, and implementation of supportive services.
- Recovery to Work Program prepares individuals with skills for employment and job retention.
- Project staff implementing North Carolina Flagger Certification Training for employers, probationers, and within the Surry County Detention Center (free certification).
- Five individuals received job placement services and remained employed during the quarter.
- Conducted Recovery Coach Training sessions.
- Held a quarterly Advisory Meeting and a "Reimagining Today's Workforce Event" with over 50 attendees, featuring professionals, educators, and individuals with lived experience.
- The Recovery to Work Advisor became a Certified Career Services Provider with a Global Career Development Services Certification.
- Evaluation Consultant CARECG provided Post Evaluation Training Design and a formal Data Collection Mapping Process.
- Program staff completed train-the-trainer requirements to become NC DOT Certified Flagger and Forklift Instructors.
- Recovery to Work/Employment Related Services data: 5 assisted with job placement, 15 interview coaching sessions, 4 resume review sessions, 100% of participants receiving job

placement were employed 6 months after placement.

Conclusion

The SCOSAR Quarter 3 report for January-March 2025 demonstrates a high level of activity and progress across various initiatives aimed at addressing substance use in Surry County. Key highlights include the launch of the Goldie Healthcare system, successful implementation of prevention programs reaching youth and the community, the ongoing development and impact of the Post Overdose Response Team, expanding efforts within the detention center, and the growth of the Recovery to Work program. The report also emphasizes SCOSAR's commitment to strategic planning, stakeholder collaboration, and the implementation of Results Based Accountability to measure and improve outcomes. While some data points, particularly regarding longer-term outcomes, are still developing, the report provides a comprehensive overview of SCOSAR's efforts during this period.