



# **Behavioral Health Update**

Town of Apex April 12, 2022

Our community needs us to be at our best more than ever!



Exceptional **People**. Exceptional **Care**.



#### Mission

To improve the health and well-being of our community with outstanding and compassionate care to all

#### Strategic Plan

#### Vision

To be the preferred partner for quality care and health through collaboration and transformation of care delivery

#### Values

Foster trust and transparency \* Quality experiences Financial stewardship \* Leadership in safety, innovation and education Empower & partner with health care team \* Partner with others who value our culture



#### THE WAKE WAY TO EXCELLENCE

### Mental Health Truths



The current system is broken/fragmented and has been for quite some time. The impact to mental well-being following a traumatic event is delayed. Those experiencing crisis have very few paths for care – hospital emergency departments are not the right place for care.

### Mental illness affects all of us.

County, state and federal support has not and will not meet the demand of a growing County.

The current crisis is not a medical issue – it's a societal issue.

WakeMed and the healthcare community can't meet the needs alone. The economic impact of doing nothing is far more costly than an upfront investment in care.



### When There Are Gaps in the System

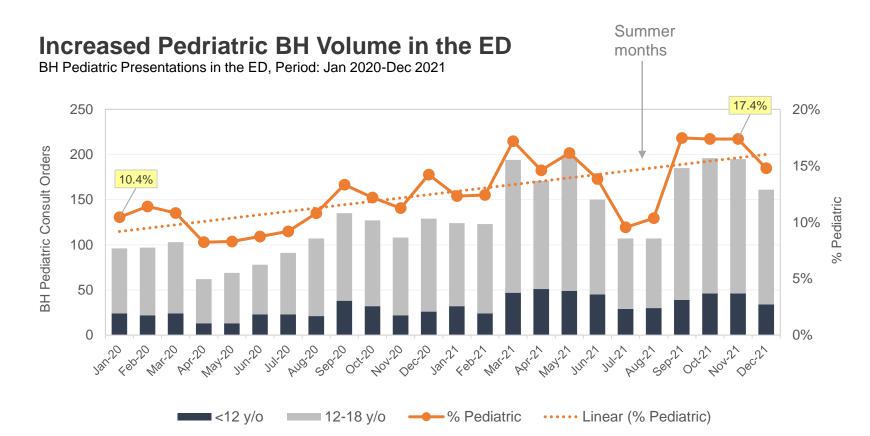
City/Town	Patients	City/Town Population	% Population	Total ED Visits	Patients with a BH Encounter	Behavioral Health ED Visits for		
						Any BH Condition	Suicidal/Homici al Ideations	<sup>d</sup> Overdoses
Арех	9,420	58,780	16.0%	13,220	391	538	(101)	31
Cary	14,015	171,012	8.2%	19,992	754	922	219	56
Fuquay Varina	6,572	34,152	19.2%	9,754	312	386	93	19
Garner	9,014	31,159	28.9%	14,911	360	453	115	30
Holly Springs	4,257	41,239	10.3%	5,989	214	275	66	19
Knightdale	4,693	19,435	24.1%	7,255	218	285	71	14
Morrisville	2,622	29,423	8.9%	3,696	115	148	37	6
Raleigh	66,210	466,106	14.2%	111,696	4,123	6,192	1,672	340
Rolesville	963	9,475	10.2%	1,357	49	56	10	1
Wake Forest	8,528	46,097	18.5%	12,387	419	562	140	36
Wendell	3,452	9,793	35.2%	5,352	184	225	49	27
Zebulon	4,273	6,903	61.9%	6,778	242	307	74	16
TOTAL	134,019	923,574	14.5%	212,387	7,381	10,349	2,647	595

Acuity is also increasing. Higher rates of patients presenting with an overdose (68%) or because of suicidal/homicidal ideations or attempts (28%)

### Gaps Widened by a Pandemic

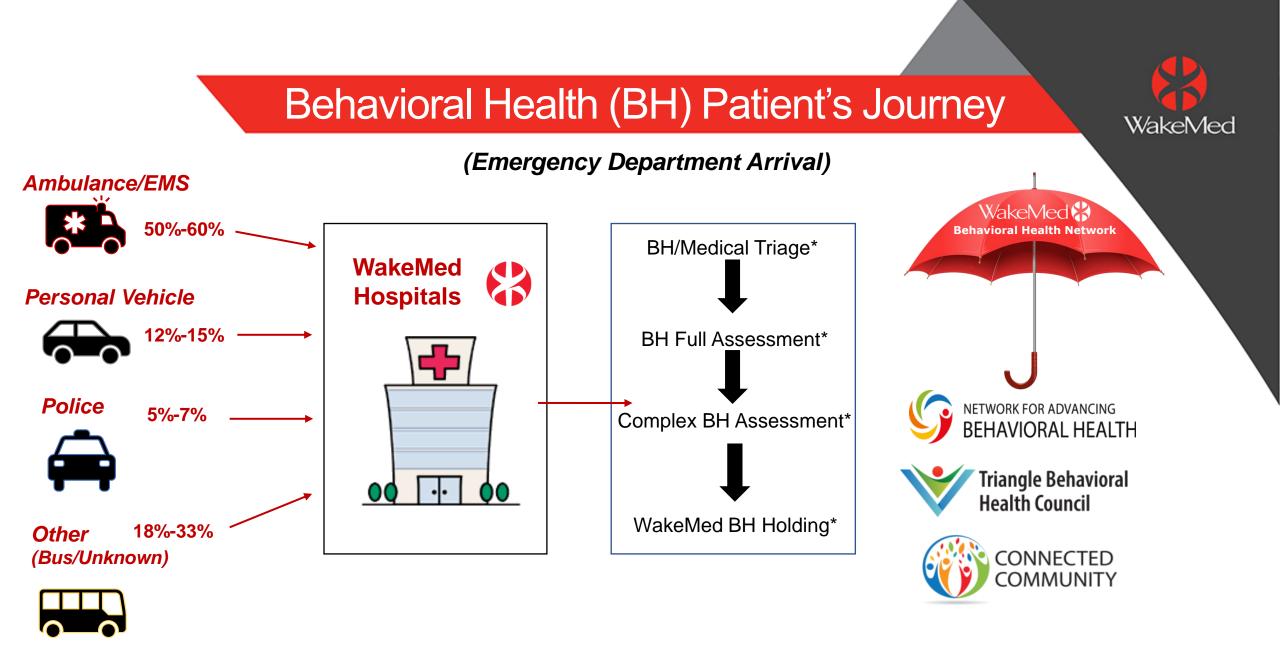


The behavioral health toll in children/adolescents during the COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly high, with <u>+66% increase</u> in ED presentations for this age group.



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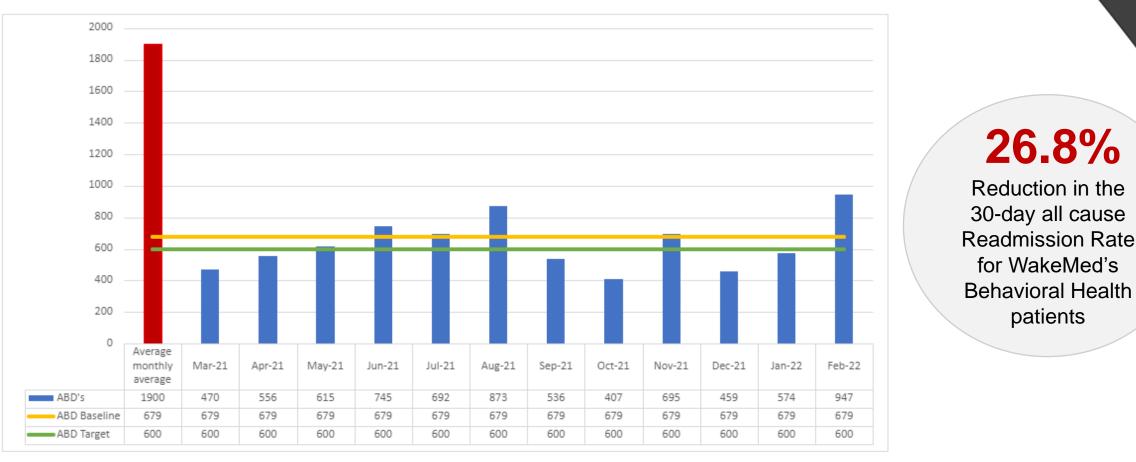
Avg. number of children/month from Wake County presenting in the ED because of a BH/SU condition during the last quarter of 2021



\*At any point in the patients WakeMed journey they can be referred to the resources of the WakeMed Behavioral Health Network (WMBHN)



### Getting to the Right Treatment More Quickly



71% increase in getting patients to the treatment they need and deserve!

# Our Key Next Steps



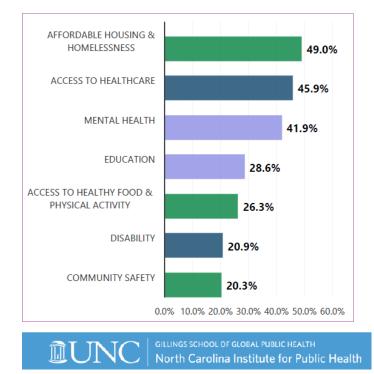
- 1. Continue to grow the WakeMed Behavioral Health Network in order to meet the needs of the community.
- 2. Enhance our technology platform that supports and connects the WMBHN members.
- 3. Evaluate adding more human capital to the WMBHN.
- 4. Conduct community-wide benefit study on the impacts of our collective efforts completed by a neutral third party. Could open the door to potential outside funding options (federal/state grants, philanthropic organizations, gifts/grants, etc.)
- 5. Evaluate developing a new Behavioral Health Hospital that would deliver high quality compassionate care to <u>all</u>.

### Why We Need Municipalities for Help



- Your residents are telling you and us, it's important.
- Local municipalities can invest one-time ARPA funds in mental health services, with local non-profits.
- Investing ARPA funds is a visible commitment to a community culture reducing stigma and emphasizing the importance of getting care.
- Wake municipalities have a track record of acting beyond mandated services when the issue is a community priority.
- Our current mental health system can't be transformed solely through the health care environment. We must also address the social determinants of behavioral health – many of which are in the scope of local government services.

#### **Overall Votes**



# How Your Investment Would be Used



- Expanding the outpatient network to add more services, more providers – more patients can be seen, stabilized and on the way to healing.
- Expand technology platform capabilities of the WMBHN in order to provide even greater and more timely access to the care they need and deserve.
- Provides budget flexibility to allow WakeMed to make the large capital investment in a new inpatient psychiatric hospital.



\$1,735,000 or 10% of your total ARPA Funds



# Questions