



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

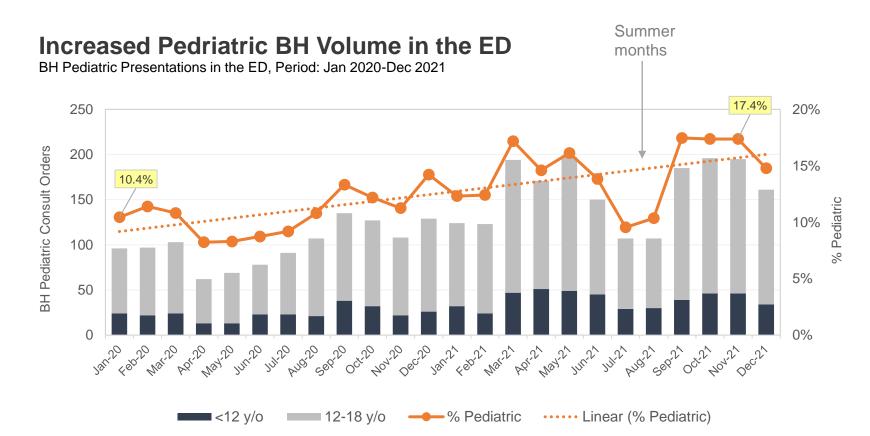
City/Town	Patients	City/Town Population	% Population	Total ED Visits	Patients with a BH Encounter	Behavioral Health ED Visits for		
						Any BH Condition	Suicidal/Homici al Ideations	^d Overdoses
Арех	9,420	58,780	16.0%	13,220	391	538	(101)	31
Cary	14,015	171,012	8.2%	19,992	754	922	219	56
Fuquay Varina	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

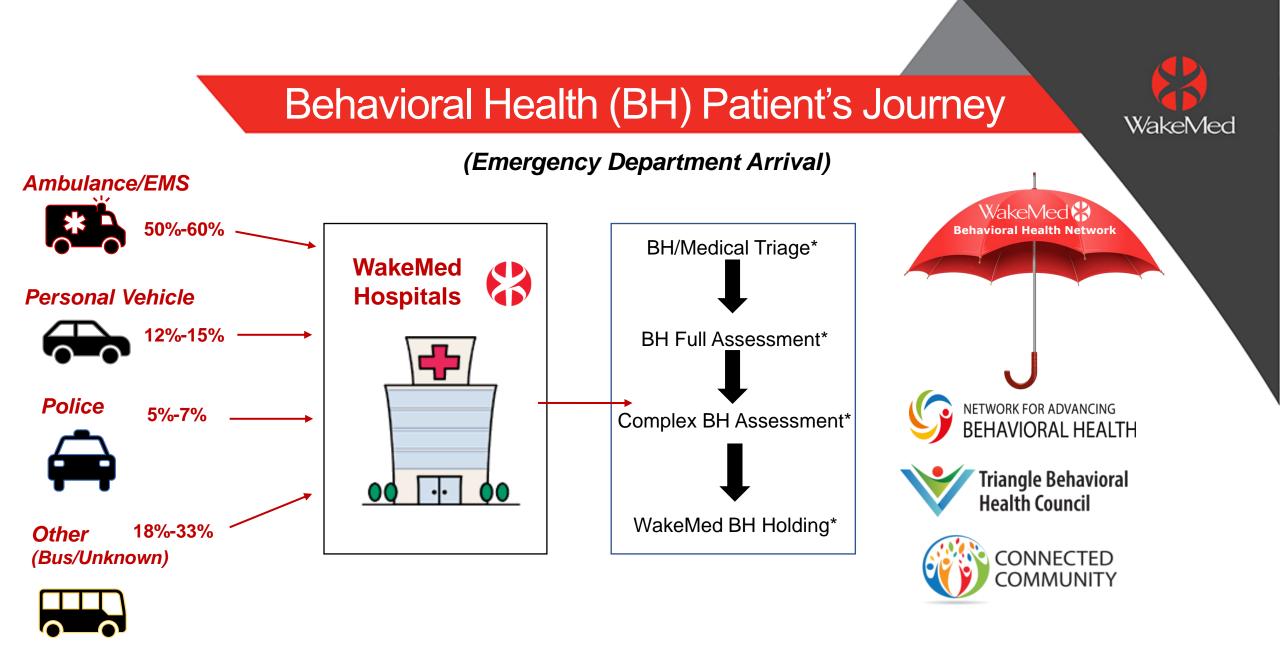


The behavioral health toll in children/adolescents during the COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly high, with <u>+66% increase</u> in ED presentations for this age group.



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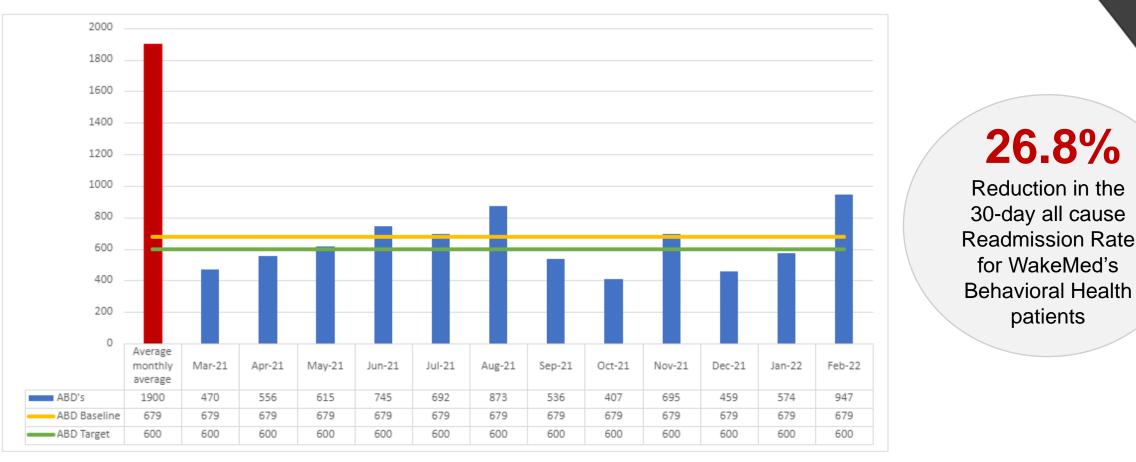
Avg. number of children/month from Wake County presenting in the ED because of a BH/SU condition during the last quarter of 2021



*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



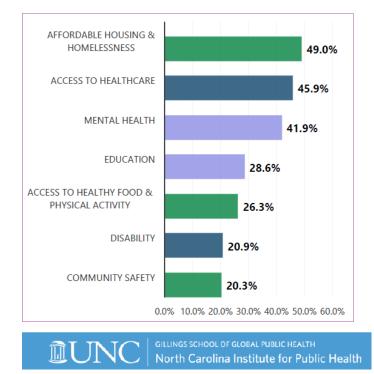
- 1. Continue to grow the WakeMed Behavioral Health Network in order to meet the needs of the community.
- 2. Enhance our technology platform that supports and connects the WMBHN members.
- 3. Evaluate adding more human capital to the WMBHN.
- 4. Conduct community-wide benefit study on the impacts of 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