Key Health Issue Background Information

WNC Health Network is an alliance of stakeholders working together, with partners, to improve health and healthcare.
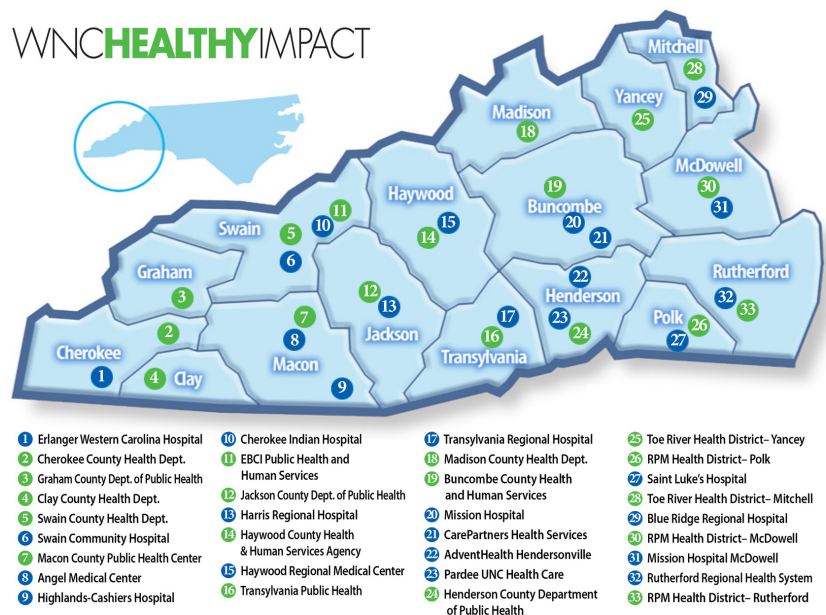
In over 25 years of partnership, we have worked together across facilities and systems to support best practices and innovate towards excellence.

Together, we contribute to healthy and thriving communities and care systems by:
- Strengthening local and regional capacity to improve health
- Aligning and connecting key partners for greater impact
- Focusing on measurable results

ABOUT WNC HEALTHY IMPACT

WNC Healthy Impact is a partnership and coordinated process between hospitals, public health agencies, and key regional partners in western North Carolina, working towards a vision of improved community health. We are working together locally and regionally on a community health improvement process to assess health needs, develop collaborative plans, take coordinated action, and evaluate progress and impact. We've been doing this together successfully for more than 8 years, becoming a national leader in the field.

WNC **HEALTHY** IMPACT

1. Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital
2. Cherokee County Health Dept.
3. Graham County Dept. of Public Health
4. Clay County Health Dept.
5. Swain County Health Dept.
6. Swain Community Hospital
7. Macon County Public Health Center
8. Angel Medical Center
9. Highlands-Cashiers Hospital
10. Cherokee Indian Hospital
11. EBCI Public Health and Human Services
12. Jackson County Dept. of Public Health
13. Harris Regional Hospital
14. Haywood County Health & Human Services Agency
15. Haywood Regional Medical Center
16. Transylvania Public Health
17. Transylvania Regional Hospital
18. Madison County Health Dept.
19. Buncombe County Health and Human Services
20. Mission Hospital
21. CarePartners Health Services
22. AdventHealth Hendersonville
23. Pardee UNC Health Care
24. Henderson County Department of Public Health
25. Toe River Health District– Yancey
26. RPM Health District– Polk
27. Saint Luke's Hospital
28. Toe River Health District– Mitchell
29. Blue Ridge Regional Hospital
30. RPM Health District– McDowell
31. Mission Hospital McDowell
32. Rutherford Regional Health System
33. RPM Health District– Rutherford

WHAT IS CHA?

Community health assessment (CHA) is a process which results in a public report that outlines:
(1) Current health indicators and status of the community
(2) Changes in the community
(3) Desired changes to reach a community's health-related results

HOW IT WORKS

Community Survey
Primary Data

- Ran March 2018 through June 2018 in 17 counties in WNC
- Assess specific issues of concern in each county
- Hear from community members about priorities and concerns

Online Key Informant Survey
Primary Data

- Communities share a list of recommended participants (physicians, public health representatives, social service providers, community leaders)
- Key informants are chosen based on their ability to identify primary concerns of the populations with whom they work and within the community
- Input solicited from key informants

Public Health Data
Secondary Data

- Local: County Health Data Books, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Vital Statistics unit, Cancer Registry
- State: NC DETECT, NC Division of Public Health (DPH) Epidemiology Section, Nutrition Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services
- National: US Census, American Community Survey, CDC, National Center for Health Statistics

Regional Prioritization Process
Data Analysis

- Beginning in the fall of 2018 WNCHN analyzed the data using the following criteria to identify significant health issues in our region:
  - Data reflects a concerning trend related to size or severity
  - Significant disparities exist
  - Issue surfaced as a high regional concern
  - WNC data deviates notably from the state, nation, or benchmark

THE RESULT

This process resulted in the identification of ten key regional health issues: asthma, cardiovascular disease, COPD, diabetes, mental health, obesity, oral health, preterm birth, substance misuse, and unintentional falls.

We Welcome Feedback!

Please contact us if you have questions, feedback, or suggestions for additional information to include. Download the 2018 Regional Data Workbook here.

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