



### Progress on CHIP

Jones County Health Department has made made progress on the Behavioral Health and Community Wellness portions of the Community Health Improvement Plan. JCHD received a three year grant from the Office of Rural Health for the Community Health Grant program. This funding has allowed JCHD to support clinic staff that provide direct services to our clients. JCHD is also expanding its Adult Health Services program to offer acute care for County Employees, with a short term goal of providing these services to all county residents.

JCHD has been involved in the County's Opioid Settlement funding by facilitating meetings related to the allocation of funds. These funds help to address opioid use disorder in Jones County. The aim of this funding is to support and care for those with OUD, and improve local services available. The Health Department received a grant from Trillium Health Resources to provide the opioid reversal drug Naloxone directly to the community. The kits purchased will be dispersed to first responders and residents across the county.

### Morbidity and Mortality Changes Since Last CHA

COVID-19 has continued to have an effect on morbidity and mortality rates in Jones County. To date, there are 50 reported deaths related to COVID-19 infection. The rate of COVID-19 infections has slowed, but still remains a threat to public health in Jones County.

Opioid overdoses continue to effect county residents at a disproportionate rate when compared to North Carolina. In 2022, Jones County was ranked among the top ten counties experiencing overdose related emergency department visits, fentanyl-positive deaths, and emergency department visits for overdose involving medications or drugs with dependency potential.

### Emerging Issues Since Last CHA

COVID-19 continues to infect residents of Jones County, although at much lower rates since the last CHA. Jones County Health Department is unable to capture an accurate total count of COVID-19 cases as the use of at home test kits have reduced reporting to the Health Department.

The rise of the opioid drug Fentanyl has affected Jones County residents. Fentanyl is commonly found in other opioid and non-opioid drugs, causing a rise in overdoses and opioid related deaths. For the period of October 2021 to September 2022, the NC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner reported 8 fentanyl positive deaths in Jones County.

While Jones County has had no known Mpox (formerly Monkeypox) cases, this emerging threat has affected all surrounding counties. Mpox virus causes flu like symptoms and a rash, and there is no current treatment. Vaccination for at risk populations continues to be the best protection against Mpox infection.

### New/Paused/Discontinued Initiatives Since Last CHA

Jones County Health Department has discontinued direct services for the Care Management for At-Risk Children (CMARC) and Care Management for High Risk Pregnancies (CMHRP) programs. Case management services are currently being provided by Onslow County Department of Health and Human Services for better continuity of care.

Jones County Health Department has begun offering Adult Health services to County Employees under a fee for service model as of April 1, 2023. Beginning July 1, 2023 Adult Health Services for acute care needs will begin seeing all adult county residents. Funding from the Office of Rural Health Community Health Grant will continue to support staff in the clinic.

Jones County Health Department in partnership with the Coastal Coalition for Substance Awareness and Prevention (CCSAP) Jones County Task Force have facilitated overdose reversal trainings in the county to help community residents better understand the signs of an opioid overdose, how to administer the opioid reversal drug Naloxone, and the Good Samaritan law in North Carolina.

### Actions

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