

**Beaufort County Health Department
Board of Health**

July 19, 2022 Meeting

☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

1) Call to Order:

The Beaufort County Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair, Chris Padgett.

Members Present:

- Chris Padgett, OD and Chair
- Robert Belcher, Member-at-large
- Hood Richardson, County Commissioner
- Jessica Triche, MD, Physician
- Shelia Slade, RN
- Marty Poffenberger, DVM
- Joe Hooker, Member-at-large
- Stewart Ham, Member-at-large
- Angela Biggs, PharmD
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Members Absent:

- Mark Roy, Engineer
- David Howdy, DDS

Quorum Not Present

Staff present:

- James Madson, Health Director
- Meredith Mobley, Communicable Disease Nurse

Visitors/Public:

- Gerald Seighman

2) Public Comment:

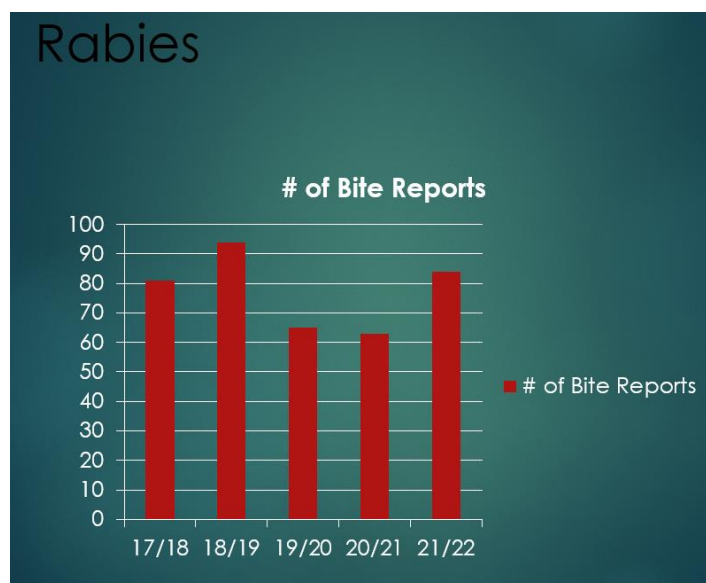
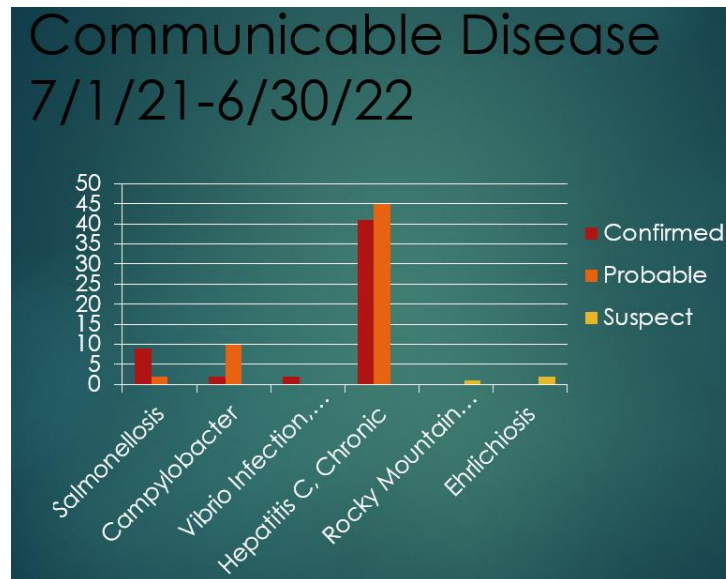
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3) Training/Board Education:

Communicable Disease Report:

FY 2021-2022 Annual Communicable Disease Report presented by Meredith Mobley, Communicable Disease Nurse (Slides 4-16). Meredith presented on COVID-19, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Communicable Diseases, Rabies, and Tuberculosis. The COVID

presentation include case counts and deaths from March 2020-July 2022, the current process with cases, and vaccinations. Meredith provided the Board with Sexually Transmitted Infection statistics for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HIV, and Syphilis), as well as other reported communicable diseases from the review period.



4) Old Business:

Approval of May 17, 2022 meeting minutes:

Chris Padgett asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Shelia Slade to approve the minutes as written. Jessica Triche provided a second to the motion which passed with all in favor.

Upcoming Board Appointments and Reappointments:

Mr. Madson reviewed the names of the Board members due for reappointment. He stated Mark Roy and David Howdy have all agreed to serve another term. Motion made by Robert Belcher to approve the reappointments with Joe Hooker providing a second to the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

5) New Business:

Board of Health Policy Review:

The Board of Health reviewed policies as part of the annual policy review process. No revisions or edits were requested. Policies reviewed and approved were:

- Adoption of Rules
- Addressing Performance Issues
- Appeals Process
- Public Participation
- Delegation of Duties

A motion to accept the Board of Health policies as written was made by Jessica Triche. Shelia Slade provided a second to the motion which passed with all in favor.

Tobacco Free Policy:

Mr. Madson provided the Board with the draft policy "Tobacco Free Policy for Staff, Clients, and Visitors". Mr. Madson explained our current policy prohibits the use of tobacco products within 50 feet of the building. As the draft policy states: *Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States. Secondhand smoke is a well-documented danger to health. The purpose of this policy is to establish a 100% tobacco-free environment for the health of all staff, clients, and visitors.* As a Medicaid provider, we must be a tobacco free campus by December 2022. The health department is recommending the attached policy with an effective date of October 1, 2022. Mr. Madson stated employees as well as clients and visitors will be offered tobacco cessation program assistance to quit.

Hood Richardson asked if we would give time for an employee to smoke. Mr. Madson stated they will have to smoke on their 15-minute breaks or at lunch. Shelia Slade inquired if all staff take breaks and Mr. Madson responded that a lot of staff do take breaks and walk the campus. There was additional discussion related to cell phone use and whether this has impacted staff efficiency. Mr. Madson replied no.

Jessica Triche made a motion to accept the policy change and Angela Biggs provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The policy change approved and supported by the Board of Health will now be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by Mr. Madson. Board was in agreement.

Evaluation for Rules/Ordinances:

Mr. Madson reminded the Board of their rule-making authority that is covered in ongoing trainings. Periodically, the health department staff, and Board need to assess the need for any rules or ordinances related to public health and safety. Mr. Madson asked the Board members for any input or topics they feel need to be considered for a rule or ordinance. Dr. Padgett responded that we could not think of any needed at this time. Hood Richardson stated that a stronger position was needed on the use of illegal drugs as it is a bigger problem impacting society. Mr. Madson stated there will be a discussion later in the meeting related to the opioid settlement and strategic plan. Mr. Madson said this conversation is specifically related to the need for a Board of Health rule or ordinance.

Hood Richardson asked if there is a rule or ordinance that could give a stronger stance on opioids and illegal drugs and the Board needed to think about it. Jessica Triche responded there are laws that address illegal substances so there is no need for a rule or ordinance. Robert Belcher stated it would be more impactful if the Board of County Commissioners addressed the issue. The full Board discussed the issue of opioids and some of the new laws such as the laws related to prescribing opioids. Marty Poffenberger said more treatment facilities are needed. Hood Richardson said he is not disagreeing with the controls on opioids but is talking more about illegal drugs. Mr. Madson said taking a stance would be for example, a letter to the Board of County Commissioners whereas an ordinance would have a fine up to \$50. The Board agreed that fine would not be impactful and that no rule or ordinance was needed.

Hood Richardson made a motion for the Board of Health to send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners supporting stricter penalties for the sell of illegal drugs. There was no second to the motion. Dr. Padgett inquired as to what is currently being done. Mr. Madson recommended inviting Lieutenant Davenport to present at the next Board meeting on drug enforcement and reduction efforts in Beaufort County. The Board agreed. Hood Richardson tabled his motion pending the presentation.

Opioid Settlement Strategic Plan:

Mr. Madson presented the Opioid Settlement Strategic Plan (Slides 21-25). Beaufort County will receive \$3,077,680 over 18 years. Since 2016, Beaufort County has had the Behavioral Health Taskforce (BHTF), members listed on slide 22, that are the experts with opioids and treatments. The settlement money must be focused on evidence-based strategies or treatment as well as be aligned with the objectives of the settlement. The task force has made the following recommendations:

- Collaboratively continue to look for grant and other funding opportunities. Kate B Reynolds grant currently funds the Coordinator for the BHTF for the next 2 years. Thereafter, the recommendation is to use settlement funding to sustain the position.

- Contract for two peer support specialists. Agencies of the BHTF will use these positions to help people transition after treatment.
- Health Educators working to prevent use before starting and more education.
- Impactful projects in the community

Hood Richardson discussed using opioid settlement funding along with other counties to borrow enough money to have a treatment facility. Mr. Madson replied that is not the recommendation of the taskforce. Hood Richardson asked what the recommendation of the Board of Commissioners is, and Mr. Madson stated they will vote on it next month. Hood Richardson stated he will be voting to leverage the money to get a treatment facility and feels this is going in the wrong direction. Jessica Triche stated ECU announced an inpatient facility to serve the region will be open by 2025. Hood Richardson said this would address mental health, not drugs.

Hood Richardson made a motion to not support the four recommendations and move forward with a collaborative of with other counties to form a district to provide a treatment facility with real relief. There was no second to the motion.

Jessica Triche made a motion to accept the four recommendations. Marty Poffenberger provided a second to the motion. The motion passed with Hood Richardson voting no.

Budget Amendments:

Mr. Madson requested Board approval for the following budget amendment:

- \$95,000 Community Health Grant
- \$500 WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
- \$5,710 ECU Health/Beaufort Hospital Community Benefits Grant
- \$5,113 WIC Client Services Funding
- \$95,453 Enhancing Detection Activities Funding (AA 543 Rollover)
- \$21,341 Communicable Disease Pandemic Recovery Funding (AA 546 Rollover)

A motion was made by Marty Poffenberger to accept the budget amendments as presented and a second to the motion was provided by Stewart Ham. The motion passed with all in favor, and none opposed.

New Fees:

Mr. Madson requested Board approval on new fees:

CPT Code	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
0081A	Pfizer Pediatric 1 st Dose COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Fee	\$0	\$20.00
0082A	Pfizer Pediatric 2 nd Dose COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Fee	\$0	\$30.00
0083A	Pfizer Pediatric Booster Dose COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Fee	\$0	\$30.00

A motion was made by Angela Biggs to accept the fee revisions as presented and a second to the motion was provided by Jessica Triche. The motion passed with all in favor, and none opposed.

6) Strategic Planning:

Mr. Madson provided an update on the strategic plan (handout). The health department staff are still focused and working on efforts to move forward. COVID-19 caused delays.

7) Financial Reports:

One financial report was reviewed and discussed with the Board:

1. FY 21-22 End of Year Expenditures (as of 7/8/22):
 - Expenditures \$4,867,659.36 (84% to budget)
 - Total Budget \$5,806,110

8) Health Director's update:

Mr. Madson gave the following updates:

- The health department is hosting a Blood Drive on August 1st from 10am-3pm
- Community Health Work
 - As part of the Kate B Reynolds grant, the Community Health Workers program meets monthly. It is currently attended by approximately 30 health workers and advocates. Eleven completed the certification program at Beaufort County Community College. The goal is to educate them on health topics (last month was medical directives) and have them go back into their communities and provide education, health fairs, policy changes, etc. The goal is healthier communities.

9) Adjournment of meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm with Joe Hooker motioning for the meeting to be adjourned and Angela Biggs providing the second to the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Minutes recorded by:

Sara Graham

Sara Graham, Business Officer
Beaufort County Health Department

Minutes approved by the Board of Health on September 20, 2022:

Chris Padgett, OD

Chris Padgett, OD (Sep 22, 2022 11:54 EDT)

Chris Padgett, OD
Board of Health Chair

Beaufort County Board of Health

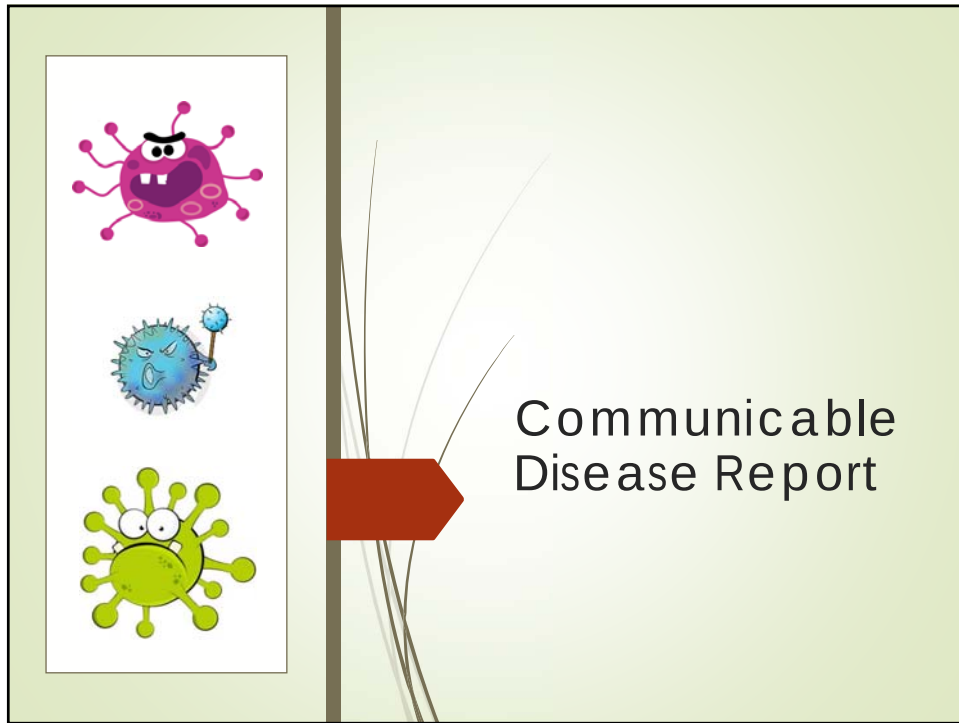
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Agenda

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Training/Education –
Communicable Disease
Report
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Strategic Planning
- ❖ Financial Reports
- ❖ Health Director's update

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- ▶ COVID-19
- ▶ Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- ▶ Communicable Diseases
- ▶ Rabies
- ▶ Tuberculosis

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COVID-19

- ▶ Beaufort County Health Department started obtaining specimens for testing for COVID-19 on March 11, 2020.
- ▶ In November 2020 we began coordinating with Optum to be the primary source for specimen collection to take that workload off BCHD.
- ▶ The current schedule for COVID-19 Testing is via a drive-through setting @ 810 Hackney Avenue – Temple of Jesus Christ Family Life Center. Monday through Friday 9:00am-6:00pm

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COVID-19

▶ Cases & Deaths

▶ 03/07/2020-07/09/2022

- ▶ NC has a total of 2,919,068 confirmed cases with 25,395 deaths.
- ▶ Beaufort County has 13,559 confirmed cases with 178 deaths.

▶ 06/30/2021-07/01/2022

- ▶ Cases: 8,675
- ▶ Deaths: 72

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COVID-19 Process

- ▶ BCHD is currently keeping a daily average of COVID-19 cases of Beaufort County residents.
- ▶ We are no longer conducting interviews on individual cases or contact tracing.
- ▶ BCHD also monitors Greenville Wastewater data and CDC Community Spread Indicators.
- ▶ We are reporting outbreaks and clusters to the state as they arise.

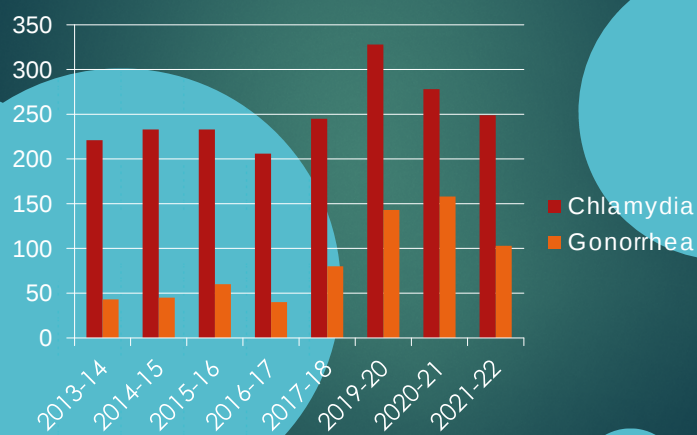
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COVID-19 Vaccination

- ▶ BCHD is now providing the COVID-19 vaccine for children (starting @ 6 months) and adults by appointment only in our regular clinic schedule.
- ▶ Most pharmacies and some doctor's offices are providing the vaccine as well.

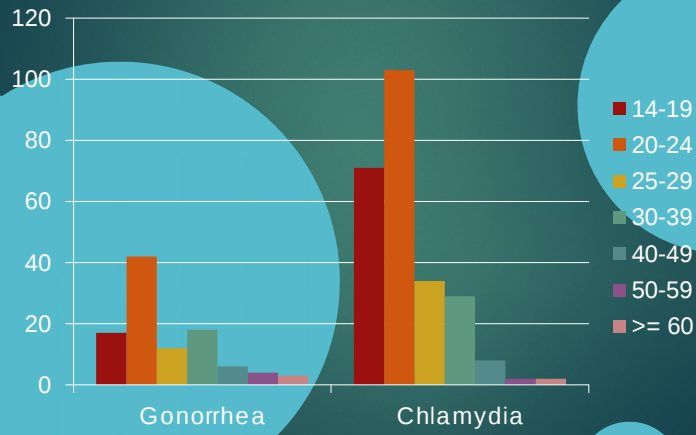
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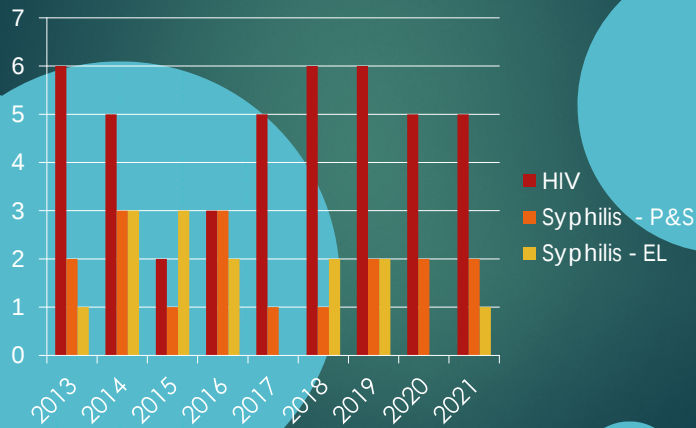
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STD – Gonorrhea/Chlamydia Cases by Age: 7/1/21-6/30/22



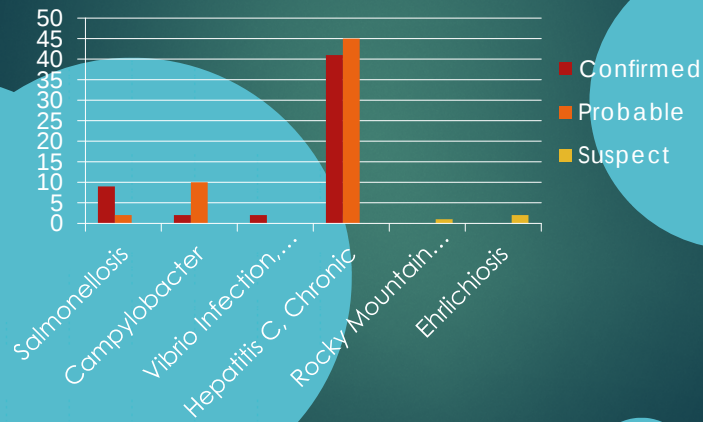
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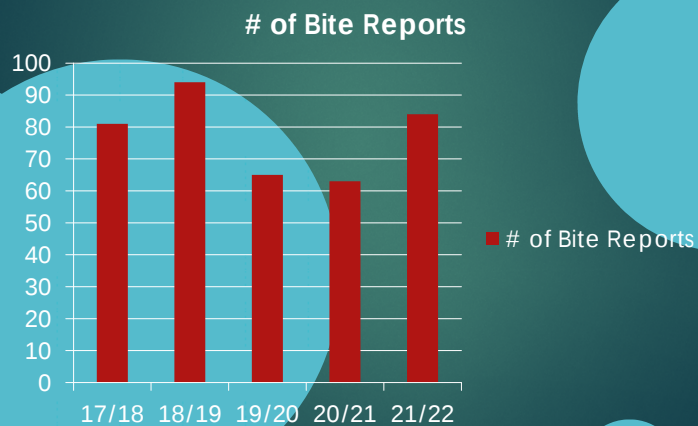
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Communicable Disease 7/1/21-6/30/22



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Rabies



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Tuberculosis 7/1/21 – 6/30/22

- ▶ No Active Pulmonary Cases
- ▶ 7 LTBI started,
 - ▶ 1 stopped tx r/t side effects of medication
 - ▶ 5 finished
 - ▶ 1 still receiving tx

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Resources

- ▶ NC EDSS (NC Electronic Disease Surveillance System)
- ▶ NC HIV/STD Surveillance Reports Vol. 2019, No. 3
 - ▶ [2021 Quarter 3 Report.pdf \(ncdhhs.gov\)](#)
- ▶ <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/cases-and-deaths>

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Old Business

- ❖ Approve minutes of May 17, 2022 meeting
- ❖ Appointment Update
 - ❖ Engineer – Mark Roy
 - ❖ Dentist – David Howdy

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New Business

BOH Policy Review

Tobacco Free Policy

Evaluation for Rules/Ordinances

Budget Amendments

Fee Revisions

Opioid Settlement Strategic Plan

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Budget Amendments FY 22-23

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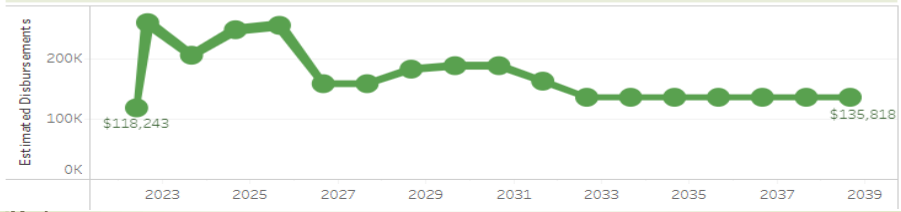
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Settlement Payout Timeline

18 Year Payment to **Beaufort** during 2022-2038:

\$3,077,680

Payments Over Time - **Beaufort**

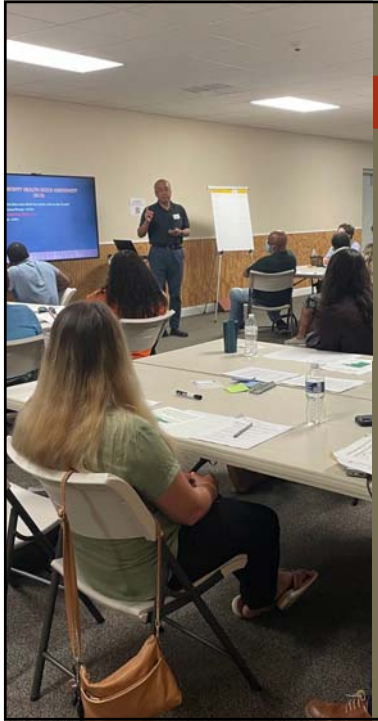


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BC 360 Behavioral Health Task Force Partners

- Beaufort County Health Department
- Trillium Health Resources
- Clear Point
- Agape
- Access East
- Port Human Services
- ECU Health
- NC Department of Commerce/ NC Works
- Washington Housing Authority
- 2nd Judicial District Court
- Department of Social Services
- Beaufort County Schools
- Foundation for Health Leadership & Innovation
- Daughters of Worth
- NC Department of Health and Human Services
- Community Members and Individuals with Lived Experience
- Beaufort County Community College
- East Carolina University
- UNC Chapel Hill
- MDC Rural Forward

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General alignment of the BHTF

- **Mission:** To identify and respond to behavioral health needs in Beaufort County based on evidence-based practices and collaborative action.
- Concentrate first on Beaufort County, but work with region if possible.
- Create a comprehensive prevention campaign
 - Collaborate
 - Prevent misuse
 - Include criminal justice system interventions
 - Transitioning - Intervention

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Recommendations

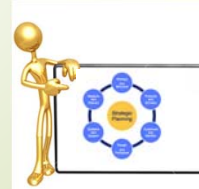
1 A1: Maintain BHTF collaboration	2 B6: Contract for Two Peer Support Specialist	3 G8: Health Education Specialist	4 G10: Look at Project Impacts
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Strategic Planning Moving toward a Shared Health Strategy

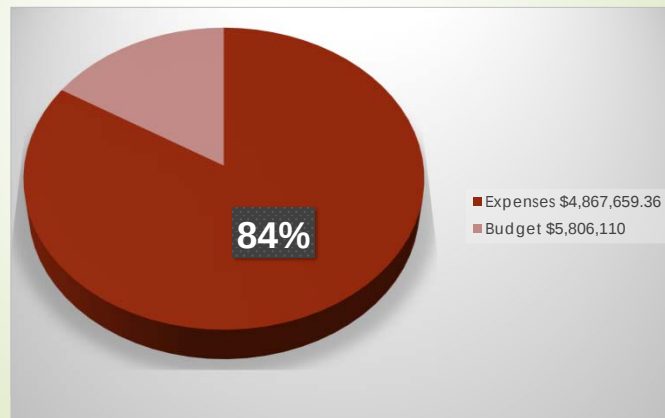
BOH Priority Focus

- ❖ Align BCHD to the Community Priority List
- ❖ Preventative Healthcare and Services
- ❖ Link People to Resources
- ❖ Advocate for Vulnerable Populations



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FY 21-22 End of Year Expenditures (as of July 8, 2022)



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Health Director's Update

- ❖ Blood Drive (1 August 10:00-3:00)
- ❖ Community Health Work

	Action	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D					
1	Health coaching program worksheet																																													
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3	Mobile dental program worksheet																																													
4	Mobile dental program established																																													
5	Fluoride varnishing program worksheet																																													
6	Fluoride varnishing program implemented																																													
7	Annual Marketing plan updated																																													
8	Analysis of birth percentages in county verses total																																													
9	Increase percentage of deliveries/births in BC by 30%																																													
10	M/BH program worksheet																																													
11	Bring HD into PCI compliance to accept credit cards																																													
12	RN position hired and 1/2 FTE clerical converted to FT																																													
13	Implement M/BH program																																													
14	Serve 100 patients in M/BH program																																													
15	Mental health awareness campaigns																																													
16	Community outreach report																																													
17	Staff training on Mental Health																																													
18	Increase tobacco cessation participants																																													
19	Implement three strategies linking individuals with SUD																																													
20	Implement peer group counseling																																													

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Final Audit Report

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