

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

To develop and implement activities that provide for the well-being of all citizens in a responsive, respectful, and engaged manner

INITIATIVE / PERFORMANCE GOAL

PROJECT UPDATE

Initiative: Expand and increase access to public health and safety services that benefit our most vulnerable populations

Strategy: The Stepping Up Initiative is committed to working to reduce the number of people with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use who are booked into jail - with a focus on early identification, treatment, discharge planning and connection to services and support for those who are in detention

Strategy: The Health Department will establish a Coordinated Community response including organizational structure for support to address the Opioid Epidemic
Goal completed Oct 2018

Updates:

- 1) Recent Cardinal Grant and Private Donation made towards the establishment of The Alamance County Diversion and Restoration Center—and approval to hire a program director for the center
- 2) New software in place for tracking treatment outcomes for inmates with positive screening for mental illness and/or substance use issues who are booked into jail
- 3) Detention center clinical social work position has been established and is providing mental health assessments, treatment, discharge, and re-entry planning
- 4) Establishing a process that connects Veterans who are booked into jail and experiencing mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use, with the appropriate services and resources aimed at reducing jail recidivism and enhancing outcomes to Veterans
- 5) Working with judicial staff, court personnel and the detention center, to establish and pilot a Pre-Trial Release Program; particularly for those low-level, non-violent offenders—particularly those experiencing mental illness and co-occurring substance use; for which treatment is a more effective alternative to incarceration

Update: Opioid Steering Committee has been formed, and 4 work groups have been created (Treatment, Policy, Prevention/Ed, and Harm Reduction). The Steering Committee has submitted a NC DPH grant in September for Harm Reduction consultation and post-overdose response. In addition, the strategic plan and action steps have been completed.

To see all Public Health and Safety goals, please visit the Performance Management website at www.alamance-nc.com/pmp/



Opioid Meeting

165 TRAINED

Community Professionals in Mental Health First Aid and 42 Law Enforcement and First Responders completed Crisis Intervention Team Training since July 2018