



NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

886 Healthy Communities FY26 Agreement Addendum Changes

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FY26 SOW and Performance Measure Changes

III. Reminder: LHDs are required to choose at least one strategy to address from the strategy menu (page 3 of AA).

III. Removed the following strategy from strategy menu:
Support collaborative strategic planning to address substance use, overdose, and related issues and ensure that diverse partners, including people with lived experience, are engaged in the process.

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III.4.a. Expanded sub-strategy options that can be chosen under suicide prevention strategy on strategy menu:

Increase the number of organizations that adopt new policy/practice changes that support suicide prevention. Address at least one of the following sub-strategies:

1. Provide annual suicide prevention community helper training. Acceptable community helper trainings include the following: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST); LivingWorks Start; LivingWorks safeTALK; LivingWorks Faith; Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR); Counseling for Access to Lethal Means (CALM) or Mental Health First Aid training programs.
2. Form a new firearm safety team within the county that addresses public health strategies that include suicide prevention. **(new)**
3. Adopt new protocols for staff response to those at risk of suicide. **(new)**

(Performance Measure: IV.4.a – page 4 of AA)

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III.4.e. Added a new innovative strategy to strategy menu:

Establish new policies and/or practices in communities that support social connectedness. Address at least one of the following sub-strategies:

1. Develop a community plan in collaboration with cross sectoral partners that supports social connectedness and identifies opportunities and gaps for solutions to reduce loneliness and isolation.
2. Increase the number of community organizations that newly offer group exercise programs for Seniors. Acceptable exercise programs include the following: Tai Chi for Arthritis; Walk with Ease group program; AEA Arthritis Foundation Group Exercise Programs (land-based or aquatic program); EnhanceFitness group program; Bingocize, or other evidence-based physical activity group program for seniors approved by the Healthy Communities Program Consultant.
3. Increase the number of schools that establish policies to prevent non-academic use of phones during school hours. This includes communications around the importance of tech free zones that encourage youth to foster in-person friendships.

(Performance Measure: IV.4e. – page 4 of AA)

FY26 Reporting Requirements Changes

IV.7. Reporting Required for Subcontract Information: added by instruction of DPH Contracts office

Questions?