



# **Jail Health Plan Update**

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Board of County Commissioners  
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# NC Law: Jail Health Plans

NC General Statutes 153A-221

10A NC Administrative Code 14J .1001 (updated 2020)

- Developed in consultation with appropriate local officials, including the local health director
- Must be approved by local health director after consultation with area mental health authority
- Upon determination that plan is “adequate to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners,” must be approved by the BOCC
- Local Health Director must review and approve the plan at least annually



# Required Contents of Jail Health Plan

- Description of health services available to residents
- Screening upon admission
- Handling of residents with chronic illnesses
- Routine care related to mental health, developmental and intellectual disability, and substance use disorder
- Handling of communicable disease, including TB and STIs
- Education of staff and residents about HIV
- Administration and control of medications



# Required Contents of Jail Health Plan

- Handling of emergency medical needs (including dental care, SUD, mental health and pregnancy)
- Maintenance of medical records
- Privacy during medical examinations
- Opportunity to communicate health complaints daily; record of complaints and action taken
- Availability of personnel to evaluate needs related to medical and mental health care, SUD and development or intellectual disability



# NC Jail Health Plan Resources

- Jail Health Toolkit
- Jail Medical Plan Guide
- Jail Health Plan Template



# Vital Core Partnership

- Team from MCPH and County Manager's toured medical areas of MCDC with Vital Core Admin team in July
- Vital Core submitted all necessary components for the Jail Health Plan by end of August
- Full plan reviewed and approved by Medical Director and Health Director
- Discussions underway regarding:
  - Medical Assisted Treatment Initiation in the Jails
  - Improved HIV/STI testing and Linkage to Care in partnership with MCPH



# Vital Core Jail Health Plan

## Submitted items:

- General policies and procedures for provision of health services, including chronic illness, mental health and substance use, and developmental disability management
- Staffing levels are sufficient
- Contracts in place for key specialty services
- Electronic health record and pharmacy transitions complete
- Infection Prevention Control Plan and Manual
- Medical Emergency Response Plan
- Key individual/position contacts
- Detailed spreadsheet documenting task completion

