**Rationale/Need**

- Nearly 18% of children in NC and 22% of children in Pitt County live in poverty.
- Screening for SDoH has been shown beneficial.
- WE CARE represents an innovative step towards acknowledging patient’s unmet social needs and connecting them with local resources.
- The overall aim of this project is to improve accessibility of resources to our patients within the ECU Pediatric Outpatient Clinic.

**Methods**

- Families with children between the ages of 2 months and 10 years were screened for SDoH during their child’s well visit at the ECU Pediatric Outpatient Clinic utilizing the WE CARE Screener.
- The WE CARE identifies unmet needs in 6 areas: education, employment, food security, housing, childcare, and utilities.
- Utilizing NCCare360, a statewide online coordinated care network, a family resource booklet was created to refer families to community resources.
- 80 families were enrolled in the intervention arm of trial to assess whether their connection with resources was sustained.

**Results**

- **WE CARE Patient Enrollment**

**Evaluation Plan**

- Evaluation of the data from the implementation of the WE CARE project will not be complete prior to May 2022. To date, over 300 patients have completed the screener surveys.

**Impact/Lessons Learned**

- Community resource booklets will provide patients with greater access to resources within Eastern North Carolina.
- Future directions with the project could include creating an improved screener survey, as well as the addition of resources within neighboring counties that patients may travel from including Martin, Greene, or Lenoir counties.
- The addition of the WE CARE Project to the ECU Outpatient Peds clinic should ensure that all aspects of the enrolled patient’s well-being is addressed to provide the most thorough care throughout the progression of childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

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