

Digital Opportunity in the A.M.Y. Region

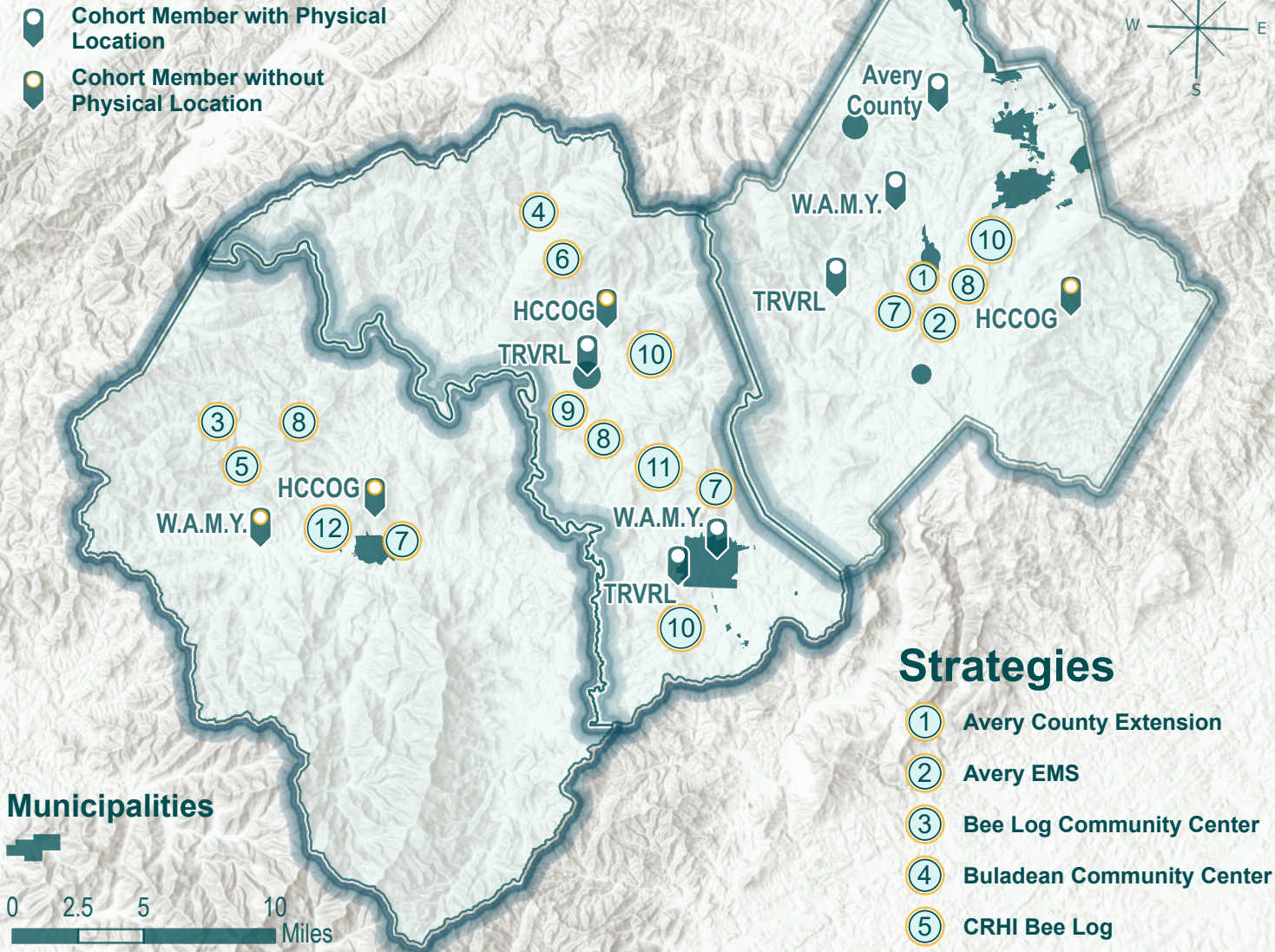
Connection and Engagement for All

A Dogwood Health Trust Initiative



Cohort Members

- Cohort Member with Physical Location
- Cohort Member without Physical Location



Municipalities



Strategies

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CORE THEMES:



Community Building



Digital Navigation



Workforce



Telehealth



Reentry Support

1 AVERY COUNTY EXTENSION



Replication of Mitchell County Extension's Teens Teaching Tech program. Teens Teaching Tech is a national 4-H initiative that empowers both youth and older adults through intergenerational connection centered on digital skills and connectivity.

2 AVERY EMS



Installation of Wi-Fi capabilities on ambulances to be able to access technology to connect with medical services in the field and better serve residents with more effective, efficient, and thorough care. This would also allow specialist (including mental health and behavioral) to remotely assist in care.

3 BEE LOG COMMUNITY CENTER



Continuation of Starlink subscriptions costs in partnership with Information Technology Disaster Resource Center to allow for sufficient bandwidth and security for Bee Log's telehealth clinic, public Wi-Fi access point, and on-site device access (provided by HCCOG).

4 BULADEAN COMMUNITY CENTER



Creation of a Business Center with publicly accessible desktops, large-screen TV for presentations, printer/scanner/copier capabilities, and on-site digital skills support. This physical space will also be used to host digital skills courses and workshops with "learn to earn" possibilities in the future (Mitchell County Extension).

5 CRHI BEE LOG



Supporting staff of Center for Rural Health Innovation's (CRHI) Health-e Schools Initiative. CRHI will be expanding services within their existing footprint to provide mental health services in addition to the acute services currently provided. They will be able to undertake this new initiative to "layer" on additional services within their pre-existing footprint.

6 CRHI BULADEAN



Replication of strategy at Bee Log Community Center.

7 FREEDOM LIFE MINISTRIES



Empowering individuals in reentry through reentry kits (Our Journey 2gether) and smartphones (Shine Electronics) with a free and low cost plan option (Helium Mobile). Smartphones will be distributed to program-involved clients with reentry kits going to single-service clients. This initiative involves coordination with both the Mediation and Restorative Justice Center and W.A.M.Y. Community Action.

8 HCCOG DEVICES



Acquisition and distribution of devices (laptops and smartphones) through community partners.

9 MITCHELL COUNTY EXTENSION



Mitchell County 4-H will implement Teens Teaching Tech through a series of digital literacy workshops at the Mitchell County Senior Center and Toe River Valley Regional Library. This program will also provide bilingual training with The Shepherd House and create a laptop lending program.

10 TRVRL SHUSHBOOTHS



Publicly accessible and reservable privacy pods in all TRVRL locations for interviews, meetings, telehealth appointments, and sensory grounding. TRVRL can provide an internet connection, device, and support.

11 THE HIVE



The Hive is an after-school program at the Spruce Pine Housing Authority Walnut Avenue Apartments in Spruce Pine. Art programs are done in conjunction with Penland School of Crafts. A recent focus group of residents for a strategic plan by The Hive led the team to prioritize the following: acquiring visual and audio equipment for training and modular furnishings for adaptable uses of the community room. Expanding upon homework help to include digital skills training for kids, families, and residents of any age.

12 YANCEY COUNTY EXTENSION



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