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NAMI Wake County supports removing barriers and allowing providers to demonstrate the need in other formats. However, the issue of people not being served is much larger than the number of beds available. To help meet needs, facilities need to be able to afford adequate staffing, there needs to be an increase in tele-health opportunities, and measures need to be in place so that there is equity in care regardless of payer source.

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