

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Funding of \$115,000 for Data Sharing Project

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates in the General Fund funding totaling \$115,000 for the Wake County Emergency Medical Services data sharing project with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates funding awards to County departments. This award supports Community Paramedicine Behavioral Health Crisis Response.

Background: In Spring 2016, the EMS Department began a project with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare as part of a broader effort involving all Local Management Entities / Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCOs) across the state. The North Carolina Legislature provided funding to all LME/MCOs willing to work with the EMS providers within their specific service areas. The purpose of the project was to evaluate the effectiveness of EMS agencies providing patient navigation and alternative destination away from hospital emergency departments for patients in mental health and substance use crisis.

Wake County's commitment is to provide data to Alliance in a specified format. Reimbursement for participating in the project is based on a fee schedule established by the NC Legislature, linked to the number of qualifying patient contacts for which each EMS service provided data. Based on the number of patient contacts and data provided, the initial 2016 project provided \$77,362. This was followed by \$98,839 in FY2017 and \$76,547 in FY 2018.

Board Goal: This action complements multiple initiatives in the Community Health goal area related to service collaboration, including CH1.4.

Fiscal Impact: The agreement provides an additional \$115,000 for project participation. There is no matching funds requirement. Appropriation will be in the General Fund. Funding will be used to purchase equipment supporting EMS programs.

Additional Information:

None.

Attachments:

1. Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Professional Services Contract
2. Budget Memo