

**Item Title:** Agreement for Wake County's Operational Support of Receipt of the Strategic National Stockpile

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to sign the multi-year Contract between Wake County and North Carolina Public Health in support of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) operations.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners approves multi-year agreements.

**Background:** Wake County participates in many federally sponsored emergency planning activities. In the early 2000's, Wake County, as a Metropolitan Medical Response System jurisdiction, was required to develop operational plans for direct receipt of the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile (NPS). The NPS is a mobile stockpile of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies applicable to a wide range of disasters and emergencies. In 2006, the US Public Health Service changed their operational approach to send the NPS only to State agencies, who then distribute the supplies and drugs to localities across the State. This change requires states and localities to update their operating agreements. This action authorizes the County Manager to execute a new 5-year agreement outlining the responsibilities of both parties regarding receipt, staging and storage of materials.

**Board Goal:** None.

**Fiscal Impact:** This item has no immediate financial impact. Should an emergency event occur, the County would receive reimbursement from the State for any costs.

**Additional Information:**

As Wake County had already developed a plan, and was co-located with the State Capital and NC Public Health offices, the State asked if they could adopt Wake County's plan with modifications to reflect primary responsibilities lying with the State. Since 2008, Wake County and NC Public Health have been cooperatively operating the Receipt, Staging & Storage (RSS) site within Wake County. This partnership proved effective and beneficial during the H1N1 Outbreak in 2009 and more recently, during the ongoing COVID-19 response.

This robust partnership also includes participation from the US Marshal's Service, Raleigh Police Department, Wake County Sheriff's Office, Wake County Public School System, Wake County Public Health, NC Highway Patrol, North Carolina National Guard, NC Office of EMS, NC Emergency Management and Wake County based fire departments.

This Agreement is for a 5-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

No funding is provided up front to Wake County. All equipment, planning and material training costs are paid for directly by NC Public Health. All maintenance, repairs and damage are paid directly by NC Public Health. However, whether a State of Emergency is declared or not, Mutual Aid Agreements are in place with the State of North Carolina that permit the reimbursement of personnel, supplies and material costs incurred by the County. The Contract specifically states that under non-emergency conditions, such as exercises, State PH shall amend the contract to cover personnel and related costs to the County.

**Attachments:**

1. NCDHHS SNS Contract