

Item Title: Approval of Amendment to Funding Agreement with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare for UNC Health Care Behavioral Health Services at WakeBrook

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute an amendment to the Funding Agreement with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare for UNC Health Care Behavioral Health Services at WakeBrook for fiscal year 2018, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Item Summary:

In July 2015, Wake County, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and UNC Health Care entered into a joint funding agreement for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017. The funding agreement expired on June 30, 2017. The Board is requested to approve an amendment to the funding agreement that will continue the terms of the prior agreement with an extension to June 30, 2018. The County's annual funding commitment for this agreement will be held constant at \$10,700,912.

Wake County, UNC Health Care and Alliance Behavioral Healthcare began a joint commitment for the provision of services at the WakeBrook campus in 2013. UNC Health Care operates crisis and assessment services, two 16-bed residential programs and a 28-bed inpatient program. Wake County will provide \$10,700,912 to Alliance to support the operations of these programs. Alliance will provide funds to UNC Health Care as expenses are incurred. It is anticipated that there will not be enough funds to cover the costs of the programs; UNC Health Care will cover the budget shortfall.

The four programs operated by UNC Health Care at WakeBrook include the following:

Crisis and Assessment Services (CAS) are integrated services that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to respond to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. CAS services include walk-in crisis services, screening and assessment, crisis intervention and stabilization services. CAS provides the community diversion from unnecessary psychiatric hospitalization, hospital emergency departments, Wake EMS and the Wake County jail.

The *Facility Based Crisis Program* provides an alternative to hospitalization for adults who have a mental illness or substance abuse disorder. This is a 24-hour residential facility with 16 beds that provides support and crisis services in a community setting. Recipients in crisis receive short-term intensive evaluation, treatment intervention or behavioral management to stabilize acute or crisis situations.

The *Addiction Treatment Center (ATC)* is a 24-hour dual diagnosis substance abuse residential treatment program that provides evidence based, non-hospital treatment in a group structured living environment for adult citizens of Wake County. The ATC's recovery program is individualized. The typical length of stay is nine days and includes

an extensive treatment team that partners with patients to develop an individualized plan to capitalize on the patients strengths.

The *Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Unit* provides short-term psychiatric inpatient care to adults. The primary clinical focus of the unit is on the short-term stabilization of acute psychiatric disorders emphasizing discharge and disposition planning to help patients move quick to less restrictive alternatives to care.

These programs and services and combined with other innovative services offered by UNC Health Care at WakeBrook to provide comprehensive, integrated care for vulnerable Wake County residents on one campus.

In FY2017, Wake County conducted an assessment to assist Wake County, Alliance, UNC Health Care and community stakeholders in working towards a sustainable approach to the programs and services at WakeBrook. Highlights of this assessment and next steps will be shared with the Board of Commissioners at an upcoming Work Session on behavioral health.

Attachments:

1. Proposed FY2018 Second Amendment to agreement between UNCHCS, Wake County and Alliance Behavioral Healthcare
2. Approved 2016-2017 Funding Agreement