

Item Title: Accept Additional Funding from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Establish One Full-Time Position for the HIV/STD Community Program

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Accepts and appropriates \$6,058 of revenues and expenditures into the General Fund from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS); and**
- 2. Establishes 1.0 FTE to conduct client's eligibility determination, education and help clients get the needed medications of Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV new infections.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget for a fund.

Background: The NC DHHS, Division of Public Health, Communicable Disease Branch is providing Wake County additional funds to expand program activities and provide copay assistance for low-income and uninsured PrEP clients. Pre-exposure prophylaxis (or PrEP) is medicine taken to prevent getting HIV. PrEP is highly effective for preventing HIV when taken as prescribed. PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by about 99%. PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from injection drug use by at least 74%.

This funding agreement enables Local Health Departments (LHD) to provide high quality, accessible services for eligible persons at high risk for HIV, and persons with substance use disorders. In addition, it increases the capacity of LHD's to address the national HIV prevention goals of reducing new HIV infections, increasing access to care, and reducing HIV-related disparities and health inequities.

Board Goal: The action supports Community Health and Vitality Goal 2: Improve access to affordable, high-quality care for all residents experiencing medical and/or behavioral health challenges.

Fiscal Impact: This Agreement Addendum provides an additional \$6,058 revenue and expenses in the Health and Human Services General Fund budget toward the FY 2023 allocation of \$124,192 already included in the HHS Adopted Budget. This brings the total allocation awarded for FY 2023 to \$130,250.

This additional funding will help convert a temporary position to 1.0 FTE. The position would be fully funded with State revenues, requiring no County funding. There is no matching funds requirement.

Additional Information:

Wake County HHS HIV Clinic is currently providing PrEP services utilizing a contractual temporary position to coordinate and facilitate activities. The HIV PrEP funds will be utilized to provide for a PrEP a permanent Navigator position at WCHHS- HIV/STD Community Program. A permanent staff position is preferred to provide consistency in service and the additional funds from NC DHHS are sufficient to cover the cost of one FTE.

The position will assist clients at-highest risk for HIV by determining eligibility, providing PrEP education to clients, assisting with requisition for PrEP Pharmaceutical Medication Assistance, maintaining and receiving prescriptions, and ensuring linkage to care.

The program scope of work and deliverables consist of:

- Discussing PrEP with at least 1,000 persons at risk for HIV
- Referring at least 150 persons at risk for HIV for PrEP
- Linking at least 75 persons for PrEP services, as evidenced by their attendance at an initial medical appointment
- Ensuring that at least 50% of clients who start PrEP attend one medical appointment for PrEP

HHS intend to expend the PrEP allocation as follows:

Budget Categories	Amount
Other Supplies and Materials	1,290
Travel, Communications, Marketing	2,280
Salaries and Fringes	103,902
Co-Pay Assistance	22,778
Total	\$130,250

The table below displays PrEP funding over the last five fiscal years.

Budget Categories	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
HIV PrEP State Allocation	0	73,848	100,000	100,000	124,192

Attachments:

1. HIV PrEP Public Health Agreement Addendum
2. Budget Memo FY23 – Human Services
3. Budget Memo FY23 – Personnel Ordinance Memo