

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate \$195,645 for EMS Data Sharing Projects

Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$195,645 for EMS data sharing projects into the Grants and Donations Fund.

Item Summary:

The EMS Department has actively participated in several data sharing projects over the past few years. These projects have ranged from community paramedicine program analysis, to mental health and substance abuse, to injury patterns related to motor vehicle crashes.

Alliance

In spring 2016, the EMS Department began a project with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare as part of a broader effort involving all 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 catchment areas. The purpose of the project was to evaluate the efficacy of EMS agencies providing patient navigation and alternative destination away from hospital emergency departments for patients in mental health and substance abuse crisis. Wake County's commitment was to provide data to Alliance in a specified format. Reimbursement for participating in the project was based on a fee schedule established by the NC Legislature and was directly related 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 project provided \$77,362.

Alliance continued the program using its own funding. The attached agreement with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare allows up to an additional \$108,283 in funding for Wake County Emergency Medical Services for their continued participation in the project.

Wake County EMS will be granted up to a total of \$185,645 for its participation in these Alliance projects.

UNC

The EMS Department has also provided crash-related data to the University of North Carolina in support of a grant they received from the Governor's Highway Safety Program to compile and analyze motor vehicle crash data and injury patterns associated with types of crashes. For its participation, EMS has received \$10,000. The EMS Department intends to use this funding to assist with training related costs.

Agency	Funding
Alliance Behavioral Healthcare	\$185,645
University of North Carolina	\$10,000
Total	\$195,645

There is no requirement for matching funds and the only cost to the County is staff time spent on the project.

Attachments:

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