



Board of Commissioners

Work Session Agenda

Monday, February 13, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Wake County Justice Center, Conference Room 2800

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Sig Hutchinson

I. Population Health Task Force – *Sue Lynn Ledford, Wake County Public Health Director, Regina Petteway, Human Services Director, Kim McDonald, Human Services Medical Director*

The 2017 Board of Commissioners Priorities include a Community Health Goal of promoting an effective behavioral and physical health system of care and practice that benefits all residents. This objective is based upon the Robert Wood Johnson model for healthy communities and “building a culture of health.” The Board agreed to consider the implementation of a Population Health Task Force, comprised of diverse stakeholders to develop a comprehensive Wake County Plan for a Culture of Health. This plan will outline how to improve the health and well-being of the residents of Wake County by focusing on policy and strategies to support healthy communities, active life styles and thriving residents by addressing social determinants; the built environment; systems for change and making the healthy choice the easy choice.

Action Requested: That the Board of Commissioners receive the information from staff. The Board will be asked to approve the Population Health Task Force and appointment members at future Board meetings.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Population Health Resources
3. Population Health Outcomes
4. County Health Rankins

II. Integrated Program for Prevention of Drug Overdose and Tobacco Use – *Sue Lynn Ledford, Wake County Public Health Director, Regina Petteway, Human Services Director, Kim McDonald, Human Services Medical Director*

Wake County, like much of the nation, is experiencing an epidemic of heroin and opioid use and overdoses leading to serious public health and socioeconomic consequences. In Wake County, the heroin death rate has increased 433 percent and the prescription opioid death rate has increased 28 percent from 2011 to 2015. Additionally, the total number of deaths from both heroin and prescription use rose from 36 to 68 from 2011-2015. Drug related deaths, however, are only the tip of the iceberg when the epidemic is evaluated holistically. The impact on emergency services, child welfare, and our economy is substantial.



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Recognizing the need for a local multifaceted and collaborative approach to this epidemic, the Wake County Drug Overdose Prevention Coalition formed in November 2015. Co-sponsored by the WCHS Public Health Division and the Wake County Sheriff's Office, the Coalition brought together more than 40 community stakeholders from public health, law enforcement, medical and behavioral health providers, and advocates to address the needs. Action planning by this Coalition, the Community Health Needs Assessment process, and evidence based / evidence informed published guidelines to county leadership and human services officials form the baseline for this proposal.

Action Requested: That the Board of Commissioners receives the information from staff. If supported by the Board, funding for the program would be included in the FY2018 budget.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Program Proposal
3. Program Budget Summary
4. Board Goal Alignment