

Item Title: Modify FY18 Budget for Changes in Child Care Subsidy Payment Responsibilities

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves a budget revision to reduce the Child Care Subsidy appropriation in the General Fund by \$29,574,470 in revenues and expenditures, as the NC Department of Health and Human Services has assumed responsibility for making child care subsidy payments statewide.

Item Summary:

Effective August 2017, with the implementation of NC FAST (North Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology), the NC Department of Health and Human Services assumed the administrative responsibility for making payments directly to all child care providers. As a result, Federal and State funds allocated for child care subsidy no longer pass through County departments of Social Services. This change does not reduce services to children and families nor does it change the allocation of funding available to Wake County.

The intent of Child Care NC FAST implementation was to improve and streamline the application process, provide better case management capabilities across services, and incorporate a new centralized process for collecting time and attendance and making child care payments.

A budget revision is recommended to reduce the fiscal year 2018 appropriation, while maintaining an adequate budget for year to date actual expenditures and revenues at \$3,441,165.

Unit	Description	Amended Budget	Reduction in Revenue and Expense	Revised Budget
144H	Child Day Care Subsidy	28,309,220	(25,261,437)	3,047,783
144H	NC Smart Start	4,706,415	(4,313,033)	393,382
	Total	33,015,635	(29,574,470)	3,441,165

Wake County Human Services continues to administer the program by determining eligibility and assisting families in arranging quality child care. The program is funded by a mixture of state (20%) and federal dollars (80%).

Attachments:

1. Budget Memo