

Item Title: Appropriate \$20,000 of Expenses and Revenues in the EMS Department FY 2018 Operating Budget Associated with a Contract for Service with Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$20,000 of expenses and revenues in the EMS Department FY 2018 Operating Budget.

Item Summary:

The EMS Department's Advanced Practice Paramedic (APP) Program includes a service to the community where APPs conduct "well-person" checks to help at-risk individuals manage their chronic health conditions. An example of this would be an APP making a home visit to a citizen diagnosed with diabetes and conducting a patient assessment and a health and medicine review with the citizen. Another example would be a home visit for a citizen who was recently released from the hospital and may have a gap between when the hospital services end and more long-term home health visits begin. The APPs have the ability to bridge this gap between services and help reduce readmission to the hospital of patients with chronic health conditions.

Since the beginning of the APP program, the EMS Department has worked collaboratively with Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties (CCWJC). The Wake APPs have conducted home visits for a select Wake County resident Medicaid population of CCWJC clients. Beginning in FY 2017 CCWJC has been able to earmark up to \$15,000 of funding, as part of a shared savings model, to cover APP visits to CCWJC clients and has offered to enter into a contract with Wake County to reimburse on a per visit basis. For FY 2018 CCWJC has increased the allowable reimbursement amount up to \$20,000.

There are no matching funds associated with this agreement.

Attachments:

1. Transitional Care Initiative Agreement
2. Budget Memo