

**Item Title:** Amend Resolution Supporting Involuntary Commitment Transportation Services with UNC Health Care System at WakeBrook

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners adopts a second amendment to the resolution supporting involuntary commitment transportation services with UNC Health Care System, a state agency and affiliate entity of UNC on behalf of UNC hospitals, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

**Item Summary:**

North Carolina General Statute 122C-251(g) provides that the Wake County Board of Commissioners may adopt a plan for transportation of persons subject to involuntary mental commitments (respondents) pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 122C of the North Carolina General Statutes.

On June 17, 2013, the Board of Commissioners approved the most recent Wake County Plan for Transportation of Wake County Involuntary Mental Commitment Respondents (attached). N.C.G.S. 122C-251(g) allows the Board of Commissioners to designate trained law enforcement personnel, volunteers or other public or private agency personnel to provide all or parts of the transportation services required by involuntary commitment proceedings, provided such designated persons are trained to ensure the adequate safety and protection of both the public and the respondent.

In January 2015, Wake County authorized UNC Health Care System (“UNCHCS”), a State agency and affiliate entity of UNC on behalf of UNC hospitals to utilize its law enforcement officers and security personnel for this function at their own expense. UNCHCS is authorized to transport respondents between the WakeBrook facilities, Holly Hill Hospital, UNC Hospital’s Chapel Hill facility and Strategic Behavioral Health in Garner, NC (as authorized in the August 7, 2017 resolution to amendment).

UNCHCS has requested that the agreement be further amended to authorize transportation from WakeBrook to and from Triangle Springs Hospital, a new adult inpatient facility in northern Raleigh. Authorizing UNCHCS personnel to provide transportation to the facility would assist UNCHS with linking adults in crisis to appropriate care in a timely manner. While performing these transports, UNCHCS transportation personnel will be required to meet all terms and conditions of the original resolution and the Wake County Plan for Transportation of Wake County Involuntary Mental Commitment Respondents.

The amendment would become effective upon adoption and does not require additional funding from Wake County. The Wake County Sheriff’s Office is responsible for the Wake County Plan for Transportation of Wake County Involuntary Mental Commitment Respondents and supports this request.

**Attachments:**

1. Original Resolution approved January 5, 2015
2. 1st Amendment to the Resolution Supporting Involuntary Commitment Transportation Services with UNC Healthcare System at WakeBrook approved August 7, 2017
3. Proposed 2nd Amendment to the Resolution Supporting Involuntary Commitment Transportation Services with UNC Healthcare System at WakeBrook
4. Wake County Plan for Transportation of Wake County Involuntary Mental Commitment Respondents