

Item Title: Approval of FY2019 Funding Agreements with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare for Behavioral Health Services

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners

- 1. Authorizes the County Manager to enter into a funding agreement not to exceed \$18,531,388 with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare that provides funding for behavioral health services subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney, and;**
- 2. Authorizes the County Manager to enter into a tri-party funding agreement not to exceed \$10,700,912 with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and UNC Health Care that provides funding for behavioral health services at WakeBrook campus subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: Wake County contracts with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare to engage the services of community providers for specific programs and services that might not otherwise be available to Wake County residents. The Board is asked to approve two annual contracts. The first is a contract with Alliance in the amount of \$18,531,388 for services described below. The second contract is a \$10,700,912 tri-party agreement with UNC Health Care and Alliance. UNC Health Care provides services at Wake County's WakeBrook campus and requests a tri-party funding agreement to reflect the commitment from all three parties.

Background: Since 2012, Wake County has provided local county resources to Alliance Behavioral Healthcare to assist in the provision of mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse (MH/DD/SA) services in Wake County. Wake County and Alliance work together to establish the service areas that will receive County funding and leverage state and federal dollars. These services address identified gaps in the service continuum in the key areas of crisis services, criminal justice, housing, familiar faces and system access/coordination. The FY2019 contracts total \$29,232,300 and include funding for new programs including a behavioral health urgent care and mobile crisis outreach for first responders and expands the school based mental health team.

Board Goal: This action supports the Board of Commissioners' goal of: Promote an effective behavioral and physical health system of care and practices that benefits all residents.

Fiscal Impact: The contract amounts are included in the approved FY2019 County budget. The allocation anticipates drawing approximately \$3.5 million from the County's designated Behavioral Health fund balance.

Additional Information:

Contract with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare = \$18,531,388

Wake County will provide Alliance with up to \$18,531,388 in FY2019 for the purchase of services supporting six service categories and administrative fees. A brief description of each category is identified below with the associated County funds that will support each program. Alliance will enter annual contracts with community providers. Alliance will pay each provider as services are delivered and Wake County will reimburse Alliance on a quarterly basis. Funds unspent at the end of the fiscal year are moved to a designated fund balance for future support of behavioral health services. The funding agreement requires Alliance to obtain approval from Wake County if funds need to be moved between the programs. Alliance oversees service quality and performance outcomes and is required to provide Wake County with regular program performance reports.

Funding Category	Amount
Crisis Services	\$ 8,668,000
Treatment	\$ 4,789,011
Criminal Justice	\$ 1,341,446
Residential	\$ 1,120,344
Supports	\$ 1,937,591
Recovery	\$ 385,567
Administrative Support	\$ 289,429
Total	\$18,531,388

Crisis Services *\$8,668,000*

Crisis services will provide funding for inpatient psychiatric care and partial hospitalization at Holly Hill Hospital, and up to \$850,000 in funding for a new mobile crisis resource for first responders.

Treatment *\$ 4,789,011*

Treatment will fund outpatient services for adults who have a behavioral health diagnosis or co-occurring MH/SA diagnoses and have no payor source. Services will be available in Raleigh, Cary and each regional center. Services included assessments, individual and group therapy, and medication management. Additionally, funding will be used to support special needs of families/children in the foster care system. Up to \$750,000 will support a new Behavioral Health Urgent Care clinic in Wake County that will provide walk in behavioral health services with evening hours during the week and some weekend hours.

Criminal Justice *\$ 1,341,446*

Support for the criminal justice system will include a continuum of treatment including forensic mental health consultation within the detention setting, court consultation and

outpatient/post-release treatments of adults who have criminal justice system involvement.

Residential \$ 1,120,344

Residential programs and support will provide funding to support substance abuse transitional living beds, short term supportive housing and case management to support independent living for adults with mental illness.

Supports \$ 1,937,591

Supports assists programs that do not directly provide treatment on their own but instead are meant to be utilized in conjunction with other programs. Programs include expanded school-based mental health coordination and services, facility support for the CASAWORKS perinatal programs, recreation programming for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, increasing access to social security for eligible adults, coordination of care for individuals in the court system, support for the Network of Care community resource database and ongoing provision of Mental Health First Aid.

Recovery \$ 385,567

Recovery will support recovery focused services including a peer-led recovery center using evidenced-based practices, in order to serve adults with severe mental illness with a focus on physical health education and support.

Administrative Fees \$ 289,429

Provide Alliance with 1% of the funding for all contract services to cover administrative costs associated with administering the obligations set forth in the FY19 funding agreements (1% of \$28,942,871.)

The key terms of the agreement include:

- Term covers July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- Funding designated by service category as described above.
- Alliance may redistribute funding within program categories with written approval from the Wake County Manager's Office.
- Funding will be distributed in quarterly payments to Alliance based on actual expenditures.
- Quarterly performance reports will be provided by Alliance.

Contract with UNC Health Care System and Alliance Behavioral Healthcare = \$10,700,912

Wake County, UNC Health Care System (UNCHCS) and Alliance behavioral Healthcare began a joint commitment for the provision of services at Wake County's WakeBrook campus in 2013. UNCHCS operates crisis and assessment services, a 16-bed Facility-based Crisis program, a 16-bed Alcohol and Drug-Detoxification Unit and a 28-bed Inpatient Psychiatric Unit for adults. Wake County will provide \$10,700,912 to Alliance to support the operations of these program. Alliance will provide funds to UNCHCS as expenses are incurred. It is anticipated that there will not be enough funds to cover the costs of the programs; UNCHCS will cover the budget shortfall.

The key terms of the agreement include:

- Term covers July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- Funding designed to be used only for the purchase of UNCHCS services.
- Funding will be distributed in quarterly payments to Alliance.
- Quarterly performance reports will be provided by Alliance.

Attachments:

1. Recommended FY19 Annual Funding Agreement with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare
2. Recommended FY19 Annual Funding Agreement with UNC Health Care System and Alliance Behavioral Healthcare