

Item Title: Appropriate Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties Funding for EMS “Well-Person” Checks

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$20,000 of expenses and revenues in the EMS General Fund Department FY 2019 Operating Budget for the Wake County Medical Society Community Health Foundation, Inc., dba Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties (CCWJC) Transitional Care Initiative.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates funding awarded to County departments.

Background: 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 APP program began, EMS has worked collaboratively with Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties (CCWJC). The Wake APPs have conducted home visits for a select Medicaid population of CCWJC clients that reside within Wake County. 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. During FY 2018 CCWJC increased the allowable reimbursement amount up to \$20,000. For FY 2019 CCWJC will continue the allowable reimbursement amount up to \$20,000.

Board Goal: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: The attached agreement with CCWJC allows up to an additional \$20,000 in funding for Wake County Department of Emergency Medical Services for their continued participation in Transitional Care Initiative. There is no matching funds requirement. Appropriation will be in the General Fund.

Additional Information:

None.

Attachments:

1. Community Care of Wake and Johnston County Transitional Care Initiative
2. Budget Memo