

**Item Title:** Approval of First Amendment to the FY19 Funding Agreement with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves an Amendment to the FY19 Funding Agreement with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare reducing the contract amount from \$18,531,388 to \$18,131,388, subject to the 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 approves the annual contract for those programs. Any subsequent amendments must also be approved by the Board.

**Background:** Wake County staff have worked with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, the Wake County Sheriff's Office and Fellowship Health Resources to redesign the services offered for individuals in need of behavioral health support within the detention setting in Wake County. One of the redesign goals is to improve coordination between the jail medical team and the jail behavioral health team to better integrate care for individuals within the jail. As a result of this program redesign, Wake County will contract directly with Fellowship Health Resources rather than through Alliance Behavioral Healthcare. This will facilitate information sharing, record keeping care coordination and case management. Alliance will continue to contract for post-release services.

**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:** This action will reallocate funding included in the approved FY19 Wake County Behavioral Health budget and requires no additional funds.

**Additional Information:**

The FY19 funding agreement with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare includes County funding of \$1,341,446 which supports addressing the behavioral health needs of individuals held in the Wake County Detention Centers on Hammond Road and downtown Raleigh. A team of representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Alliance and the County Manager's Office have worked to redesign the detention services with a goal to improve integration of medical and behavioral health clinical services, increase the safety and wellbeing of inmates with behavioral health conditions by conducting more thorough

screening and assessment protocols and to reduce recidivism by implementing best practice guidelines for comprehensive release planning. With these goals in mind, the team determined that a direct contract between Wake County and the behavioral health clinical provider would improve the ability for the Sheriff's medical team and the contract behavioral health team to coordinate care. The annual cost for this element of the criminal justice program is \$1,000,000, so the Board is requested to amend the contract with Alliance for four months of services for the period March through June 2019 in the amount of \$400,000. If this action is approved, Wake County intends to enter a contract with Fellowship Health Resources for these services beginning January 2019.

The amended funding amounts for the annual agreement with Alliance would be as follows:

<b>Program Category</b>	<b>Original Contract Amount</b>	<b>Amended Contract Amount</b>
Crisis Services	\$ 8,668,000	\$ 8,668,000
Treatment	4,789,011	4,789,011
Criminal Justice	1,341,446	941,446
Residential	1,120,344	1,120,344
Supports	1,937,591	1,937,591
Recovery	385,567	385,567
Administrative Support	289,429	289,429
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,531,388</b>	<b>\$ 18,131,388</b>

**Attachments:**

1. First Amendment to the FY19 Funding Agreement with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare