

Item Title: Adopt Resolution Supporting Wake County's Participation in the Healthy Opportunities Pilot Application

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution supporting Wake County's participation in the Healthy Opportunities Pilot application.

Item Summary:

Purpose: Board approval of a resolution of support is required for county participation in the Healthy Opportunities Pilot application process.

Background: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is launching a pilot program to use Medicaid dollars to fund non-medical drivers of health such as housing stability, transportation insecurity, interpersonal violence and toxic stress and food insecurity for qualifying Medicaid beneficiaries. Wake County, through the leadership of Duke University, is proposing to partner with at least Durham, Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren counties to submit an application to be a pilot community.

Board Goal: This action supports the Board of Commissioners Community Health goal to promote an effective behavioral and physical health system of care and practices that benefit all residents.

Fiscal Impact: This item has no fiscal impact.

Additional Information:

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) has established a vision to transform Medicaid to improve the health of North Carolinians through an innovative, whole-person centered, and well-coordinated system of care which addresses both medical and non-medical drivers of health. With this in mind, as part of Medicaid Transformation, NC DHHS has designed a Healthy Opportunities Pilot program and will select geographic areas of the state to serve as pilots to test evidence-based interventions designed to reduce costs and improve health by more intensely addressing housing stability, transportation insecurity, interpersonal violence and toxic stress, and food insecurity for qualifying Medicaid beneficiaries; and The Healthy Opportunities Pilot initiative can enhance the capacity of Wake County human service organizations serving the most vulnerable populations as well as improve the infrastructure and value chain of each of the four major social determinant of health categories.

Duke University and Duke's Medicaid Clinically Integrated Network (CIN) is leading an effort to submit a response to the Healthy Opportunities Pilot RFP on behalf of a multi-county region that will include at least Wake, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren counties. All participating counties are requested to approve a resolution of support demonstrating their commitment to the effort.

The Board of Commissioners Human Services Committee was briefed on this effort at their October 28, 2019 meeting.

Attachments:

1. Resolution