

Item Title: One-Time Funding from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for Family Planning Services

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates an additional \$92,904 in one-time funds from the NC Department of Health and Human Services for family planning services.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners must approve all additional revenue added to the FY 2020 Adopted Ordinance.

Background: Wake County receives family planning program funding from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS). These are pass through funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services Family Planning Services. The funds are used to reduce unintended pregnancies and improve health practices among low income families.

These services help reduce infant mortality and morbidity by decreasing the number of unplanned pregnancies and the poor health outcomes associated with them. These services also improve women's health by providing access to preventive care. They lower health care costs by reducing the need for abortions and preventing costly, high risk pregnancies and there after effects. The County will receive an additional \$92,904 from NC DHHS. This funding will be used to purchase about 300 long-acting reversible contraceptive devices.

Board Goal: This Board action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: This agreement provides an additional \$92,904 one-time funds in the General Fund from NC DHHS for family planning services. There is no County match required.

Additional Information:

There are multiple resources for primary care for uninsured and Medicaid-insured men and women in Wake County. However, very few of them provide for long-acting reversible contraceptive devices or postpartum care. In FY 2019, Wake County Public Health provided for 4,269 contraceptive devices at a cost of \$348,052. The additional \$92,904 in one-time funds from NC DHHS will allow Wake County to provide more of these devices as part of quality contraceptive care.

The following table displays how the allocation from NC DHHS for Family Planning Consolidated Agreement is revised by the additional funding.

Revenue Source	FY 2020 Allocation	FY 2020 Increase	FY 2020 Revised
NC DHHS	\$447,030	\$92,904	\$539,934

The following table displays Family Planning Consolidated Agreement allocation levels from NC DHHS to Wake County over the past 5 fiscal years. These allocations reflect a June-May contract period as distributed by the State.

Revenue Source	FY 2016 Allocation	FY 2017 Allocation	FY 2018 Allocation	FY 2019 Allocation	FY 2020 Revised
NC DHHS	\$ 239,235	\$ 242,688	\$ 384,349	\$ 432,522	\$539,934

There is a limited supply of health care providers in Wake County who place LARC devices for uninsured and Medicaid patients. We are the only resource for the uninsured, and Planned Parenthood is the major resource for the Medicaid population.

Wake County is fortunate not to be limited by the supply of IUDs and contraceptive implants. The North Carolina Women's Health Branch (DHHS) currently provides adequate funding for the devices we need, so we have not applied for any other grants. A current patient can be seen for a LARC device placement within 7 to 10 days, and a new patient can be seen for evaluation within 4 weeks.

Wake County has been a state leader in the placement of long acting contraceptive devices. We have seven providers trained to insert IUDs, and 11 providers trained to insert and remove contraceptive implants. We place LARC devices on the date of both postpartum and new teen visits, and on the day of new patient consultation visits when possible. In FY 2019, we placed 918 LARC devices and provided 3,351 doses of Depo-Provera.

Attachments:

1. Award Letter
2. Budget Memo