

**Item Title:** Approval of FY2022 Funding Agreement with Alliance Health for Behavioral Health Services

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to enter into a funding agreement not to exceed \$17,545,997 with Alliance Health that provides funding for behavioral health services subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** While not required by statute, the Board of Commissioners traditionally approves the funding agreement with Alliance Health because of the priority placed on behavioral health services.

**Background:** Wake County contracts with Alliance Health (Alliance) 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 \$17,545,997 for services described below.

Since 2012, Wake County has provided local county resources to Alliance 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 FY2022 contracts total \$28,246,909, including WakeBrook. A separate agenda item will come to the board for WakeBrook operations given that the program is jointly managed by Alliance, Wake County, and UNC Health.

**Board Goal:** This action supports Community Health and Vitality Goal 2: Improve access to affordable, high-quality care for all residents experiencing medical and/or behavioral health challenges.

**Fiscal Impact:** The contract amounts are included in the FY2022 County budget.

**Additional Information:**

*Contract with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare = \$17,545,997*

Wake County will provide Alliance with up to \$17,545,997 in FY2022 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.

<b>Funding Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Crisis Services	\$ 8,275,000
Treatment	\$ 5,075,829
Criminal Justice	\$ 175,000
Residential	\$ 1,280,344
Supports	\$ 2,460,152
Administrative Support	\$ 279,672
Total	\$17,545,997

*Crisis Services* \$8,275,000

Crisis services will provide funding for inpatient psychiatric care at Holly Hill Hospital, and funding to continue the previously piloted services of enhanced mobile crisis resources partnered with Wake County EMS.

*Treatment* \$ 5,075,829

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 regional centers and new this year, our Departure Drive Human Services Center. Services include 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. Funding also supports the Behavioral Health Urgent Care that provides walk in behavioral health services with evening hours during the week and some weekend hours and provides behavioral health assessment at Oak City Cares. Also new in FY22, the county will be working with community partners to enhance substance use services and supports available for individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

*Criminal Justice* \$ 175,000

Support for the criminal justice system provides outpatient/post-release treatments of adults who have co-occurring mental health and substance use diagnosis and are being discharged from the Wake County Detention Center.

*Residential* \$ 1,280,344

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. A new effort in FY22 will be to provide short term supportive housing with intensive case management and peer support for Familiar Faces in conjunction with the county's Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars team.

*Supports*

\$ 2,460,152

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 school-based mental health coordination and services, facility support for the CASAWORKS perinatal programs, recreation programming for children and adults 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.

*Administrative Fees*

\$ 279,672

Provide Alliance with 1% of the funding for all contract services to cover administrative costs associated with administering the obligations set forth in the FY22 funding agreements (1% of \$ 27,967,237.)

The key terms of the agreement include:

- Term covers July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- 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.

**Attachment:**

1. Presentation
2. Recommended FY21 Annual Funding Agreement with Alliance Health