

Wake County Board of Commissioners
Work Session
March 12, 2018
2:00 P.M.
Wake County Justice Center Room 2800

Commissioners Present:

Jessica Holmes, Chair
Sig Hutchinson, Vice-Chair
John Burns
Matt Calabria
Greg Ford
Erv Portman
James West

Wake County Staff Present:

David Ellis, County Manager; Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager; Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Portia Johnson, Executive Assistant to the Board; Michelle Cerett, Executive Assistant to the Board; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Dara Demi, Communications Director; Kerry McComber, Communications Manager; Michelle Venditto, Director, Budget and Management Services; Heather Drennan, Assistant Director, Budget and Management Services; Margaret Murphy, Budget & Management Analyst; and Bill Greeves, Chief Information and Innovation Officer.

Others Present:

Robert Schiller, Senior Vice President, NC Symphony; Eleanor Oakley, President, United Arts Council; Sally Edwards, CEO, Marbles Kids Museum; April Ward, Director of Accounting, Marbles Kids Museum; Emily Bruce, Vice President of Development, Marbles Kids Museum; Shannon White, Executive Director, East Wake Education Foundation; Walter Wells, Board President, East Wake Education Foundation; LaToya Montague, Interim Executive Director; Communities in Schools Program; Chris Shriver, Board Chair, Communities in Schools Program; Pam Dowdy, Executive Director, SmartStart Program; Julie Cox, Program Manager, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle; Earline Middleton, Vice President of Agency Services, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina; Leigh Duque, Executive Director, InterAct; Keri Christiansen, Associate Director, InterAct; and Rachel Gonwa, Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives, InterAct.

Chair Holmes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager, provided an overview of today's work session.

- Today's Focus: Public Agency Partnerships
- Today's Goals:
 - Hear from 9 public agencies receiving FY2018 County funding

- Learn about County supported programs provided by public agencies

He said it is important to focus on public agency partnerships.

- Public agencies presenting received ongoing funds in FY 2018
- Variety of programming supported by County funding
- Arts, education, social services
- 10 Minute Presentations will cover
 - History of partnership with County
 - Programs and key accomplishments
 - Preview FY19 Budget Request Highlight program accomplishments

He shared how the agencies requests are processed.

- Agencies requesting funding for FY 2019
- Public agencies among competing requests for limited funding
- For FY 2019 Recommended Budget, staff reviews
 - Agency performance and outcomes
 - Links to top priority Board goals

He shared what he would like the commissioners to take away from today's presentations.

- Learn how these agencies support County goals
- Ask questions
- Celebrate accomplishments from our community partners

Presentations from Organizations Receiving FY2018 Agency Funding

NC Symphony

Mr. Ron Schiller, Senior Vice President, NC Symphony, thanked the Board for their support and the opportunity to attend the meeting today.

He provided the mission of the NC Symphony.

- To be North Carolina's state orchestra, an orchestra achieving the highest level of artistic quality and performance standards, and embracing its dual legacies of statewide service and music education.
- Programs offered include education concerts, Classical concerts, Pops performances, and a Summer series at Booth Amphitheatre.
- Wake County serves as the home to the North Carolina Symphony.
 - Meymandi Concert Hall for indoor concerts
 - Booth Amphitheatre for summer concerts

He shared the various sites throughout Wake County where the NC Symphony performs. He said more than 14,000 school students and 30,000 residents attend NC Symphony events each year. He said studies have shown these events stimulate the economy in many ways.

Meymandi Concert Hall - Raleigh



Booth Amphitheatre - Cary



Garner – July 3



WAKE COUNTY

He provided the history of funding from Wake County.

- NC Symphony has received recurring funding from Wake County for more than two decades including \$100,000 annual funding for the past three years
- Total Wake County appropriation in FY 2018 is \$100,000
- Total Operating Budget in FY 2018 is \$15.1 million
- Wake County Funding accounts for 0.6% of the total budget

He provided the history of the NC Symphony.

85 Years of Education



The North Carolina Symphony was established in 1932

Mr. Schiller shared how the County appropriation is used.

- Funding is primarily for performances for Wake County students to attend 15 NC Symphony education concerts

- Collaborating with the Wake County School System and the NC Department of Public Instruction
- All Wake County 4th graders are eligible to attend

He shared past and present education concert events being offered at Meymandi Concert Hall.

2017-18 Season	2016-17 Season	2015-16 Season
Friday, September 22, 2017	Wednesday, October 12, 2016	Monday, October 26, 2015
Wednesday, September 27, 2017	Tuesday, October 18, 2016	Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Thursday, September 28, 2017	Wednesday, October 19, 2016	Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Wednesday, October 04, 2017	Thursday, October 27, 2016	Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Tuesday, October 10, 2017	Wednesday, November 2, 2016	Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Tuesday, October 17, 2017	Tuesday, November 15, 2016	Thursday, January 21, 2016
Wednesday, October 18, 2017	Friday, December 16, 2016	Wednesday, January 28, 2016
Thursday, October 19, 2017	Wednesday, January 4, 2017	Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Thursday, October 26, 2017	Wednesday, January 25, 2017	Thursday, February 18, 2016
Friday, October 27, 2017	Tuesday, February 7, 2017	Wednesday, February 24, 2016
Friday, January 05, 2018	Thursday, February 16, 2017	Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	Wednesday, February 22, 2017	Friday, March 11, 2016
Tuesday, February 27, 2018	Monday, March 6, 2017	Tuesday, March 15, 2016
Thursday, March 15, 2018	Tuesday, April 4, 2017	Wednesday, March 23, 2016
Wednesday, April 11, 2018	Tuesday, April 25, 2017	Thursday, May 5, 2016
Tuesday, April 24, 2018	Thursday, May 4, 2017	Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Wednesday, May 02, 2018	Tuesday, May 16, 2017	
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He provided accomplishments of the NC Symphony.

- NC Symphony served more than 14,000 Wake County students per year in FY's 2016 – 2018 and estimates a similar number in FY2019
 - Primarily 4th graders
 - Increase of 50% students served as compared to FY2001

He shared the request for funding for FY 2019. He stated that the agency is not requesting an increase for FY 2019.

- Request for FY2019 is \$100,000 – no change from prior three years
- NC Symphony cost of education concerts for Wake County students is \$433,041

Chair Holmes said the NC Symphony is a wonderful program, and she is impressed by the return on investment. She asked if the schools provide transportation to the concerts. Mr. Schiller confirmed that they work closely with the schools to ensure all students are afforded an opportunity to attend the concerts.

Commissioner Ford said the concerts are great, but he pointed out that not all schools choose to participate. He thanked Mr. Schiller for all that the NC Symphony does for the children.

United Arts Council

Ms. Eleanor Oakley, United Arts Council, shared the mission of the United Arts Council.

- The mission of United Arts is to build better communities through the arts.
- United Arts supports in-school and out-of-school arts education for K-12 youth; arts programming across Wake; and emerging arts groups and cultural communities. We also provide advocacy, professional development and guidance for special projects.
- The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually.

She shared a history of funding provided by the County. She said the agency is requesting an increase of 12% for FY 2019.

- Wake County has provided funding for United Arts since 1993.
- Total Wake County appropriation in FY 2018: \$488,864
- Total FY19 request: \$550,000
 - 12% higher than FY18 funding
- Total proposed budget for FY19: \$1,717,333

Ms. Oakley shared how Wake County supports the United Arts Council through available grants.

- **Cultural Access Grants:** support arts programming delivered by African American, Asian American, Latino, or Native American organizations or by their artists. (To ensure these ethnic groups' arts are endorsed and supported)
- **Youth Arts Education Grants:** support arts training for K-12 youth outside of school settings. (To acknowledge and support the pointed training provided above what schools can do.)
- **Arts for Municipalities Grants:** assist Wake towns outside of Raleigh to develop their cultural/artistic resources to create vibrant communities and to ensure broad access to the arts. (To ensure that all citizens have good access to the arts)
- **School programming and Artists in Schools Grants:** support the visits by professional teaching artists to augment in-school instruction. (Many students have limited exposure to the arts.)
- **Wheels on the Bus:** a transportation fund for Wake elementary schools to move one grade level per year to an arts/cultural destination in the Triangle. (First fund in the County making this possible.)
- **The Visiting Artist Program:** 10-month fulltime artist in a technical theatre field to assist as many local stages as possible. (This program highlights the creative state of Raleigh/Wake County.)
- **The Municipal Mural Project:** is a matching grant program that targets three Wake towns per year to enable a large outdoor mural. (To add to the visual evidence of Wake as a highly creative place.)

She shared accomplishments for the United Arts Council Programs

- 412 Artists in Schools visits this year in 150 schools.
- 55 arts/cultural field trips by elementary students.
- >100 teachers trained in arts integration techniques.
- Mural projects in Garner, Fuquay-Varina and Wake Forest.

- 15 artists helped through professional development grants.
- 50 visual artists exhibited in three spaces.

Ms. Oakley shared the numbers of artists served by the Council in recent years along with projected numbers for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

Program	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Artist in Schools # of artist visits	360	407	412	412
Wheels on the Bus field trips	NA	31	55	80-90

She shared the 2019 funding request. She said the increased funding would allow them to expand current programs and continue funding municipal projects.

- Total FY19 request: \$550,000
- FY19 funding will help cover the costs of:
 - 4% Increase in number of schools participating in Artists in Schools from 150 to 156
 - 60% Increase in number of schools participating in Wheels on the Bus from 55 to 90
 - 25% Increase in Arts for Municipalities grants, 20% increase in Youth Arts Education grants, and School Project grant categories from \$45,201 to \$55,501; from \$112,800 to \$135,260; and from \$40,839 to \$48,996, respectively..
 - Continue funding the municipal murals project and the Wake Visiting Artist Program.

Commissioner West asked if there has been an impact study done that shows outcomes for their programs. Ms. Oakley said that has not been done in Wake County due to lack of funding, but it is done nationally. She said there are great art programs in Wake County schools.

Commissioner Ford commented on the growth of the Wheels on the Bus program and said he is impressed with the progress. He thanked Ms. Oakley for her work at the Arts Council.

Commissioner Ford asked why some schools do not participate in the United Arts programs. Ms. Oakley said only 70 percent of the high schools participate but nearly 100 percent of elementary schools do. She said it is difficult to fit field trips into the high school student schedules so they now send artists into the schools to do programming.

Marbles Kids Museum

Ms. Sally Edwards, Executive Director; Marbles Kids Museum, thanked the Board for supporting the museum. She was joined by April Ward, Director of Accounting, Marbles Kids Museum.

Ms. Edwards shared the mission of Marbles Kids Museum.

Mission



She shared the various programs offered by marbles.

Marbles Kids Museum provides a variety of award-winning play-based educational activities...

- innovative hands-on exhibits
- daily programs and field trips
- targeted free access programs
- summer camps and special events
- parent-child workshops and family celebrations

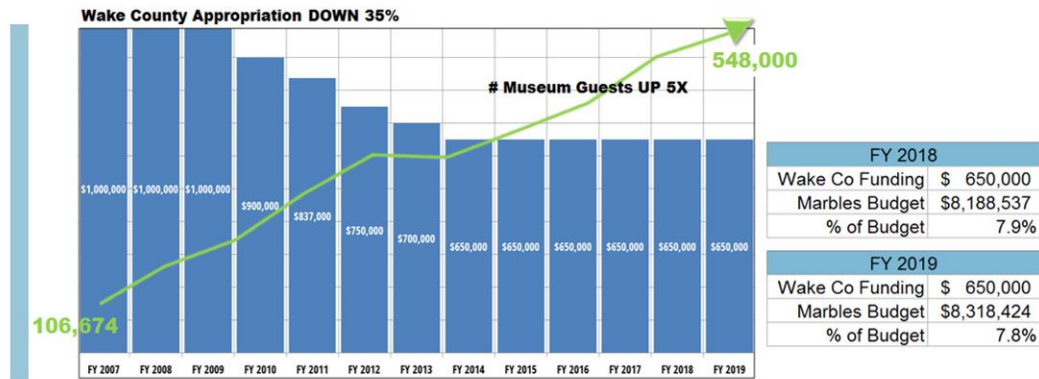
She shared information on the various populations served at Marbles.

She said Marbles serves a diverse population of children, families and school groups with a significant focus on serving at-risk children through robust community partnerships.

- Museum programs target children birth-to-10.
- Theater field trips serve children grades 3-8.
- Youth leadership programs engage middle and high school students in volunteerism.

She shared a 10 year funding history. She said the county funding for Marbles has dropped significantly since 2007. She said there is no increase in their request for FY 2019.

10-Year Funding History



Ms. Edwards shared information about how Wake County funding is used at Marbles.

- Wake County funding supports play-based educational activities that foster knowledge and skills integral to school success and healthy childhood development.
- Funding is focused on providing meaningful opportunities for underserved populations and working families to participate in play-based activities at Marbles through expanded hours, reduced price and free programs and targeted outreach events.

She shared program outcomes for Marbles. She said they serve 80,000 students through school field trips.

PROGRAM	Outcomes	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS					
School Field Trips Pre-K thru Grade 8	hands-on play elevates student interest in curriculum content	77,729	77,083 (capped by space)	77,000 (capped by space)	79,000 (new interim space open)
Access to Achieve 3-4 yr-olds not enrolled in Pre-K	improved school readiness skills, including social emotional	1,781	2,490	2,500	2,500
Kick-Off to Kindergarten All rising kindergartners	improved school performance and parent/family engagement	2,590	2,792	2,700	2,700
Title I Family Play Dates Wake Title I students + families	improved school performance and parent/family engagement	3,507	2,543 (capped by space)	3,000 (new interim space)	3,000
Summer Camp Scholarships & free lunch Children in financial need	less summer learning loss and more access to healthy foods	3,695 total 15.7% aid	3,655 total 16.4% aid	3,650 total >15.0% aid	3,800 total >15.0% aid

PROGRAM	Outcomes	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
		NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS			
Family Fun Night Children w/ special needs	inclusion, shared experiences and access to resources	1,673	1,838	1,900	1,950
Full Circle Outreach Young children at-risk + families	critical early brain development through play interactions	32,402	47,600	48,000	49,000
Volunteerism Teens and Adults	school achievement, leadership development & civic engagement	471 vols 12,264 hours	461 vols 15,770 hours	460 vols 16,000 hours	475 vols 16,500 hours
Family Enrichment Events Families w/ young children	improved family awareness and knowledge in support of healthy childhood development	4,392	4,445	4,500	4,550
Expansion Planning All populations served	more capacity to meet growing demand for Marbles programs and services	Phase 1 master plan complete	Phase 2 master plan complete	Expansion design starts. +5000sf infill.	Expansion design cont'd. +3000sf infill.

Ms. Edwards shared the funding request for Marbles for FY 2019.

- Marbles has received \$650,000/year FY14-FY18. Thank you! We respectfully request the same amount in FY19.
- Funding will be used to achieve impact across all programs areas outlined.
- On top of tracking participation, Marbles uses a variety of tools to measure impact and success, including feedback, surveys, observation and third party evaluation.

Commissioner Calabria commented on the summer programs and the free lunch program. He asked what the barrier is to offering these services to more students. Ms. Edwards said the main issue is space, but staff is working on expansion projects that will allow for additional programming.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson asked for an update on the expansion. Ms. Edwards said the RFP for their expansion program will be released in April. She said they have acquired temporary space that will allow programming to be expanded by the summer of 2018.

Commissioner Ford commented on out of town visitors to the museum. He asked why they haven't requested an increase in funding. Ms. Edwards said they want to be a great partner with the county and they do their best to diversify funding. She said the county funding provides leverage for needy families. Commissioner Ford thanked Ms. Edwards for her leadership at Marbles.

Commissioner Portman commented on the leveraging of funding and also thanked Ms. Edwards for the work she does at Marbles.

Ms. Edwards said community involvement is the heart of their funding.

East-Wake Education Foundation

Ms. Shannon White, Director, East Wake Education Foundation, shared the mission of the East Wake Education Foundation. She was joined by Mr. Walter Wells, President of the Board.

- To ensure that every child arrives school age healthy and ready to succeed

- To provide early childhood education to parents and children ages birth to five
- To serve Eastern Wake County families that do not have the resources for a preschool that costs

Ms. White shared the history of funding from the county. She said they are requesting an additional \$10,000 for FY 2019.

- Funding from Wake County for 12 years
 - Wake County Appropriations between \$40,000 and \$50,000
- EWEF total budget for FY 2018- \$144,059
- Wake County appropriation for FY 2018- \$50,000
- FY 2019 Request: \$60,000

She shared how County funding is used at the Foundation.

- Two programs funded
 1. F.A.C.E.S
 2. Daily Preschool
- Programs serve families that do not have the resources for a paid preschool and educate parents on the ages and stages of their child
- Programs target families in Eastern Wake County (Knightdale, Wendell, & Zebulon)

She shared the goals of the Foundation.

- Goals & Achievements of our programs
 1. Prepare children birth to five for kindergarten
 2. Educate Parents
- Performance measures used to evaluate program
 1. Number of children that attend our program
 2. Growth of our program each year

She shared a slide of accomplishments for the past two years along with projections for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

Measure	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Actual	FY 18 Est.	FY 19 Target
Children Served in our F.A.C.E.S Program	245	313	320	340
Children Served in our Preschool Program	No preschool class in place	45 (Numbers reflect April 2017 thru June 2017)	70	85
Number of Visits to the Resource Center Yearly	1676	2053	2566	3125
Frequency of Visits to the Resource Center (Child Visits 4 times a month)	Not tracking this data at this time	Not tracking this data at this time	6%	12%

Ms. White shared the FY 2019 funding request. She said the increase in funding will allow them to hire an additional teacher. She said currently, they only have one full-time teacher. She said the increase in staff is necessary to keep up with their growth.

- Total FY 2019 Request: \$60,000 (Increase of \$10,000)
- Funding Request
 1. Help prepare children ages birth to five for kindergarten
 2. Educate parents and give them the tools needed to help prepare their children for success
- Hire an additional teacher
- Goals for 2019
 1. Increase Frequency of Visits
 2. Evaluate Children
 3. Participate in Community events

She said their Stars of the East fundraiser is this week, and she encouraged all to attend.

Commissioner Portman asked if the Foundation works with the STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Ms. White confirmed that they started working with them last year and it was a success so they intend to continue that relationship.

Chair Holmes asked Ms. White to elaborate on their partnerships. She also asked for clarification on the diversity of their funding. Ms. White said the Foundation works with many county partners. She said Marbles came out several times last year and provided programming for their children. She said two dance schools also provided service last year.

Mr. Wells said the towns of Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon provide funding in addition to some local businesses. He said the roof was replaced recently thanks to donations from local corporations.

Ms. White commented on Project Enlightenment and said they provide programming at the Foundation.

She shared a slide of childrens activities at the Foundation.



Communities in Schools

Ms. LaToya Montague, Executive Director, shared the mission of the Communities in Schools (CIS) Program. She was joined by Mr. Chris Shriver, Chair of the Board, Communities in Schools.

- CIS Wake helps schools remove the barriers that put students at risk of wasting potential.
- CIS Wake's mission is to surround students with a community of support, helping them to stay in school and achieve in life.
- Types of programs provided
 - Academic Case Management (e.g. Success Coach Program)
 - Academic Enrichment (e.g. Community Learning Centers)
- Population served
 - Economically-disadvantaged (eligible for FRPL)
 - Minority
 - Out-of-School Suspended
 - Residents of Public Housing Communities in Raleigh
 - WCPSS Drop-Outs

Ms. Montague shared the history of funding from the County.

- Years received Wake County funding = 12+ years
- Significant changes in funding levels = 21st CCLC (currently in year 4 of 4 of grant)
- Total public agency budget = \$1.3M
- Total Wake County appropriation in FY 2018 = \$100K

She shared how County funding is used for the CIS programs.

- Programs
 - SMART After-School
 - Success Coach
- Community needs
 - Economic-disadvantage K-12 students
 - Preparing students for 21st century workforce

- Developing STEM interest and skills
- Targeted demographics
 - RHA communities
 - Middle School Discipline Project
 - Out-of-School Suspended last school year

Ms. Montague, shared program accomplishments for the Smart After-School program. She said they utilize community support for the after-school program in addition to support from local educators.

- SMART After-School learning environments are augmented by volunteers from various groups including Meredith Department of Education, Junior League of Raleigh, student participants, and the surrounding corporate community.
- Academic support provided by certified educators.
- Volunteers assisted with homework assistance, small group literacy support, mentoring, college readiness, career exploration, and peer tutoring.

Accomplishment	FY 17 Actual
Hours of Academic Support Provided	9,140
Students Receiving Academic Report	386
Hours of Volunteer Support Provided	1,677
Number of Volunteers	107

She shared program accomplishments for the SMART Weekend program.

- SMART Weekend volunteers provided support in the execution of STEM focused, project-based learning activities.
- Volunteers provided support with academic assignments and connecting their academics to the exhibits.
- Approximately 150 partial and 50 total scholarships were provided for students to participate in Weekend and Summer programs.

SMART Weekend	FY 17 Actual
Hours of Academic Instruction Provided	84
Students Receiving Academic Instruction	77
Hours of Volunteer Support Provided	20
Number of Volunteers	3
SMART Summer	FY 17 Actual
Hours of Academic Enrichment Provided	296
Students Receiving Academic Enrichment	356
Average Daily Attendance	135
Hours of Volunteer Support Provided	3,060
Number of Volunteers	45

She shared the FY 2019 funding request. She said there is no increase in their funding request.

- CIS Wake requests support at the same funding level (\$100,000) for continued funding of SMART Academy After-School Program and new Success Coach Program.
- Funding Shift: Focus on SMART after-school programs (versus Weekend and Summer) to target a higher concentration of students in need.
- New Success Coach program supports partnership with WCPSS and addresses student behavior issue within the county.
- Goals/Success Measures
 - Program participants will be on or above grade level in Math and English Language Arts by the end of the academic year as demonstrated by assessment results using an online education software (e.g. MobyMax).

- Students will develop or maintain an interest in STEM careers as demonstrated by survey results.
- Students will develop healthy relationships with peers and adults, leadership skills, and resiliency as demonstrated by Social and Emotional Learning survey results. (This supports strategy currently implemented by Wake County Public School System)

Commissioner Portman asked how their programming compared to the national model. Ms. Montague said a lot of the core standards are uniform, but the Wake County program uses more community support than other counties.

Commissioner Portman asked how many Wake County teachers participate in the after hours programs. Ms. Montague said they have had as many as 150 teachers working evenings, weekends, and/or summers to support their programs. Commissioner Portman commented on the teachers' ability to earn additional income.

Commissioner West asked what percentage of families in need are being served. Ms. Montague said there are 53,000 students in the county that could use their services. She said they reach as many as possible, but can not serve them all. Commissioner West suggested Ms. Montague contact Ms. Verna Best, Program Manager, Human Services, who does a lot of work with vulnerable communities.

Mr. Ellis asked if all county students are eligible for the summer programs. Ms. Montague said the focus is on students living in assisted housing, but other students can participate as long as they qualify.

Chair Holmes called for a five minute recess at 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Pam Dowdy, Executive Director, SmartStart Program, shared the purpose of today's meeting. She was joined by Mr. Gary Carr, Director of Finance, SmartStart Program.

Smart Start

Ms. Dowdy shared the mission of the SmartStart program.

- Wake County SmartStart works build the capacity of families and the community to prepare children for success in school and in life.
- Core programs supporting this mission include: NC Pre-K program; Family support, health and safety, Child Care and Education Quality
- Population served: Children ages birth to 5 yrs old and their families living in Wake County

She shared the history of county funding for the SmartStart program. She said that State and Federal funding is used before county funding.

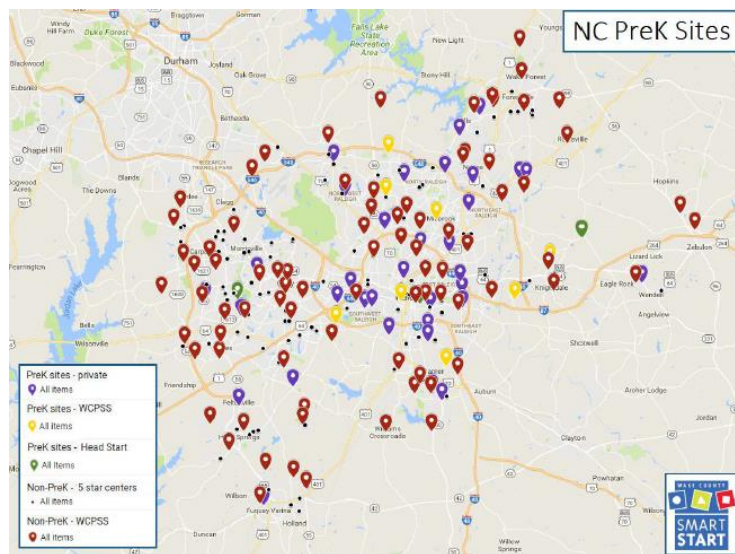
- Wake County SmartStart has received funding from Wake County since FY 2016

- Funding allocations have increased by 55% to leverage additional funding from NC Division of Child Development and Early Education for NC Pre-K program expansion
- Total public agency budget: \$17,242,180
- Total Wake County appropriation in FY 2018: \$588,592 (includes \$100,000 match for private contributions)
- FY 2019 Request: \$1,886,512

Ms. Dowdy shared how the County funding is used at SmartStart. She said they collaborate with WCPSS, Head Start and Human Services to identify children in need.

- The NC Pre-K Program, based on early education best practices and current research, prepares children for school success by addressing their developmental and educational needs in structured, high quality classroom environments. Sites are located throughout the county in private child care centers, WCPSS elementary schools and Head Start centers.
- An estimated 1951 eligible 4 year olds in Wake County remain unserved, despite increased funding from the state for program expansion.
- The Wake County SmartStart Board prioritizes unserved eligible 4 year olds living in families earning less than 75% of State Median Income.

She shared a map of all sites throughout the county where pre-k services are offered.



She shared actual and estimated service numbers for their program.

- A high percentage of children served by NC Pre-K met or exceeded widely held social-emotional and literacy expectations.

Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	FY18 Est. (as of Q2, Dec. 31, 2017)	FY19 Target
# of children served	1,192	1,279	1,402	2,190
# of classrooms monitored for quality	73	78	95	122
# of quality assurance contacts	90	53	49	75
% of children met or exceeded expectation in the Social-Emotional Domain	95%	92%	37%	95%
% of children met or exceeded expectation in the Literacy Domain	95%	93%	48%	

Ms. Dowdy shared the FY 2019 funding request.

- \$1,886,512 for new and continued NC Pre-K program funding is requested for FY 2019 to provide a match to funding received from NC Division of Childhood Development and Early Education
- Additional funding is requested for program expansion with the goal of reducing the number of unserved eligible children by one-third, from 1,402 to 2,190
- The NC Pre-K program will be continue to be measured through a programmatic evaluation plan as previously described

She said the legislature is considering providing enough funding to eliminate the wait list for Pre K students. She said the cost of that would be nearly \$6 million and SmartStart will get as much of that funding as possible.

Mr. Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager, said the pre-k wait list is difficult to fund due to changing needs. He said the needs vary in different areas and some families don't sign up if they are told there is no funding. He feels the General Assembly is sincere in ending the wait list, but it may take several years.

Chair Holmes asked for clarification on the elimination of the waitlist. She said it may take the legislature up to three years to fund the elimination of the waitlist and asked if the county would need to fund those children during the transition. Ms. Dowdy said the legislature will only provide a portion of the funding needed so the county will be responsible for the balance.

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Ms. Julie Cox, Program Manager, Inter-faith Food Shuttle Program, provided an overview of the programs provided by the agency.

She shared the mission of the Inter-faith Food Shuttle (IFFS).

- Mission: “Feed, Teach, Grow” by connecting families to nutritious food and developing skills for self-sufficiency—breaking the cycle of hunger.
- Public Agency Fund Provide School Pantries
- Population Served-Primarily students at selected schools, their families and school staff.

She shared the county funding history for IFFS. She said they are requesting an increase of \$5,000.00 to assist with funding two additional food pantries.

- Began Receiving Public Agency in FY17
- FY18 Amount Received: \$20,000
- Total public agency budget FY 2017-18 \$3.8 million.
- FY19 Request: Increase IFFS pantries by 2 (10 total)
Increase funding from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

She shared how county funds are used by IFFS.

- School Pantries provide students and their families in need, as well as staff, with access to healthy food in their own community.
- School Pantries help ease food insecurity and hunger.
- Targeted demographics of program: School students, their families and staff.

Ms. Cox shared program accomplishments for the IFFS.

- The school pantry “has allowed us to provide food for our students, their families and our staff. We have followed the philosophy of IFFS, allowing those in need to come as often as they need to and to shop for themselves. Being able to meet their basic needs in such a respectful way has allowed us to form relationships and create a welcoming and supportive atmosphere. In doing this, we have been able to assist students, families and staff in other ways - building communication, providing academic support, and connecting them to other resources in the community.”-School Pantry Coordinator
- List performance measures used to evaluate program-We track people served (1,157 with 5 pantries, 1,851 with 8 pantries) pounds of food delivered (47,512 ‘17, 47,219 ‘18) and meals delivered (13,336 ‘17 and 21,338 ‘18)
- Include actuals from FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018 estimate, and FY 2019 projection if available- ‘17 \$22,000, ‘18 \$33,113 projected ‘19 \$40,138)

Measure	FY17	FY18 Projected
Number of Pantries	5	8
People Served	1,157	1,851
Pounds of Food Delivered	47,512	47,219
Meals Delivered	13,336	21,338

Commissioner Ford commented on the school food drives and asked if there are redundancies. Ms. Cox said food drives are a great supplement for their programs, but food drives do not always yield nutritious food, which is important.

Commissioner Ford asked how the county funding is used. Ms. Cox said it is used to purchase refrigerators and shelving as well as food.

Chair Holmes said there are requests for more pantries, but the funding is limited.

Commissioner West asked if IFFS provides food supplements to elders. Ms. Cox said they offer food supplements to anyone in need, including elders as well as children.

Ms. Cox shared the FY 2019 funding request for the IFFS program

- If the County would like to open additional pantries, IFFS requests \$25,000 to operate the current 8 and open 2 new pantries. If the county would like to just fund the current 8 pantries, IFFS requests \$20,000.
- The additional \$5,000 included in the request would allow IFFS to provide equipment and food to 2 new pantries for the 2018-19 school year.
- School Pantry Coordinators would keep track of the individuals served, food and meals delivered. We would also conduct surveys to track customer satisfaction.

Commissioner Calabria thanked Ms. Cox for the service her agency provides to the community.

Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina

Ms. Earlene Middleton, Vice President of Agency Services, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, shared the mission of the Food Bank.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina
“No one goes hungry in Central & Eastern North Carolina”

FBCENC Programs: Kids Meals & More

- Weekend Power pack
- Kids Summer Meals
- Kids Café
- School Pantries



- Food insecure population in 34 county service area

She shared the history of county funding for the Food Bank.

Wake County funding since 2006

- Community partnership grants
- Outreach & distribution
- Public Agency funding began in FY18

Total FBCENC FY18 Budget

- 14.8 M

Wake County Public Agency Appropriation in FY18

- \$6,000

Two Wake County school pantries

She shared how county funding is dispersed at the Food Bank.

FBCENC School Pantry Program

- Partnerships with local schools
- Allow food insecure children & their families to receive food assistance on or around school grounds.

Wake Co. Community Need

- Research suggests 44,340 children under 18 in Wake Co are food insecure.
- Nearly 37% of school aged children rely on meals at school for their primary nutrition.
- 32.7% Wake County students are eligible for free/reduced lunch (17-18 District Facts)

Targeted Demographics

- Students/families who identify as food insecure (free/reduced lunch eligible)
- Title I Schools

Ms. Middleton shared program accomplishments for the Food Bank.

- Started pantries at Fuquay Varina Middle School & Rolesville Middle School in Nov 2017
- Parent & community support

- Hygiene drive
- Deliver meals to families w/o transportation

Actuals 17-18

Individuals	Students	New Clients	# of Pounds	# of Meals
118	34	49	1,929	1,624

Estimates 17'-18'

Individuals	Students	New Clients	# of Pounds	# of Meals
130	45	60	2,900	2,436

2019 projections (4 schools)

Individuals	Students	New Clients	# of Pounds	# of Meals
360	144	72	20,000	16,842

Ms. Middleton shared the funding request for FY 2019. She said the additional \$6,000 would fund two additional pantries.

Funding requested for FY 2019: \$12,000

- Continued support at Fuquay Varina & Rolesville Middle Schools
- Two additional pantries -Title I schools (School Pantry Locations- TBD)

Performance Measures

- Number of students served
- Number of Individuals served
- Number of new clients
- Number of pounds distributed/ equivalent # of meals

InterAct

Ms. Leigh Duque, Executive Director, InterAct, shared the mission of the InterAct Program. She was joined by Ms. Keri Christiansen, Associate Executive Director, InterAct.

- Dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic and sexual violence in Wake County, InterAct saves lives, rebuilds lives, and secures safer futures for victims and survivors and their families.
- Main services: 3 crisis lines, group and individual counseling, emergency shelter, case management, court advocacy, violence prevention education
- Serving victims of domestic and sexual violence and the community

Ms. Duque said InterAct is the only agency that provides comprehensive programs for victims of abuse in Wake County. She said they served 9,677 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault last year. She provided an overview of the various services InterAct offer.

She shared the county funding history for the InterAct Program.

- Receiving support from County for over 20 years
- Total budget: \$4,159,987
- Total Wake County appropriation in FY 2018: \$188,500
 - Wake County Work First (FY18 \$45,000)
 - Wake County ABC (FY18 \$68,500)
 - Public Agency Funding (FY18 \$75,000)

Total Public Agency Funding in FY18 \$75,000

Ms. Christiansen shared information on the programs that are supported by county funding. She said the E-filing has been successful and has made the process much easier.

- Electronic Filing of Protective Orders
- Provides safer option to file for a DVPO and immediately connected to comprehensive support services
- Serving victims of domestic and sexual violence regardless of age, race, ethnicity, immigration status, disability, religious affiliation, gender identity or expression, or national origin.

She shared program accomplishments for the InterAct Program. She shared how the e-filing has increased the number of individuals they have been able to help.

Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Target
Number of <u>eFilings</u>	22	485	450	450
Connected to Court Advocacy	1399	1262	1300	1300
Completed Lethality Assessment	100%	100%	100%	100%
Referrals to Legal Aid	208	463	450	450

Ms. Christiansen shared the FY 2019 funding request. She said they have applied for grants as well to increase their ability to provide services. She said InterAct allows individuals to receive all the services they need in one place without leaving the building.

- \$100,000 (Increase in request of \$25,000)
- Family Justice Center Model: Co-location of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who work together, under one roof, to provide coordinated services to victims of family violence
- Measurements: Number of clients eFiling, referrals to Legal Aid, connection to court advocacy, and assessing for lethality

Commissioner Portman asked if they experience a backlog in sexual assault kit testing. Ms. Duque said they are caught in the backlog, like many others are. He has asked the County Manager to review the issue and see what the cost per test is.

Ms. Duque said InterAct collaborates with other agencies on a daily basis and they do everything possible to break the cycle of violence. She said their need for service has tripled in the past several years.

Commissioner Calabria asked if other counties offer e-filing. Ms. Duque said Wake County was the third county to enroll in it and others have since joined.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson asked if the level of violence has increased. Ms. Christiansen said that the frequency and severity of domestic violence is increasing.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson asked if they knew of a reason for the increase. Ms. Duque said it is hard to measure, but the increased population and substance abuse both contribute to the increase.

Commissioner West commented on the lack of mental health services resulting in an increase. Ms. Duque said that is a contributing factor.

Chair Holmes asked how domestic violence homicides in Wake County have compared to other counties. Ms. Duque said Wake County had the highest numbers in the state in 2012 and 2016.

Chair Holmes said InterAct is a great county partner and providing funding to them is one of the most effective ways to keep abuse victims safe.

Commissioner Burns said InterAct is an irreplaceable link and thanked them for their service.

Commissioner West agreed with Commissioner Burns and it is important to work together to solve the problems.

Commissioner Burns asked if they would benefit from an additional women's shelter in Wake County. Ms. Duque said it would certainly help, but would require additional funding to operate it. She said 90 percent of women receiving shelter services have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence at some point.

Mr. Ellis said staff received \$3.5 million in funding requests from outside agency's for FY 19, which is an increase of \$1.4 million from last year. He said new requests were received from AHA and the Boys & Girls Club totaling \$1.7 million. He said this is not an application process and he will provide a recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Burns said today's presentation was very helpful in understanding what each program does. He feels other agencies who receive county funding should be similar presentations.

Chair Holmes agreed and said it is important to know how the outside agencies are providing service to county residents.

Commissioner Portman said the increase in outside funding requests warrants a multi-year plan. He said a multi-year plan would eliminate the annual budget fight and provide county funding more broadly.

Mr. Ellis thanked the Budget and Management staff for their work on this process.

Joint Board of Commissioners and Board of Education meeting

There was discussion among the board regarding an upcoming joint meeting with the Board of Education. Chair Holmes said she has requested Mr. George Alwon, Consultant, Raleigh Consulting Group, to facilitate breakout sessions at the joint meeting. She said the goal of the joint meeting is to look for a long-term solution to the annual budget process.

Commissioner Portman said the objective of the meeting is to break the cycle of recurring funding and align interests in a collaborative way. He said a draft has been provided to the Board of Commissioners outlining a three step model process to accomplish this goal.

Chair Holmes said the Board of Commissioners all agree with that model.

Commissioner Calabria said he would like to see presentations from the Board of Education similar to the ones received from the non-profits. He said it will help understand their needs.

Chair Holmes agreed and said the next meeting should be scheduled when the Board of Education budget is presented.

Commissioner Ford said this is a good way to approach the Board of Education budget.

Commissioner West said communication is key and there must be mutual respect.

Adjourn

Chair Holmes adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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