



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Work Session - Meeting Held Remotely

Meeting called to order : Chairman Ford

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He welcomed the presenters for today's meeting and requested that they stop every five slides to allow for questions.

Present: 6 - Chairman Greg Ford, Vice-Chair Vickie Adamson, Chair Matt Calabria, Commissioner Susan Evans, Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, and Commissioner James West

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jessica Holmes

Staff Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager; Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer; Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager; Derwick Paige, Chief Community Vitality Officer; Antonia Pedroza, Social Services Deputy Director; Portia Johnson, Executive Assistant; and Michelle Cerett, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Chris Budnick, Executive Director, Healing Transitions; Lauren Williams, Development Coordinator, Healing Transitions; John Avant, Board Member, Fellowship Home; and Terry Conyers, Executive Director, Fellowship Home.

1. Agenda

Attachments: [09-29-2020 Work Session Agenda.pdf](#)

2. Proposed Approach to Use of Wake ABC Funds

Attachments: [ABC Fund Balance 09292020 .pdf](#)

Ms. Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer, shared her agenda and goals for today's presentation.

Today's Goal

- Provide an overview of how the county currently budgets for and uses funds provided by Wake County ABC
- Identify challenges in current funding processes
- Assist Board in planning for future operating needs and community partner budgeting

She shared a background of the ABC funding.

Regulation of the distribution, sales, and proceeds of alcoholic beverages in NC is governed by NCGS 18B-805

- County ABC must impose certain fees and charges on the sale of alcoholic beverages
- Wake County ABC must spend or give the county 7 percent of the various fees and charges to be spent on alcoholism and substance abuse programs; Wake ABC Board provides 22 percent
- Wake County ABC then can distribute its working capital overage to the County (and municipalities) to support basic general fund services

She shared the county budget and ABC funding.

County budgets \$4 million annually in the adopted operating budget:

- These funds currently support Wakebrook operations and other substance abuse/behavioral health programs

County has been receiving “excess” ABC revenues received since 2013

- “Excess” has been defined as any amount received greater than accounted for in the annual budget
- County manages the excess funding separately from annual budget
 - Funding not allocated in the year in which received is committed in ABC fund balance
 - ABC fund balance has been used to support county capital, operating, and other community needs as they arise
- There are no external restrictions on these proceeds

Ms. Lucas shared the receipt and use of excess ABC proceeds.

Excess Proceeds Process

- Wake County ABC has consistently provided excess contributions
- Excess contributions not known and distributed until end of fiscal year
- Average excess contribution greater than \$4 million
- Board of Commissioners only makes allocations of excess ABC on hand

Projects/Programs Supported With Excess ABC Proceeds

- HS Master Plan - \$7.8 million
- Oak City Center - \$5.1 million
- Beacon Ridge - \$2.5 million
- Drug Treatment Programs - \$2.2 million
- Affordable Housing Initiatives - \$2.1 million
- Healing Transitions - \$1 million
- DWI Equipment - \$830,000
- Other Community Org Programs - \$396,000

She shared the challenges in current funding processes.

1. Operating budget reduced due to COVID; County programs serving vulnerable populations need a recurring revenue source.
2. Community organizations serving vulnerable populations have unmet capital/investment needs that are not adequately met with current processes.
3. County currently lacks guidelines on how and when to use ABC fund balance.

She shared the proposal to solving challenge #1.

Strategically match recurring revenues to recurring expenditures

- Beginning with FY 2022 budget, account for a total of \$6 million in annual operating budget (\$2 million more than current budget)
 - Does not over-commit Wake County ABC, based on historical trends
- Provides ongoing funding source for programs including, but not limited to:
 - Drug treatment and recovery court
 - Extension of behavioral health pilot programs
 - Sustain county's commitment to Wakebrook operations
 - Other recurring programs or needs identified in the budget process

She shared the proposal for solving challenge #2.

Utilization of ABC Fund Balance for long-term community investments

- Fund Community Capital competitive process with excess ABC revenues

- County CIP funding is currently limited
- By using excess ABC revenues, Community Capital process could be conducted more frequently with additional dollars available
- Could support more organizations with larger scale projects
- County CIP dollars currently allocated to Community Capital process can be reinvested in other County capital needs

Ms. Lucas shared the current county community capital program.

County currently allocates \$500,000 annually for a Community Capital competitive process that occurs every four years.

Current parameters for organizations that submit applications:

- Be a capital project
- Demonstrates a mix of funding (public, private, not-for-profit)
- Relies on County funding for no more than 35 percent of total project funding
- Describes an annual operating plan in detail and demonstrates a self-sufficient operating budget
- Maximum amount requested is limited

She shared the proposal highlights.

Operationally

- Offers more budgeting consistency and predictability for all stakeholders
- Operating budget increases \$2 million to address ongoing vulnerable population needs
- Community Capital funding increases based on available ABC fund balance

Strategically

Board continues to have input through at least four policy avenues:

- Board goals
- Annual budget
- Behavioral health plan
- Community Capital process

She shared examples of how the future ABC funds and budget process would work.

Commissioner West asked for an example of "other community capital projects."

Ms. Lucas said staff looks ahead four years when determining these projects.

She said the Salvation Army and Healing Transitions are two examples of organizations that received additional funding.

Commissioner Evans asked for clarification on the new process.

Ms. Lucas said the \$500,000 is allocated based on a competitive process.

Commissioner Evans asked for clarification that the new process would use ABC funds instead of county funds.

Ms. Lucas confirmed that is correct. She said there is an eight year history of receiving ABC funds above the expected amount.

Ms. Lucas shared a summary of the new process.

- County receives distributions from Wake County ABC in excess of what is required to be spent on statutorily-mandated programs
- County staff proposes strategically matching recurring revenues and expenditures while taking new approach to use excess ABC proceeds that make more significant, long-term community investments
- New approach continues to involve board input in a transparent framework for all stakeholders

She shared the next steps.

TODAY:

- Receive feedback from the board on proposed approach

NEXT STEPS:

- Finalize a Community Capital competitive process with ABC Fund Balance based on existing parameters
- Bring back to the Board the process overview, requirements, timeline, amount

Community Capital Program Funding Cycles

2014 Process:

- Funding amount available over 4 years = \$2,605,000

- Amount recommended for award over 4 years = \$2,605,000
- Largest project allocation = \$815,000, Smallest project allocation = \$140,000

2018 Process:

- Funding amount available over 4 years = \$2,315,000
- Amount recommended for award over 4 years = \$2,126,000
- Largest project allocation = \$500,000, Smallest project allocation = \$128,000

Chairman Ford thanked Ms. Lucas for her presentation. He asked if these ideas have been shared with the ABC Board.

Ms. Lucas said the ABC board is comfortable with the proposed new process.

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager, said the ABC Board has a process they use to assist organizations.

Chairman Ford said that it is important to stay accountable for the use of the funds.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he is supportive of this process change. He said there are many organizations that can use the additional funding.

Commissioner West asked what the costs have been associated with "Raise the Age". Mr. Ellis said he will provide that information to Commissioner West.

Vice-Chair Adamson said this is a wonderful use of the ABC money. She said she fully supports the new process.

Commissioner Evans said she is in support of the increased funding and the move to a two year process. She asked for confirmation that excess ABC funding has been allocated on an as needed basis in the past.

Ms. Lucas confirmed that is correct.

Commissioner Calabria added his support for this new process.

Chairman Ford offered Ms. Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager, an opportunity to comment.

Ms. Foreman thanked the board for their support of this new process.

Chairman Ford asked if this will be presented for approval at a future meeting. Ms. Lucas said today's process is sufficient, but she will provide updates to the board as staff works through the details.

Mr. Ellis thanked staff for putting this information together quickly.

3. CARES Act Funding and Childcare Subsidies

Attachments: [CARES Funding Childcare Subsidy 09292020.pdf](#)

Ms. Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer, shared the background on the CARES Act funding as it relates to childcare.

County received approximately \$194 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds for:

- Necessary expenditures due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
- Expenditures not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment; and
- Were incurred during the period beginning March 1 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Guidance has been broadly interpreted to include:

- Expenses to “directly respond to the emergency” AND
- “Second-order effects” including “economic support to those suffering from employment or business disruption...”

NC Constitution governs services provided by local governments; cannot fund a service that is inconsistent with statutes, even if allowed at federal level.

She shared the federal and state guidelines.

Federal and State Guidance Language

Federal CARES Act Guidance

- If determined to be a necessary expenditure, funds may be used to provide emergency financial assistance to individuals and families.
- Individuals must demonstrate a financial need due to COVID-19.
- Funds may be provided to cover the costs of distance learning or in-person learning (meeting CDC guidelines).

Statutory Authority for Counties

NCGS 153A-376 authorizes counties:

- To engage in community development programs and activities,

including childcare and education.

- To assist persons of low and moderate income with certain necessary services.
- To accept, appropriate, and expend federal and state funds for said activities.

She shared information on public schools in Wake County.

In late March, Wake County Public Schools System (WCPSS) and other schools in the County closed physical locations and moved to virtual learning, with a plan to return to in-person learning for the 2020-2021 school year.

WCPSS and other schools in the county began the 2021 school year either in an all virtual format or with alternate schedules

- In accordance with guidance released from state
- Continue to promote public health and safety protocols
- Approximately 50 percent of WCPSS student population enrolled in virtual academy at least through the fall semester

She shared an update on the reopening plans for WCPSS.

September 17, 2020

Governor Cooper announced that school districts can reopen elementary schools for daily, in-person instruction on October 5, 2020.

September 23, 2020 - Board of Education (BOE) Met to Receive Superintendent's Phased Reopening

October 26: Pre-K, Elementary, and Regional Programs return on a 3-week rotation until November 16, when they would return full-time

November 9: Grades 6-12 return on a 3-week rotation and remain on the rotation through the first semester

Students enrolled in Virtual Academy through the fall would remain with the option to re-enroll for the spring semester

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May vote on reopening plan as presented or with other alternatives.

Ms. Lucas shared challenges that students and parents face due to virtual learning.

- Whether in an all-virtual or alternate schedule format, younger students or students with special needs need structured, safe

spaces to learn

- Whether in an all-virtual or alternate schedule format, parents may need to send their child(ren) to a facility because:
 - They cannot stay home because their job does not allow telework
 - They may need to care for other family members
 - Other impacts or situations related to COVID-19

She shared solutions provided by community organizations.

Traditional Childcare Facilities

Licensed, private childcare providers across the County have been providing school-aged childcare for several months

WCPSS

Utilizing staff to provide learning environments for children of staff
County provided \$29 million in CRF funding to WCPSS to cover operating needs due to COVID-19
WCPSS planning phased reopening

Families & Schools Together (FAST)

FAST Initiative coordinates partnership of several organizations to provide virtual learning centers:

- YMCA of the Triangle and Boys & Girls Club
- Marbles Museum
- Municipal Parks & Recreation departments

Others

Community and faith-based organizations also working with parents facing virtual learning and childcare challenges

She shared the remaining problems.

What problem are we trying to solve?

The cost of supervision of school-aged children at alternate sites during school hours may cause undue financial hardship on certain households
NCDHHS has been providing school-aged childcare subsidies to income-qualifying households sending children to licensed, private childcare centers

- Don't know how much longer they will support this additional subsidy
- Based on income, some parents still required to pay a portion of the fees

Because community organizations are not required to meet certain licensing requirements, parents who send their children to these facilities are not eligible for NCDHHS childcare subsidies

She shared the proposed use of the CARES Act funding for child care.

Use CARES Act Funds for School-Aged Childcare Subsidies

Utilize up to \$5 million of the County's CRF to provide childcare subsidies to qualifying moderate-to-low income households

High-level criteria:

- Applicant must be a Wake County resident
- Will utilize moderate-to-low income thresholds used for WakeHelps and Housing programs
- Applicant must certify an impact on household due to COVID-19
- Only for children enrolled in grades K-6
- County subsidy capped at \$100/week/child
- Retroactive to October 1 and available until December 30 (or until funding is depleted)
- Households currently receiving state subsidy will automatically be eligible to receive subsidy to cover parent fees (up to the County subsidy)

Ms. Lucas shared school-aged childcare subsidy program administration options.

School-Aged Childcare Subsidies Program Administration

Human Services

HS will administer the program:

- Hire temporary staffing to handle anticipated surge in application and administration
- Provide subsidy directly to the childcare provider
- Utilize online application process, similar to WakeHelps
- Anticipate start date of October 15, 2020

Eligible Childcare Facilities

- Licensed by NCDHHS - Division of Child Development and Early Education
- A community-based organization authorized to provide care for school-age children at a remote learning facility registered with NCDHHS pursuant to SL2020-97
- A community-based organization authorized to operate a remote learning facility for school-age children pursuant to a contract with

the Wake County Public School System in accordance with 10A NCAC 09 .3102

She shared a summary of the request.

County received \$194 million in direct Coronavirus Relief Funds to support the county's response and recovery efforts.

County's first priority is to ensure sufficient funding supports our responsibility to contain and mitigate the public health emergency.

County's CRF funding plan has capacity to support populations financially impacted by COVID-19 and facing care issues for school-aged children.

Proposed program supports children attending a variety of facilities (private/licensed childcare OR authorized community organizations), regardless of schools re-opening plans or schedules.

Ms. Lucas shared the next steps.

TODAY:

- Receive feedback from the Board

NEXT STEPS:

- County staff finalize plans and implement operational, technical, and financial framework to launch program in mid-October

Commissioner Calabria asked for clarification on the eligible facilities. He asked if Girls and Boys Club would be eligible for the funding. Ms. Lucas confirmed they are eligible.

Commissioner Calabria asked if the programs will continue once schools are reopened. Ms. Lucas said the needs will be evaluated periodically as re-openings occur.

Commissioner Calabria asked how many staff would be needed for the administration of this program and if the funding would come from the \$5 million.

Ms. Lucas asked Ms. Antonia Pedroza Wake County Human Services Director for Social Services, to comment on the staffing needs. Ms. Pedroza said there will be five additional staff hired, but the funding will not come from the CARES Act funding.

Vice-Chair Adamson asked if the parents would pay the childcare expense and seek reimbursement or if the cost would be paid directly to the

organization.

Ms. Lucas said the provided funds would be paid directly to organizations.

Vice-Chair Adamson asked if childcare expenses can be paid retroactively. Ms. Lucas said that has been considered, but no decision has been made.

Commissioner Hutchinson commented on the possibility of making this benefit retroactively. He said he is supportive of making it retro active back to August 17, 2020. He asked staff to look at the possibility of paying the providers directly for the retro active care.

Ms. Lucas said that can be considered and she will report back to the Board.

Chairman Ford expressed his support of the retroactive process.

Commissioner West expressed concerns with certain children falling through the cracks. He asked for confirmation of the individuals eligible for the childcare funding and reimbursement. He asked for the guidelines of the moderate and low income requirements.

Ms. Lucas said the same guidelines will be used for this and it was for the Wake HELPS program. She said for a family of four, the maximum income could be \$75,300.

Chairman Ford asked how determinations and documentations are required to qualify for the programs?

Ms. Pedroza said they use paycheck stubs and in some circumstances, perhaps a hurricane or now COVID there could be proof of emergency food stamps, generally they take the applicant's word for proof.

Chairman Ford said he supports the thresholds used for the childcare subsidy.

Commissioner Evans said she appreciates the efforts towards this idea and she is supportive of paying the providers directly.

Commissioner Evans said she is also supportive of making it retro-active to August 17, 2020.

Commissioner Calabria asked for confirmation on the qualifications. He asked if there is documentation required.

Ms. Lucas said the qualifications for this program are similar to other county programs. She said the family is only asked to certify their need.

Commissioner Calabria asked if the program is only offered to families with children in WCPSS. Ms. Lucas said it is offered to families impacted by COVID-19, regardless of the school their child attends.

Commissioner Hutchinson suggested increasing the maximum eligibility income and add a transportation element.

Chairman Ford asked if the board has provided adequate feedback on reaching out to community services and if the consensus of the board to make the funding retroactive was clear.

Ms. Lucas reiterated the requests for staff.

Chairman Ford asked what is a feasible timeline.

Mr. Ellis clarified that the requests are in addition and the board is not looking to start over on the plan.

Commissioner Calabria said he does not want the pre-existing plan to be ruled out, but the additional ideas discussed incorporated.

Chairman Ford said reinvesting the returned tax funds is important and wanted to know how much of the 190 million is left.

Ms. Lucas said there is currently \$72 million that has not be allocated.

4. Healing Transitions Capital Project Request

Attachments: [Healing Transitions 2020-09-29 Wake County Commissioner Work Session.pdf](#)
[Healing Transitions 2020-09-29 Campaign Update for County Commissioners.pdf](#)

Chairman Ford said Vice-Chair Adamson will be presenting this item today.

Vice-Chair Adamson said the Healing Transitions program is important to her. She said there is a small window of time to get an individual into treatment. She said five new positions were added recently to work with "familiar faces".

She said Healing Transitions has been working on this capital campaign since 2012.

Vice-Chair Adamson introduced Chris Budnick, Executive Director, Healing Transitions.

Mr. Budnick provided details on the "Recovery Can't Wait" campaign and the pre-COVID census in 2020.

Why Recovery Can't Wait

1. Greater demand than capacity
 - Wake County population ↑69% since 2001
2. Services on demand in jeopardy
 - 1997 EMS did 2,000 transports of individuals who were homeless and intoxicated to WakeMed
3. Pre-COVID census
 - Men's designed capacity = 165
 - January 11, 2020 = 241
 - Included 129 men in a space:
 - Originally designed for 76 people
 - With 7 toilets, 5 sinks, and 8 showers
 - Women's designed capacity = 88
 - February 18, 2020 = 153
 - Included 74 women in a space:
 - Originally designed for 44 people
 - With 3 toilets, 3 sinks, and 4 showers
 - Combined capacity = 253
 - January 2020 averaged 348 per night

Ms. Lauren Williams, Development Coordinator Healing Transitions, shared a chart of the campaign funding for "Recovery Can't Wait".

The Solution

- Recovery Can't Wait Capital Campaign
 - Partial expansion of Men's Campus
 - Full expansion of Women's Campus
 - Adds 200 beds (total of 500)
 - Expanded living spaces
 - Expanded program spaces
 - Continued ability to serve the community on demand

She said even with all the campaign efforts, she expects a shortfall of \$3.5 million.

Mr. Budnick shared additional information and pictures of the proposed expansion.

He shared a timeline of the expansion projects.

Expansion Timeline

- **Women's**
 - Ground breaking - January 2021
 - Completion - March 2022
- **Men's**
 - Ground breaking - Early 2021
 - Completion - TBD

He shared how Wake County can provide additional support.

Wake County Support

- The success of this campaign depends upon Wake County support
- We are requesting an additional \$4.5 million for a total of \$6 million in County funding
 - \$6 million is 35.3 percent of the total campaign
- Can be multi-year pledge

09/25/2020: Total Cost - \$16,974,939 37 percent - \$5,941,228

Mr. Budnick thanked the board for their consideration.

Chairman Ford said Healing Transitions provides a great service to the community.

Vice-Chair Adamson asked for input from her colleagues on the presentation.

Commissioner Evans said this is a great use of excess ABC funds. She said substance abuse issues have increased due to the pandemic and she is supportive of the additional funding.

Commissioner West thanked Commissioner Adamson for her dedication to addressing the substance abuse issue. He said he is supportive of the concept presented today.

Commissioner West thanked Mr. Budnick for his presentation and Commissioner Hutchinson echoed his support for the additional funding and said Healing Transitions has a great success rate. He thanked Vice-Chair Adamson and Mr. Budnick for their leadership.

Commissioner Calabria said he is in support of the additional funding and said Healing Transitions does a wonderful job.

Chairman Ford said the need is clear and he is supportive of the additional funding. He thanked Vice-Chair Adamson for spearheading this effort.

Vice-Chair Adamson thanked her colleagues for their support. She said there is a personal element for her and she is so inspired by the work that is being done.

Chairman Ford asked about the timeline for this project.

Mr. Ellis said they would try to bring it back in the next 2-3 months.

5. Fellowship Home Expansion Project

Attachments: [FHR Womens Home.pdf](#)
 [Wake County Overview.pdf](#)

Chairman Ford said Commissioner Evans will be presenting the Fellowship Home expansion project.

Commissioner Evans shared the background of Fellowship Home. She said she toured the facility recently and was impressed with their services.

She said Fellowship Home is now owned by the county and receives maintenance support from the county. She said the Fellowship Home is financially self sufficient. She said it was brought to her attention that there is a large need for a Women's Halfway House in Wake County.

Mr. Jon Avant, Fellowship Home Board member, shared the need for a Women's facility in Wake County.

Mr. Avant said the men at the home pay a small amount of rent, but it does not cover the facility costs.

He introduced Ms. Terry Conyers, Executive Director of Fellowship Home.

Mr. Avant, shared the mission of the Fellowship Home: To address the critical and growing need of housing for women in recovery, the Fellowship Home of Raleigh is planning a halfway house for women that will be modeled after our home for men.

He shared the history and success of the Fellowship Home.

Ms. Conyers shared information on gaps in services for women in Wake County

One gap in services for Wake County is safe, supportive housing for Wake County women in recovery.

We still have work to do.

Opioid Overdose Emergency Department Visits in 1st Quarter of 2020 In Wake County, **90**

Individuals served by treatment programs in 2nd Quarter of 2020 in Wake County, **1097**

In the Wake County area, the need is already at the critical stage. In 2019, there were an estimated **1,800 women treated for substance use disorders** in Wake County¹ and an estimated **358 women were counted as homeless, 76 were living on the street or in the woods** **2**.

Currently, there are no halfway houses for women in Wake County that offer the full range of services and support the Fellowship Home offers to men.

847 women came through the doors of The Women's Center seeking food, shelter and other life-saving resources in 2019.

Mr. Avant shared the need for help.

They need our help!

Our Model Offers

- Staff on site to support, offer guidance to the women, assist with employment resources and help to remove barriers
- 3 meals per day
- Parenting classes, trauma counseling
- Transportation to meetings and some appointments
- Life skill classes
- A sense of responsibility and belonging
- Chores to manage the home
- FHR is the only home that accepts residents without a deposit and allows a grace period before paying a small weekly rent

Ms. Conyers shared an account of one of the success stories.

Recovery Works

Megan, 25 years of age, states “no one wakes up one day and decides to be a heroin addict. No one wakes up one day and decides, I want to sell my body, steal, cheat and lie, but it just happens.” Since Megan has been drug free, she has held a job for over a year, purchased a car, actively helps other women in recovery and has rebuilt relationships with her family. Megan has grown in her recovery and states she tries to put just as much effort into her recovery as she did chasing her habit, “which was a lot of

effort." She credits her success to having the proper resources and support.

Megan is similar to the women we will help. Our daughters, sisters and mothers need a safe place to recover. We help men and women in early recovery return to the community as sober, responsible citizens

The Fellowship Home of Raleigh

- The Fellowship Home of Raleigh was established in **1961** by people in recovery who had a thorough understanding of the difficulties faced during the early stages of life without alcohol or drugs.
- For many, going back into their home environment too soon is a great hindrance to recovery. In 12 Step based recovery parlance, a person in early recovery "needs to change his playmates and his playground"
- The home will be modeled after our men's home that has operated successfully since 1961, returning thousands of men to their families and successful lives in Wake County
- 76 percent of residents either completed the program or left for reasons other than a return to use
- Of the vested residents (stayed 30 days or more), 97 percent were employed upon leaving

The Fellowship Home of Raleigh provides opportunity.

He said the estimated cost to purchase and renovate a home to serve women is \$1.1 million.

He said their funding request is \$500,000, which is roughly 47 percent of the total cost.

Commissioner Evans said this is a perfect use for the excess ABC funds.

Chairman Ford expressed his support of the project and the funding.

Ms. Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager, thanked Commissioner Evans for bringing this opportunity forward.

She said additional evaluation is needed before a recommendation can be made. She said it is a worthy project and she looks forward to reviewing it further.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Commissioner Evans, Mr. Avant, and Ms. Conyers for presenting this opportunity. He said he looks forward to receiving the additional information.

Vice-Chair Adamson asked what the bed capacity of the Fellowship Home is and how admission is determined. Mr. Avant said their maximum capacity is 18 men and they stay as full as possible. He said they work with several facilities and coordinate needs of the clients.

Commissioner West said he looks forward to receiving additional information on the women's house. He commended the Fellowship Home for their help in the community.

Commissioner Calabria commented on the services offered at the Fellowship Home. He said he is supportive of the funding contingent upon staff recommendation.

Chairman Ford said that consensus of the board is to move forward with the evaluation process.

Commissioner Evans thanked the board for their support.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Cerett
Executive Assistant
Wake County Board of Commissioners

