

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2010

Action Requested: Increase Community Health Assessment program budget by \$21,800 to reflect new grant funding.

The Buncombe County Department of Health will soon begin the 2009/2010 Community Health Assessment process. The Health Assessment is a comprehensive health "check up" for the county and is designed as to be a collaborate process through which the county health department, the community health coalition (Health Partners) and community members jointly identify and prioritize key health concerns for this community. The assessment process is required of all health departments in North Carolina every four years and, where a Healthy Carolinians community health coalition exists, the health department and the community coalition conduct the assessment together. Though the state provides an outline, each community has a significant amount of local control in conducting their own assessment to best meet their particular needs.

For the first time, health advocates and leaders in Buncombe County propose to expand the Community Health Assessment process to also include a community-wide Outcomes for Health planning and analysis process. This process would have two pieces: a) a cost-effectiveness analysis to help our community understand which broad community health initiatives are most likely to improve health and wellbeing and b) a return on investment analysis for specific health and wellness programs or interventions. To our knowledge, this kind of analysis has not yet been done as part of a community health assessment by any other community in North Carolina. Mission Hospital's Community Benefits program is funding this new planning and analysis process.

NCGS Requiring Service:

NCGS requires we PROVIDE:

or ENSURE AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY:

Alternative Service Delivery Methods considered and evaluated:

Funds/Staff requested: There are no county funds or staff requested.

Request submitted by: Jim Holland for Gibbie Harris

Date Submitted: February 5, 2010