Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

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Budget Amendment for Minority Health Grant (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Public Health).

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Jennifer Chilton for Amanda Stone

Background information

The Community Focused Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative works to ensure implementation of an evidence-based medical home model to close the gap in the health status of African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians as compared to the white population. The eight focus areas are: Heart Disease, Stroke, Diabetes, Obesity, Asthma, HIV/AIDS/STDs, and Cancer and Infant Mortality. This initiative helps to ensure that minorities have access to a medical home, receive prevention education, testing, screening, and referral services.

Pro's

- Improves health status of minorities
- Collaboration with community partners

Con's

None

Funds required

No county funds are required.

Alternatives

Action recommended:

Increase Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative budget by \$32,400 to reflect additional state funding.