

AGENDA ITEM:

Budget Amendment for
Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities (MARC) Grant Funding

MEETING DATE: November 3, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Jennifer Chilton for Amanda Stone

Background information

BCHHS is the organizing agency for *Innovative Approaches (IA)*, a grant funded project that supports a coalition of health care, community service providers and parents working to improve systems of care for children with special health care needs. Beginning in July 2012, IA began learning about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). In the summer of 2013, IA created an ACE Learning Collaborative of parents, educators, mental health and health and human service professionals began piloting materials developed for providers to use to educate families and clients they were serving about how adversity impacts their health and work to share strategies that improve their capacity to reduce their impact. This team also created a community handbook listing key trauma and resilience resources.

The Health Federation of Philadelphia, with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will provide Buncombe County Health and Human Services \$150,000/year x 2 years to participate in a national learning collaborative with 10 other community coalitions doing similar work to “create a movement to build a culture of resilience.”

Pro’s

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study is one of the largest investigations ever conducted to assess associations between childhood maltreatment and later-life health and well-being. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study findings suggest that certain experiences are major risk factors for the leading causes of illness and death in the United States. It is critical to shed light on how some of the worst health and social problems in our nation can arise as a consequence of adverse childhood experiences. Realizing these connections is likely to improve efforts towards prevention and recovery. By working to create a culture of resilience, we are building the foundation of prevention that will help mitigate adversity. Partners will learn together how to create conditions that support a trauma-informed, resilient community.

Con’s

Without these funds, Buncombe County will not have the opportunity to build on the work of ACE Collaborative and create a movement that will build resilience across our community.

Funds required in current budget:

The funding allocated to the County is \$150,000/year x 2 years Oct-Sept 2016 (year one) and Oct-Sept 2017 (year two). There are no county funds required.

Funds required in future budgets:

There are no county funds required in future budgets.

Alternatives

Buncombe County does not have to accept these funds and the innovative work anticipated as a result of this funding would not be possible without a similar funding stream.

Action recommended:

Approve the grant award from The Health Federation of Philadelphia in the amount of \$300,000 to work with Buncombe County to help support building a resilient community.