



## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

### **Request for Board Action**

**Meeting Date: 10/15/2019**

#### **New Business**

**Department:** Strategic Partnerships (Behavioral Health) & Sheriff's Office

**Presenter(s):** Rachael Nygaard & Sheriff Quentin Miller

**Contact(s):** Rachael Nygaard

**Subject:** Transportation Agreement

#### **Brief Summary:**

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the changes to the Involuntary Commitment (IVC) Laws in North Carolina resulting from new North Carolina legislation, SB630.

IVC Laws provide for custody, transportation and evaluations for individuals identified as potentially having a mental illness or substance use disorder that may be a danger to themselves or others.

Previously optional, SB630 requires the governing body of a city or county to adopt a plan (transportation agreement) for the custody and transportation of respondents under involuntary commitment from one entity to another.

Buncombe County's proposed transportation agreement is a memorandum between the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies located within the County.

The agreement formalizes local practices already in place related to the transport for IVCs. It includes the need for transportation after a Magistrate issues an IVC order and after an initial evaluation, whether or not further treatment is needed, and it lists the responsibilities for local law enforcement agencies to provide this transportation.

A draft agreement is included as part of the packet for this agenda item.

#### **Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve the Transportation Agreement

#### **County Manager's comments and Recommendation:**

Approve as recommended