



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/19/2019

New Business

Department:

Budget

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s):

Sheriff Miller
Sheri Powers, Sheriff's Office
Sarah Gayton Sheriff's Office
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Subject:

Buncombe County Detention Facility - Strategic Community Opioid Response

Brief Summary:

NC Department of Health and Human Services partnered with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), allocating funding for supplemental State Opioid Response (SOR) fund through VAYA Health, for the purposes of developing a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program in the Buncombe County Detention Facility. \$161,890 will come directly to Buncombe County with the balance allocated to RHA and Sunrise. BCSO has begun the development of a MAT program, which will identify opioid users in the facility, provide harm reduction strategies to each self-reporting user, and link individuals to recovery education, pre- and post-release treatment options, community-based resources and recovery pathways, and case management support. The allocated funds will provide salary and benefits, operating expenses, and service delivery costs. This request includes one grant funded, full-time, benefited Program Director position with salary grade 73. The position will terminate should grant funds not be available to cover the salary and benefits or unless agreed upon by the Board of Commissioners to fund through another source.

A presentation outlining the detention-based MAT program was made to the Commission on May 21, 2019. The Commission adopted a resolution in support of the detention MAT program on August 20, 2019.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented