



## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

### **Request for Board Action**

**Meeting Date: 6/2/2020**

#### **Presentations**

**Department (s): County Manager's Office**

#### **Presenter(s):**

**Brian Ingraham, Vaya Health Chief Executive Officer**

**Larry Hill, Vaya Health Chief Financial Officer**

**Contact(s): DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager**

**Subject: Vaya Health Update**

#### **Brief Summary:**

Vaya Health (Vaya) is a public managed care organization that oversees Medicaid, federal, state and local funding for services and supports related to mental health, substance use disorder and intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Vaya operates as the local management entity-managed care organization (LME/MCO) in 22 western North Carolina counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey. Our region is home to more than 1 million residents who may be eligible for our prevention, treatment and crisis services.

As required by General Statute, Buncombe County provides \$600K Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds to support prevention, treatment and crisis services for those who have mental health, substance use disorders, and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities. Vaya provides over 60,000 for mental health and substance abuse jail diversion. County leadership works closely with Vaya to ensure the health and safety of Buncombe County residents. Accordingly, County Manager Pinder represents the organization as a Vaya Health County Representative. Additionally, Assistant County Manager Wesley serves on

Vaya Health's Board of Directors. The Vaya Health Board of Directors is responsible for the comprehensive, collaborative planning and budgeting of publicly-funded, community-based mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance use disorder services for our members. The board appoints the agency CEO, oversees compliance, approves the annual budget and establishes policy guidelines for management to administer services in a way that meets the diverse needs of the community.

On an annual basis, Vaya provides an update to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners that includes a financial update and a summary of notable activities and/or issues.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Presentation Only – No Formal Action

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

County Manager authorizes the presentation to be shared for information purposes.