



Community Paramedicine Dogwood Grant Award Amendment

Commissioners Meeting

January 5, 2021

Presented by

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Grant Summary

- Original Award: \$382,000 from Dogwood Trust:
 - Awarded to Emergency Services Department
 - May 2020 – May 2021
 - Program Evaluation to be conducted by Performance Management
- Amended Award: \$499,953
 - Time extended Dec 2020 – December 31, 2021
 - \$117,953 – Add Program Manager position to the Community Paramedic team



Program Manager Role

- Actively engage with community partners to help strengthen the overall program
- Oversee the achievement of the program's goals & work with PM on program evaluation
- Coordinate efforts of all the Community Paramedics with strong attention to strategy, implementation and delegation
- Tracking data
- Collaborating on new grant opportunities



Grant Goals



overdose death rate



access to Medication Assisted Treatment



burden of the opioid overdose and infectious disease epidemics to the local medical system



911 dispatch calls for chronic disease manifestations, including behavioral health issues



Grant Activities

- Enhanced, specially trained paramedics respond in real time to overdoses
- Offers in-time dosing and warm hand-offs to Medication Assisted Treatment
- Provides Naloxone kit and training on the scene
- Conducts in-person follow-ups for chronic disease management and prevention, including wound care, infectious disease, diabetes, heart disease, behavioral health, etc.
- Provides rapid response medical clearance for those wishing to enter detox



Alignment with Current Opioid Efforts

- Works seamlessly with Post-Overdose Response Team (PORT) in following up with peer support and mental health services within 72 hours of the overdose
- One paramedic will be assigned to PORT from 8-5 Mon-Fri
- Refers to community health providers for primary care and behavioral healthcare for those not interested in PORT
- Accepts community referrals from PORT Peer Support Specialist



Current Program Stats & Successes

	November 8 th -30 th	December MTD
Community Paramedic calls	119	136
Overdose Contacts	44	53
Referral's	33	40
Warm Handoffs to Fm. Pres.	7	7
Homeless Overdose Contacts	10	13



Current Program Stats & Successes

- Feeding the homeless through a partnership with WNC Rescue Mission
- Relationship building with local businesses and charities
- Collecting and donating coats, gloves, and shoes at ABCCM, Code Purple shelter, and on the street
- Providing coffee, food, and clothing at Downtown Christmas Day event



Vision: Program Expansion

- Expanded scope of practice for Community Paramedics to begin medicated assisted treatment (MAT) in the field to bridge clients to a provider.
- Integration of Community Health Care Workers, Patient Care Navigators, Mental Health Workers and Social Workers with Community Paramedics to take advantage of collaborations between EMS, other health care and social service providers to connect clients to the needed resources.



Requested Action & Next Steps

- January 5th – BOCC Request
 - Accept Dogwood Trust Grant for Community Paramedicine & Authorize Budget Amendment in the amount of \$117,953
 - Authorize Program Manager 1 Position, 100% grant funded until December 31, 2021
- Program Evaluation & Progress Report - May 2021

