New Business

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**Subject:** Letter of Support for Refugee Resettlement program

**Brief Summary:**
The Lutheran Services Carolinas and the Catholic Charities Dioceses of Charlotte are both proposing to open a Refugee Resettlement Reception and Placement program in the county and have requested letters of support from the County.

If approved, both organizations will establish a sub-office location in the county. A sub-office for Refugee Resettlement Reception and Placement program will impact the following:

- Resettlement of refugees with and without family members in the U.S.
- Each fiscal year we will have an accurate estimate of the number of refugees we will resettle within the year, which helps with preparation.
- Frequent Stakeholders’ meetings for community agencies who interface with refugees. The meetings are an opportunity to **collaborate** and **share information**.
- Case management staff will play a greater role in linking refugee arrivals with housing and employment.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**
Provide guidance to the County Manager.