



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: August 3, 2021

Consent Agenda

Presenter(s):

John Hudson, Budget

Requesting Department: Health and Human Services

Budget Amendment Item: START Expansion - Budget Redistribution

Contact(s): Rebecca Smith, Social Work Division Director

Subject: START Expansion - Budget Redistribution

Brief Summary:

Poly-substance use has impacted Child Protective Service provision in Buncombe County. To address this, Buncombe County Health and Human Services implemented the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (START) Model in 2017. Through an award of \$1,385,760, the START Expansion 2020 project doubled BCHHS's capacity to provide intensive support and trauma services to child-welfare involved families including parents and young children.

The grant was adopted at the budget line level and initially used to fund 4 County FTE's, with any additional labor secured through contracts. In the second and final year of the grant, the project will use only 2 County FTE's and increase the use of contracted staff. This budget amendment redistributes the existing grant budget to accommodate this change.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented