



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/18/2022

Consent Agenda

Department: Health & Human Services (HHS)

Presenter(s): Stoney Blevins, Director

Contact(s): Jennifer Teague, Aging & Adult Services Program Manager

Subject: Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Advisory Committee Waiver

Brief Summary: A waiver regarding term limits for HCCBG Advisory Committee members is being requested.

The NC Administrative Code defines the County Block Grant Advisory Committee as a “committee, appointed annually” by the Board of County Commissioners. However, the current limit of two, one-year terms are detrimental to the functioning of the board for the following reasons:

- 1) Committee members spend an extensive amount of time throughout the year(s) learning about the funding, the providers and the process. Turnover every 2 years could impact funding recommendations and result in uninformed members making recommendations each year.
- 2) There is a lack of community members applying for the committee. At present, we have 7 members on the committee and 4 open seats. Without this waiver all of our current members will roll off at the next yearly appointment, potentially leaving no one on the committee.

The Policy and Procedures for Board Appointments by the Board of County Commissioners states that the “policy may be waived if the Commissioners determine that the removal of an individual made ineligible by this policy would be detrimental to the functioning of that board, committee or authority.”

Health and Human Services staff have researched term limits of our neighboring counties and have been in discussion with Land of Sky Area Agency on Aging and found that other western NC Counties such as Transylvania and Henderson allow for six years of continuous service.

Staff recommends the following term limits for this committee:

“One-year terms with the option to reappoint annually up to a maximum of 6 terms before rolling off the committee.”

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve waiver

County Manager’s comments and Recommendation: Recommends approval