



Agenda Action Form Overview

Alliance Behavioral Healthcare will provide an overview of various housing initiatives, System of Care, Medicaid reform, and opioid and community program updates.

Both access to safe and affordable housing and the supports necessary to successfully maintain housing continue to be a challenge in Durham County. Alliance will be requesting County Commissioner support to convene a Supportive Housing Committee that will identify opportunities for supportive housing pilots through a system mapping exercise conducted by the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

Background/Justification

Alliance Behavioral Healthcare is the LME-MCO serving Durham, Wake, Cumberland and Johnston Counties since July, 2010. Each year Alliance provides detailed updates to the BOCC regarding funding considerations, new programs or initiatives and the status of Medicaid reform.

Housing Initiatives

Alliance administers several housing programs in Durham County and extensively collaborates with housing and homeless providers to improve access to safe and affordable housing for the most vulnerable citizens. An overview of the various programs and populations served will be discussed as well as identification of gaps and needs for increasing access to housing and potential strategies.

Medicaid Reform

The NC General Assembly, along with the NC Department of Health and Human Services, continues to consider the future of the state's Medicaid program.

The current plan would create a fully capitated system governed by a Division of Health Benefits. An 1115 Waiver application has been submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and it is estimated that review, approval and implementation of the Waiver would take until July 2019. LME/MCOs would remain in their current form for four years after this implementation of managed care on the physical health side.

Opioid and Community Programs

Alliance has worked to expand access to opioid services in all communities to respond to this epidemic. This has including dispensing medication to counteract overdose. These initiatives are in collaboration with state and federal initiatives.

Alliance continues to build and support its crisis continuum. This year a new service model, Behavioral Health Urgent Care, was implemented in Durham. This service offers extended hours and no appointment is needed. Individual receive assessment, stabilization, nursing and psychiatric intervention, and case management to address social determinants of health and discharge planning.

Financial Update



As of February 28, 2018, Alliance has a current Net Position of \$119M. The budget for FY18 is approximately \$536M which is predominantly made up of Medicaid funds. Alliance is meeting or exceeding all contractual and legislative required financial ratios and is operating within the funded Per Member Per Month (PMPM) Medicaid payment.

Policy Impact

N/A

Procurement Background

N/A.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the updates from Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and provide direction to staff as appropriate.