



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to create one full-time FTE county funded Physician Extender position in the Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic (STI) at \$119,753 of transferred funding from contracted services.

Background/Justification

The goal of the STI Program is to provide medical examinations, screenings, evaluations, and treatments to clients with a focus on sexually transmitted diseases (STD), HIV, and syphilis; provide STD/HIV education to encourage and promote prevention; provide referrals for immunizations, substance abuse, sexual abuse, mental health or other medical issues (hypertension, diabetes, asthma, etc.) as needed; and reports all cases of bacterial STD, HIV, syphilis, and other communicable diseases to the NC Division of Public Health. The STI Clinic operates mainly on a walk-in basis. If a county Physician Extender position is created to replace the former contract position, the STI Clinic will be able to provide assessment, examination and treatment services to more patients. Converting a contracted physician extender position to a county physician extender position will allow the STI Clinic to continue to ensure access to provide assessment, physical examination, education, counseling and appropriate care to clients who present to the STI Clinic. These services help to decrease transmission of STIs through testing, prevention education and treatment of both clients diagnosed with infections and their partners.

Policy Impact

Recognition of these funds are in line with current Board policy and do not require an exception.

Procurement Background

Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000045 to create one full-time FTE county funded Physician Extender position in the Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic (STI) using \$119,753 of transferred funding from contracted services.