



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) and to authorize the County Manager to sign the MOA.

Background/Justification

The proposed MOA focuses on an increase in the daily per diem rate for Durham County residents detained at the Youth Home. The NCDPS has agreed to increase the daily per diem rate for Durham County detainees to \$153.38. The current per diem rate for Durham County residents housed at the Youth Home is \$122.00 per day. The proposed increase aligns with the current daily rate being provided to Guilford and Mecklenburg Counties. The agreement will become effective September 2020 and can be renewed for two additional years.

Juveniles housed in the Youth Home who are residents of other counties and/or charged in other counties will be charged the initial rate of \$244.00 per day per juvenile, with the appropriate county of residence billed by NCDPS for half this cost. The proposed MOA also provides 18 months for the Youth Home to adopt the necessary policies and conduct the necessary training to fully comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), included in Section 24.

Policy Impact

Approving the MOA aligns with the Board's priority to increase state funding to support the Durham Youth Home and to keep Durham youth being detained in Durham close to family and support services while awaiting adjudication.

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact

Approving the MOA will provide additional state funding to the Durham Youth Home to support operational costs.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety and authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement.