



Legislation Text

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Item:

Involuntary Commitment Transportation Agreement (15min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: September 3, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to suspend the rules and approve and adopt the attached Involuntary Transportation Agreement resolution.

Session Law 2018-33 revised many statutes in Chapter 122C concerning the involuntary commitment process, including GS 122C-251(g) and enacting a new statute, GS 122C-202.2. The revisions to GS 122C-251(g) require Durham County to adopt an “involuntary commitment transportation agreement” (Agreement) with the agency and persons who will be transporting individuals subject to the involuntary commitment procedure. This statute, as well as a few others, provide standards for the conduct of such transports, as well as training requirements for the persons performing them. The Sheriff’s Office has traditionally performed these transports for the County and their procedures already comport with those established by the statutes, so they will not cause any disruption to ongoing operations. The Sheriff’s Office, as well as other local stakeholders have been involved in the process of preparing the draft Agreement.

Following adoption, and execution, this Agreement must be sent to Alliance Health, our LME, for inclusion in a “Crisis Services Plan” which is due to the Department of Health and Human Services not later than October 1, 2019. Because of that deadline, the Board is requested to suspend the rules and approve and adopt the Agreement at this meeting.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request aligns with the County’s Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well-Being for All and Goal 3: Safe Community

Resource Persons: Gayle Harris, General Manager for Community Well-being, Curtis Massey, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Major Tony Butler, Durham County Sheriff’s Office

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review the attached agreement, and if it is acceptable, suspend the rules and adopt it.

County Manager: _____