



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

Consent Agenda

Department:

HHS - Public Health/Health Promotions

Presenter(s):

John Hudson, Budget

Contact(s):

Mitchell Albers, Harm Reduction Case Manager
Erin Bee, Health Promotions Manager

Subject:

Dogwood Health Trust - SSP Case Management

Brief Summary:

A programming enhancement to add a dedicated Peer Support Case Manager role to support Syringe Service Program participants, as well as Hepatitis C Bridge clients in reaching their identified Case Management needs in the community, focusing on linkage to Medication Assisted Treatment, primary care, Hepatitis C treatment, Social Determinants of Health needs, substance use and/or mental health treatment, occupation needs and more. This award will also support and collaborate with Unete to outreach and educate the Latinx community around Harm Reduction and Naloxone use, distribute Naloxone and substance test strips and create educational materials in Spanish. Dogwood Health Trust is providing \$150,000 over a two year period to support the above activities.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented