

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, April 7, 2014

9:00 A.M. Worksession

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, second floor, Durham County Government
Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice Chair Brenda Howerton and Commissioners
Fred Foster, Jr., Wendy Jacobs and Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chairman Michael D. Page

Citizen Comments

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period to allow Durham County citizens an opportunity to speak. Citizens were requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.

Ms. Stephanie Gans from Threshold Clubhouse expressed her concerns about the Hispanic population not having the opportunity to visit inmates in the Durham County Jail due to foreign identifications not being accepted.

Chairman Page stated he would like a discussion to take place with the County Manager, Sheriff's Office, County Attorney, and Ms. Gans. Commissioner Jacobs recommended the Durham Police Chief be included since there was a policy in place with the City of Durham.

John Tarantino provided a musical selection on "*Ethics in our Government.*"

Proclamation - Durham TRY PREVENTION!

Chairman Page asked the Commissioners to suspend the rules to approve the Proclamation – Durham TRY PREVENTION!

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton to suspend the rules to approve the Proclamation – Durham TRY PREVENTION!

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Page read the following proclamation:

TALK IT UP. LOCK IT UP!™ & LOCK IT! DROP IT! MONTH | 2014

WHEREAS, substance use disorders and various unhealthy and dangerous behaviors among youth are deemed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to be “part of a consistent pattern of circumstances that tend to occur together;” and

WHEREAS, alcohol misuse is a root cause of serious problems that adversely affect our quality of life, including homicide, suicide, traumatic injury, violent and property crimes, high-risk sex, fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol poisoning, and the need for treatment for alcohol abuse and dependence; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 17,910 adults and 1,208 adolescents residing in Durham County abuse substances and need treatment; and

WHEREAS, alcohol was the most frequently mentioned toxin in 48 percent of Durham resident toxin-related deaths, alcohol was followed by prescription drugs (33 percent); and

WHEREAS, 36 percent of high school students report using alcohol in the last 30 days. 21.7 percent of high school students report using prescription medications without a prescription in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, almost 70 percent of youth who drank alcohol or abused prescription pain relievers obtain them from friends or relatives, with or without their knowledge, while only 5 percent obtained them from a drug dealer or from the internet; and

WHEREAS, Together for Resilient Youth (T.R.Y.) members work closely with Bands Against Destructive Decisions (B.A.D.D.), Parents “U Matter,” Durham Public Schools, Durham-area law enforcement, faith-based organizations, the health care community, Durham Businesses Against Crime, and the private sector to influence the prevention of substance use behaviors of youth; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to now recognize and offer strong appreciation for the exemplary leadership of T.R.Y. and its founder, Wanda Boone, along with T.R.Y. coalition members, for the exemplary work they do to reduce substance abuse in Durham County, especially among our youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Page, Chairman of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2014, as

“TALK IT UP. LOCK IT UP!™ AND LOCK IT! DROP IT!” MONTH

in Durham County, North Carolina and hereby urge all citizens to take note of this observance and participate in activities associated with T.R.Y. initiatives during this month and throughout the year.

This the 7th day of April, 2014.

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the Proclamation – Durham TRY PREVENTION!

The motion carried unanimously.

Wanda Boone, Co-Founder of Durham TRY thanked the Board for the proclamation. She highlighted the events for the Annual Conference including Keynote Speakers, Shannon Weatherly, Executive Director of YouthThrive and Christian Hairston, Buffalo Bills National Football League (NFL) Player.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked Ms. Boone for being involved in every aspect of the community.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked Ms. Boone for educating the community on prescription drug abuse. She also suggested Ms. Boone become a guest on the Durham County Government Television Show to provide more awareness.

Presentation on Food Insecurity and Impact on Women and Families in Durham County by Durham County Women's Commission

Gina Dhillon, Chair of the DC Women's Commission stated on behalf of the Commission, they planned to provide additional presentations and discussions on a regular basis to the Board while also connecting women to the strategic plan.

Rosa Anderson, member of the DC Women's Commission and Bobi Gallagher, Food Insecurity Action Team member shared a presentation on *Food Insecurity and Impact on Women and Families*.

The presentation highlighted that food insecurity was defined as a period of time during a month where one or more family members in a household lacked adequate access to enough food. About 50,000 people in Durham County face food insecurity. In Durham County, the development of a food hub would begin to take place. Durham Public Schools would be piloting a universal free breakfast program and the Farmers Market would accept the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card as a way for payment on fresh produce.

Ms. Gallagher stated local food banks and churches were serving the community, but the need was much greater. She discussed ways to respond to food insecurity, adding less food was being distributed so that enough food could be available for everyone.

Commissioner Reckhow thanked Ms. Anderson and Ms. Gallagher for bringing forth new ideas and suggestions. She suggested more outreach and education for farmers that wished to provide leftover food from markets to local outreach programs. Ms. Gallagher responded the program Farmers Food Share collected food and distributed it to specific outreaches.

Commissioner Jacobs shared an update on the food hub stating its future location would be on the corner of Geer and Roxboro Streets. She recommended the Women's Commission speak with Mike Dupree from the Farmland Board to discuss efforts in regards to food insecurity.

Vice Chair Howerton asked how could a community pull together to have a larger impact and pinpoint the organizations that create a larger outcome? She mentioned she would like the Board and community to meet and discuss this issue.

Update on Durham Convention Center Operations

Patrick Byker, Chair, Durham Convention Center Authority (DCC) shared an *Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2012/13* presentation to the Board.

Mr. Byker highlighted a signed 3-year agreement with Global Spectrum with a 2-year renewal option in Spring 2011. As a result, customer service and food quality scores have continued to improve. There has been maximized use of the improved facility.

Marketing initiatives included co-op marketing and tradeshow, destination marketing with major local venues, digital signage, and joint booking opportunities with Carolina Theatre and the Durham Armory.

The Convention Center continued expansion with the NCCU Hospitality Program, and provided over 1,100 meals to the Durham Rescue Mission and/or Urban Ministries.

Challenges included additional parking. The DCC continued to develop relationships with key managers or venues and area stakeholders.

Commissioner Foster asked for clarification on the consumer and tradeshow numbers. Jen Noble, General Manager stated there was a space limit in the building and the DCC was also limited by being a downtown location. Ms. Noble stated the DCC were targeting markets such as a Gun and Knife Show, U.S. Food Tradeshows and Consumer Shows.

Commissioner Reckhow mentioned positive comments received from visitors during the Full Frame festival. She suggested the plaza as an extension to the DCC as well as moving the “reserved” parking in the parking deck to the higher levels. By doing so, she stated visitors would have priority parking during events.

Commissioner Jacobs asked about a restaurant/café outdoors during events. Ms. Noble stated the DCC purchased concession carts to be used during special events. Commissioner Jacobs inquired about the size conventions the County would be able to attract. Ms. Noble stated the County had not been able to attract the association market. Ms. Nobel added the association markets were made aware of the new lodging in the area. She stated the markets run on rotation and DCC was working hard to highlight Durham as an area of choice.

Chairman Page stated the competition had become fierce due to the closing of the Radisson Hotel. He thanked the DCC for providing excellent pricing points and great food quality to those interested in hosting events in the facility.

Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) & Duke University Health System (DUHS) Collaboration on a Unified Electronic Health Record

Phillip Harewood, CEO of Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) discussed health information technology and stated LCHC was currently utilizing a 10 year old system. He added the electronic health record of choice named EPIC was being used by Duke University Health System (DUHS), University of North Carolina Hospital (UNC) and Wake Medical Center (WakeMed) to name a few. Mr. Harewood stated Healthcare Reform was around three aims: (1) increasing the patient experience (2) improving population and (3) reducing the cost of healthcare. The proposed system would give LCHC Epic Care Ambulatory Electronic Medical Records, Epic Scheduling System, Epic Prelude Registration System, My Chart for patient information, Epic Resolute Professional Billing System, Epic Care Link and Care Everywhere/Anywhere which is a module that Public Health could utilize due to their pregnant women being serviced within the health system. Mr. Harewood stated the benefit is

to have one patient, one record in the community. He shared the estimated cost would be \$1.9 – \$2.1 million dollars with DUHS in agreement to share equally in the investment. The request from the Board was to provide the other portion of the cost. Mr. Harewood added the ongoing cost would be \$250,000 annually, which was consistent with the cost spent on several different vendors LCHC was using.

Dr. Howard Eisenson, Chief Medical Officer of LCHC stated amongst the providers at LCHC, they would like to see a shared record with DUHS.

Commissioner Reckhow asked if this request was a proposal and what was the estimated cost based on. Dr. Thomas Owens, Chief Medical Officer of DUHS responded Epic was sold to only larger health systems, not clinics. The price was broken down into three categories (1) infrastructure (hardware); (2) building unique capabilities in the system for LCHC; and (3) support for providers and staff during “go live.”

Commissioner Reckhow mentioned since LCHC was an adjunct facility utilized by DUHS, she was not sure if the County’s contribution should be 50 percent. Dr. Owens stated the cost of Epic for DUHS was well into the millions and what would be created for LCHC would be ready to use. Kathleen Galbraith, Interim President of Duke Regional Hospital mentioned Epic was a considerable investment for DUHS and the health system would continue to invest and contribute to LCHC. She added giving patients the opportunity to have one record throughout several facilities would be beneficial for all.

Commissioner Reckhow asked for clarification on the interface of Epic with the Health Department. Gayle Harris, Director of Public Health stated they reviewed Epic as a model however, decided to go with Patagonia Health which was used throughout North Carolina by other health departments. Ms. Harris stated there was a feature named Stork which is a part of Epic that would still allow information to be shared. Commissioner Reckhow asked if the record would be visible for other areas by later this year. Ms. Harris responded the timeline was different and was being done in phases. Commissioner Reckhow gave her support and would like a discussion with the manager to determine where the funds would come from.

Commissioner Foster asked why Public Health decided to select Patagonia Health instead of Epic. Ms. Harris responded Patagonia Health fit the needs of the Public Health.

Vice Chair Howerton inquired about doctors and patients not connected to the Epic system. Dr. Owens responded the State was working on a health information exchange where physicians could obtain an account through MedLink and log-in to obtain their patients information. Vice Chair Howerton asked was there a cost. Dr. Owens stated the exact cost had not yet been released; however for DUHS physicians to participate it would be \$800,000.00 - \$1 million dollars per year.

Commissioner Jacobs inquired about the relationship with Alliance and how would it impact the mental health area. Mr. Harewood responded those links were not discussed. Dr. Eisenson interjected he was unsure if Alliance had linkage with Epic but it would be great for an easier exchange of patient information. Commissioner Jacobs asked if staff would be available for all the necessary training needed for this new system. Dr. Owens and Ms. Galbraith both responded there would be massive support for LCHC during the “go live” period.

Commissioner Jacobs asked the Board what were different funding options available to assist with this request. Lee Worsley, Interim County Manager stated the Community Health Trust Fund was open for use. He stated the balance was \$13.7 million with \$6.7 million already committed to debt services. Mr. Worsley asked staff to provide more specifics before moving forward while also looking into future years.

Commissioner Foster inquired about the dollar amount requested from the County for Epic use at LCHC. Dr. Owens stated the implementation cost was \$1.9 million dollars with \$250,000.00 per year for operating cost. Commissioner Foster stated if LCHC were providing services outside of DUHS, would the County's fair share be half of the total cost, or would DUHS provide more. Craig Savage, Financial Secretary, LCHC Board responded Durham County should provide more than half the cost considering 85 percent of residents that were seen at LCHC were County citizens. Mr. Savage stated LCHC was asking for 50 percent participation of the implementation which would decrease the cost of care.

Commissioner Foster asked when the funds were needed. Dr. Owens stated the goal implementation timeframe would be August and they were hoping for a commitment by May 2014.

Chairman Page clarified that there would be no ongoing cost and all maintenance would be handled by LCHC. Ms. Galbraith concurred.

Vice Chair Howerton questioned what would happen if the Community Trust Fund was depleted. Mr. Worsley responded there are two sources; the Fund Balance and Annual Dollars. He stated the General Fund Balance was also a potential source of funding and he would come back with recommendations.

Chairman Page requested the item be placed on the Consent Agenda of the May 5, 2014 Worksession Meeting. Dr. Owens responded the August "go live" date would not be met if they waited until May 5, 2014. Ms. Galbraith added 120 days was the minimal implantation timeframe.

Mr. Worsley mentioned staff was in the middle of budget as well as transitioning a new manager. He requested 3-4 weeks to review this option.

Commissioner Reckhow mentioned she was not opposed to participation; however, she would like further thought on the cost split.

Chairman Page asked Mr. Worsley if a response could be made in the next few weeks. Mr. Worsley concurred. Chairman Page stated the Board would like to cooperate and respond timely to the request.

Vice Chair Howerton inquired about the implementation date in August. Dr. Owens stated the exact date for the system change was August 17, 2014.

Chairman Page stated he would meet with the new manager during the week of April 14, 2014 and allow appropriate discussion for this item. If a decision was made, perhaps action could be taken at the April 28, 2014 Regular Session Meeting.

Commissioner Reckhow suggested the Board review all options and possibly suspend the rules at the May 5, 2014 Worksession Meeting and take action if necessary.

Chairman Page asked for a consensus from the Board to add the item to the May 5, 2014 Worksession Agenda. All Board members concurred.

Discussion of EMS Facilities Projects

Skip Kirkwood, Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) shared a presentation titled *EMS Facilities Today and Tomorrow*.

The presentation outlined the total number of facilities, the proximity of the stations, response times, and the proposal for the procurement of Optima Operations Analysis Software to test station locations. Current users of the software are Guilford County NC; Lee County, FL; Pinellas County, FL; Tulsa/Oklahoma City; and Denver Health Paramedics.

Commissioner Reckhow asked if the response time included first responders such as the Fire Department. Mr. Kirkwood responded the presentation only showed EMS times.

Mr. Kirkwood proposed a plan to take \$365,000.00 allocated for the renovation of Station 1 and do the following: (1) Conduct a scientific study on station locations (2) Have an engineering firm study existing locations and determine if they serve the purpose, if not can they be updated to serve that purpose.

Commissioner Reckhow asked Mr. Kirkwood to look at existing fire stations that may be appropriate for co-locations. Mr. Kirkwood concurred adding EMS would look at co-locations however, there were adaptations that would need to be made for the space to work.

Vice-Chair Howerton asked was the evaluation study the first step. Mr. Kirkwood responded the first step would be to determine the location need; the evaluation would be the second step of the process.

Commissioner Jacobs questioned the last time EMS services were evaluated and asked had the Optima Software been used before. The Board responded they were unsure of the last EMS service evaluation. Mr. Kirkwood stated the Optima Software had not been used in Durham County before; however, Guilford County was using the system with much success. Commissioner Jacobs inquired about the responsibility for the long range strategic plan. Mr. Kirkwood stated a contractor would be responsible for the EMS component of it; they would also look to the County Engineers for expertise in that area. Commissioner Jacobs was concerned about the \$50,000.00 requested for the assessment of the station areas and asked Mr. Kirkwood to share articles to the Board about EMS services.

Commissioner Foster asked how many EMS facilities were at fire stations. Mr. Kirkwood stated there were seven at fire stations which were not designed to accommodate co-locations and two abandoned fire stations were EMS stations. Commissioner Foster asked Mr. Kirkwood if he had spoken to the Fire Department in regards to their recent Fire Study in hopes to collaborate with their findings. Mr. Kirkwood responded EMS was requesting

outside confirmation and information on the cost to solve EMS station location problems. He also stated the space would not accommodate management.

Commissioner Reckhow stated management should not be in an EMS station but in another building such as the old courthouse or the Judicial Annex Building.

Lee Worsley, Interim County Manager added that Administration was looking to place EMS management in the Judicial Annex Building.

Chairman Page asked when the item would come back to the Board. Mr. Worsley stated it would come back to the Board Monday April 14, 2014 as a regular agenda item.

Presentation to Establish a Program to Provide Assistance to Owners of Malfunctioning Septic Systems that are in Need of Repair, Replacement, or Connection to Municipal Sewer

Christopher Salter, Environmental Health Director shared a presentation on the *Division of Environmental Health Onsite Water Protection Section*. The presentation highlighted the need to establish a program to provide assistance to owners of malfunctioning septic systems that are in need of repair, replacement, or connection to municipal sewer.

Gayle Harris, Public Health Director mentioned she would like to develop a public private partnership to help fix the problem. Chairman Page asked if the septic issue was a residential problem. Ms. Harris concurred. Ms. Harris asked could the Board incentivize companies coming into the area to help the County with sewer extension, or when developments were created, could developers be asked to move the sewer lines.

Commissioner Reckhow stated there had been a policy shift causing the County not to see new developments request anymore. She continued that the developers must go through annexation first, followed by zoning which are all through the City of Durham. Commissioner Reckhow asked if there were failing septic tanks and could the City take a proactive approach. Mr. Brian Wardell, Assistant County Attorney responded if the City could get unanimity, they could take a proactive approach.

Commissioner Jacobs asked if someone could access sewer services without being annexed. Ms. Harris responded individuals could apply for an annexation for a \$250.00 fee. Commissioner Jacobs stated connecting to City services could be very expensive causing people to pay both City and County taxes.

Commissioner Reckhow questioned the lot sizes of the "Map of Known Septic Systems" slide. Mr. Salter stated the size was unknown. Commissioner Reckhow suggested adding the lot size because it could alternate the drain field. Mr. Salter stated soil suitability was a higher concern over lot size.

Commissioner Foster asked who reported septic issues. Mr. Salter responded the reports came from neighbors. Mr. Wardell stated there were currently 14-16 violation notices but, there were more that had not been discovered. Commissioner Foster asked if Public Health saw this as a problem that they could no longer fix. Mr. Wardell responded the septic systems were aging and now environmental health could no longer fix the problem.

Vice Chair Howerton asked what determined the placement of the septic tanks. Mr. Salter stated the placement was determined by the citizen population and the soil suitability.

Commissioner Reckhow recommended a program where homeowners were required to show evidence their septic tanks were getting routine maintenance. Ms. Harris stated Public Health had worked with Self Help Credit Union to research opportunities and were also looking for support from the Board in creating a program to spread continuous education on maintenance while giving citizens an option.

Commissioner Jacobs stated she would support any initiatives Public Health brought forward to assist with educating citizens on septic tank usage and maintenance. She asked if they researched State funding. Mr. Salter responded they looked into the DENR Block Grant but it did not apply to Durham County due to Durham's high population.

Ms. Harris would like the Board to consider providing County funding that could be paid back through a low or no interest loan. She mentioned Public Health was seeking a public private partnership to be able to assist residents as well as education them.

Discussion of 2014 General Assembly Legislative Agenda

Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager called the Boards' attention to the guided legislative sessions stating there were two deadlines for bill introductions; May 21, 2014 at 4:00 pm for the House and May 28, 2014 for Senate. Ms. Craig-Ray and Ms. Kathy Everett-Perry, Assistant County Attorney provided the Board with a list of items to be included and asked if there were any questions about those items.

Commissioner Reckhow discussed *Item 3: Legislation to Support Fully Funding the Justice Reinvestment Act* stating this was a topic from the Crime Cabinet. She emphasized they were not asking the State for new money, but instead taking savings from closed prisons and investing at the County level to better serve substance abusers and other offenders.

Chairman Page inquired about grandparent rights for children. He stated he would like to convene a small group of grandparents to address their concerns. Ms. Craig-Ray asked if the issues were around funding. Chairman Page responded he was interested in funding to provide assistance for grandparents who step in to be parents. Lowell Siler, County Attorney asked if the grandparents were assisting or providing custodial care. Chairman Page responded the grandparents were providing custodial care. Commissioner Jacobs added it was very important to clarify the relationship and recommended a consult with Michael Becketts, Director of the Department of Social Services. Chairman Page asked Ms. Craig-Ray to reach out to a citizen by the name of Mr. Henry King.

Vice Chair Howerton inquired about the language for *Item 4: Local Act to Authorize Two County Commissioners to serve on the Board of Durham Technical Community College*. Ms. Everett-Perry stated the language once read "*No more than one trustee from Group Two may be a member of a board of county commissioners*" had been changed to the following "*No more than one trustee from Group Two may be a member of a board of county commissioners of a given county.*"

Vice Chair Howerton mentioned she would like to hear an update on the 911 funds. Mr. Lee Worsley, Interim County Manager stated he would follow-up on 911 funding and would provide an update at April 10, 2014 Legislative Meeting.

Commissioner Reckhow mentioned in regards to mental health there would be substantial savings with the consolidation going down to four. She stated those savings could be restructured to enhance services.

Commissioner Reckhow asked if the Board should mention the special subset lottery for low-income children to establish more diversity in Charter Schools to the legislature for support.

Commissioner Jacobs added that she would like to discuss additional legislation not being enforced such as publicizing board members, publicizing meeting notifications and meeting minutes. Commissioner Reckhow stated all Charter Schools should enhance transparency to make the public aware.

Ms. Craig-Ray asked Chairman Page if *Item 2: Legislation Regarding Rent Control* should remain on the agenda. Chairman Page responded the County cannot control rent. Mr. Siler stated that was not statutorily possible. Ms. Everett-Perry proposed the statute be changed so it did not exist today where rent was controlled.

Commissioner Jacobs asked Ms. Craig-Ray for an update on House Bill 74.

Facility Use Policy

Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services shared a presentation on the *Facility Use Policy*.

Chairman Page inquired about the date the policy would go into effect. Ms. Keambiroiro recommended the policy would go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year; however she stated it could happen sooner. After further discussion, the Board concurred with the July 1 effective date.

Chairman Page also questioned “Priority Users” stating he did not want to limit the citizens’ use of the County buildings. Ms. Keambiroiro responded the policy would be for all County buildings adding that creating priority users would be necessary within the County facilities.

Ms. Keambiroiro asked the Board for direction on the operation of the Human Services building. She also asked if there were any additional modifications and adoptions to the proposed policy.

Vice Chair Howerton questioned the liability of the County if citizens utilized the facilities. She deferred the question to Lowell Siler, County Attorney. Mr. Siler stated there was a difference in “governmental” and “proprietary” use adding the use of County facilities would be proprietary to citizens. Mr. Siler recommended getting as much information as possible from the user to make an assessment of the activity that would take place on County property.

Commissioner Reckhow mentioned Durham Public Schools leased their space all the time. She would like to know what other entities were doing to protect themselves from liability issues.

Chairman Page stated public facilities should be easily available for citizens' use. He mentioned having a liberal policy without driving citizens and other groups away that would like to utilize the space.

Commissioner Jacobs asked that a damage policy be in place to ensure the appearance of County property.

Directives

Dionne Hines, County Intern presented the Board Directives for the months of December 2013 and January, February and March of 2014.

The Board did not have any questions regarding the directives presented.

Closed Session

The Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to the following:

The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

The Board is requested to adjourn to closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1).

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs that the Board move into Closed Sessions pursuant to the aforementioned Statutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene from Closed Session

Chairman Page reconvened the meeting. He announced that the Board met in Closed Session, and directions were given to staff.

Commissioner Jacobs requested an excused absence from the April 14, 2014 meeting.

Vice Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to excuse Commissioner Jacobs from the April 14, 2014 meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Howerton that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period for Nonprofit Agencies Applying for FY 2014-2015 Funding

Chairman Page stated that the Board would hear presentations from nonprofit organizations regarding their requests for funding in the 2014-15 Fiscal Year.

The following nonprofit representatives made their budget requests to the Commissioners:

Agency: Threshold

Representative: Susie Deter

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Comments: Commissioner Foster inquired if the organization would receive funding from Alliance Behavioral Healthcare for the following fiscal year. Ms. Deter responded that the organization hoped to receive funding, but that it had not been awarded.

Agency: Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Representative: Kia Baker

Amount Requested: \$20,000

Comments: None

Agency: Dress for Success Triangle NC

Representative: Joylyn Day

Amount Requested: \$23,380

Comments: None

Agency: D3 Community Outreach, Inc.

Representative: Malcom Reed

Amount Requested: \$15,000

Comments: Chairman Page asked what the age group was targeted by the organization. Mr. Reed stated that the age group was 16-24 years old.

Agency: Durham Symphony Orchestra

Representative: Eve Snyder

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Comments: None

Agency: African American Dance Ensemble

Representative: B. Angeloe Burch, Sr.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Comments: None

Agency: Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina

Representative: Elizabeth Irwin

Amount Requested: \$20,000

Comments: None

Agency: Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina

Representative: Bill Hlavac

Amount Requested: \$30,000

Comments: Commissioner Jacobs asked how many non-profits were served by the organization. Mr. Hlavac stated that approximately 100 non-profit organizations were served in Durham County.

Agency: Operation Breakthrough, Inc.

Representative: James Tabron
Amount Requested: \$100,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham County Teen Court and Restitution Program
Representative: Sabrina Cates and Judge Marcia Morey
Amount Requested: \$36,183
Comments: Referencing a recent news article, Chairman Page asked if a program such as the Misdemeanor Diversion Project would cause youth recidivism due to criminal charges not being placed on their official record. Judge Morey explained that youth would be counseled as to the consequences of their actions and engaging in further criminal activity. Vice-Chair Howerton asked what the age group was targeted by the program. Judge Morey responded that age group was 16-17 years old.

Agency: Volunteer Center of Durham
Representative: Kim Shaw
Amount Requested: \$11,500
Comments: None

Agency: Schoolhouse of Wonder
Representative: Wendy Tonker
Amount Requested: \$5,000
Comments: Commissioner Jacobs inquired as to the number of paid and volunteer positions for youth in the organization. Ms. Tonker stated that eight junior counselors would be hired for summer 2014. She said that they received 80 applications for counselor-in-training positions.

Agency: Achievement Academy of Durham
Representative: Gayle Erdheim
Amount Requested: \$25,000
Comments: None

Agency: Senior PharmAssist
Representative: Gina Upchurch
Amount Requested: \$120,000
Comments: None

Agency: Voices Together
Representative: Kerri Kovalick
Amount Requested: \$25,000
Comments: None

Agency: El Futuro, Inc.
Representative: D. Luke Smith
Amount Requested: \$40,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham First in Families
Representative: Krysta Gougler Reeves
Amount Requested: \$6,885
Comments: None

Agency: Durham Striders Youth Association
Representative: Frank Davis
Amount Requested: \$30,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham's Partnership for Children
Representative: Laura Benson
Amount Requested: \$35,000
Comments: None

Agency: Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. - Durham

Representative: Daniel Bowes

Amount Requested: \$15,000

Comments: Chairman Page asked if the matching funds received at state level were contingent upon the \$15,000 funding request. Mr. Bowes responded in the affirmative.

Agency: Playworks Education Energized

Representative: Don Fowler

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Comments: Commissioner Reckhow inquired if the organization received funding from Durham Public Schools. Mr. Fowler responded in the affirmative stating that approximately 45 percent of the programming costs came from the schools and the other portion was received through fundraisers. Mr. Fowler added that the organization also received some funding through AmeriCorps.

Agency: Southern Coalition for Social Justice

Representative: Daryl Atkinson

Amount Requested: \$15,000

Comments: Commissioner Jacobs asked if the organization partnered with Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. - Durham. Mr. Atkinson stated that they did partner with the organization in order to provide assistance with legal proceedings that took place outside of Durham County.

Agency: Durham Center for Senior Life

Representative: Liz Lahti

Amount Requested: \$105,685

Comments: Vice-Chair Howerton inquired if a study had been conducted regarding the cost to add a kitchen to the Durham Center for Senior Life building. Ms. Lahti stated that she did not have figures in her possession, but would forward them to the Board.

Agency: Partners for Youth Opportunity

Representative: Julie Wells

Amount Requested: \$16,000

Comments: None

Agency: Child Care Services Association

Representative: Vivian Eto

Amount Requested: \$29,783

Comments: None

Agency: TROSA (Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc.)

Representative: Kristen Rosselli

Amount Requested: \$35,000

Comments: Commissioner Foster questioned the number of TROSA graduates who were moved into self-sufficiency each year. Ms. Rosselli stated that 75 percent of individuals in the TROSA program continue past 30 days, 63 percent continue through 21 months and approximately 85 percent graduate at 24 months. Commissioner Foster asked if the individuals all became TROSA employees upon graduation. Ms. Rosselli responded in the negative stating that upon graduation they become eligible to apply to become "staff-in-training," but that most Durham County program participants become employed in Durham County.

Agency: Reality Ministries

Representative: Susan McSwain

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Comments: None

Agency: Child and Parent Support Services, Inc.

Representative: Sharon Crews

Amount Requested: \$13,828

Comments: None

Agency: Mental Health America of the Triangle
Representative: Marci White
Amount Requested: \$52,113
Comments: None

Agency: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle
Representative: John Mitterling
Amount Requested: \$25,000
Comments: None

Agency: Rebuilding Together of the Triangle
Representative: Dan Sargent
Amount Requested: \$30,000
Comments: None

Agency: The Peoples Channel/Durham Community Media
Representative: W. Axel Foley
Amount Requested: \$14,850
Comments: None

Agency: El Centro Hispano, Inc.
Representative: Pilar Rocha and Colleen Blue
Amount Requested: \$36,167
Comments: Commissioner Jacobs asked if the organization partnered with El Futuro, Inc. Ms. Rocha stated that both El Centro Hispano and El Futuro referred citizens to each other for various services. Ms. Blue commented that El Futuro focused on mental health, whereas El Centro Hispano provided family-centered programming.

Agency: Triangle Family Services
Representative: Alice Lutz
Amount Requested: \$5,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham Literacy Center
Representative: Reginald Hodges
Amount Requested: \$45,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham Crisis Response Center
Representative: Amelia Sands Belle
Amount Requested: \$40,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham Teacher Warehouse Corporation (Crayons to Calculators)
Representative: Julie Wells
Amount Requested: \$15,000
Comments: Chairman Page asked if the organization received funding from Durham Public Schools or local Parent-Teacher Associations, to which Ms. Wells replied in the negative.

Agency: Museum of Durham History
Representative: Lew Myers
Amount Requested: \$30,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham Economic Resource Center
Representative: Jacqueline Brown
Amount Requested: \$25,000
Comments: None

Agency: Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network
Representative: Catherine Pleil
Amount Requested: \$23,000
Comments: None

Agency: Thomas Mentor Leadership Academy
Representative: Larry Thomas
Amount Requested: \$10,000
Comments: None

Agency: Elna B. Spaulding Conflict Resolution Center
Representative: Grace Marsh
Amount Requested: \$22,550
Comments: Referencing the organization's proposed budget, Commissioner Reckhow noted a substantial reduction in program generated revenue. Ms. Marsh explained that the program generated revenue came from Medicaid appeals. She continued saying that a lawsuit regarding personal care services resulted in a large number of cases in need of mediation during the previous fiscal year.

Agency: Clean Energy Durham
Representative: Dan Curry
Amount Requested: \$12,970
Comments: None

Agency: Eno River Association
Representative: Robin Jacobs
Amount Requested: \$20,000
Comments: None

Chairman Page thanked the non-profit organizations for their attendance. Referencing Mayor Bell's initiative to address poverty, Chairman Page stated that he wanted to focus on President Obama's initiative regarding men of color. He emphasized the need to identify and collaborate many of the mentoring programs in Durham County.

Commissioner Reckhow asked Interim County Manager Worsley asked how staff would review the information presented by the non-profit organizations. Mr. Andy Miracle, Budget Analyst, stated that as part of the departmental review process, departments with related services would review the non-profit applications. Commissioner Reckhow commented on the need to find ways for Durham non-profits to become more self-sufficient and sustainable.

The Board discussed next steps in the FY14-15 non-profit funding process. Chairman Page stated that the Board would be polled at a later date to schedule a meeting to discuss strategic standards and policies regarding the funding process.

Respectfully Submitted,

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