

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

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

1:30 P.M. Worksession

**AGENDA**

**1. Introduction of New Duke University President and Duke University Health System Chancellor, President, and Chief Executive Officer**

20 min.

Ms. MaryAnn Black, Associate Vice President for Community Relations, Duke University Health System, will introduce the Board of County Commissioners to President Richard H. Brodhead, President of Duke University, and Dr. Victor J. Dzau, Chancellor for Health Affairs and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Duke University Health System. President Brodhead and Dr. Dzau will make some brief introductory remarks and answer any questions Board members may have.

Resource Person(s): MaryAnn Black, Associate Vice President for Community Relations, Duke University Health System

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the introduction and welcome President Brodhead and Dr. Dzau to the Durham Community.

**2. Durham Civic Center Authority Update**

10 min.

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to receive an update on the Durham Civic Center Authority, the seven-member board appointed by the City and the County to oversee and monitor the Civic Center facility and operations. The Commissioners will be introduced to the Authority's new Chairman, Mr. Rod Abraham. The purpose of the presentation is to inform the Commissioners of the future goals and direction of the Authority, as well as to seek further support from the County as the Authority moves forward in its duties on behalf of the City and County.

Resource Person(s): Carolyn P. Titus, Deputy County Manager, and Mr. Rod Abraham, Chairman, Durham Civic Center Authority

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the update and welcome Mr. Abraham as the new Chairman.

**3. Time Warner Cable's Results of Survey**

45 min.

Durham County retained Action Audits, LLC, to conduct a future cable-related needs assessment and associated franchise renewal services. Action Audits was hired to incorporate a mail survey into Durham County's needs assessment to collect valid data regarding community cable-related needs and interests of Durham County, including opinions on customer service, future technologies, and positions on government, educational, and public access programming. The mail survey will enhance compliance with requirements of the Cable Act and maximize Durham County's options under the law. The Cable Act requires public participation in the renewal process.

The needs assessment survey was mailed to 8,000 randomly-selected households drawn from the County's tax database. 1,173 surveys were returned, which generated a high response rate of 15%

producing a 99% confidence interval with a sampling error of only +/-1.5%.

Action Audits will discuss the survey results with the Board of Commissioners.

Resource Person(s): Bob Sepe, Consultant, Action Audits

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive and discuss the information.

#### **4. Substance Abuse Treatment Analysis and Planning Report for Durham County**

30 min.

To address the need for designing the substance abuse treatment system for Durham County, The Durham Center enlisted the assistance of Durham Health Partners, a private local nonprofit health planning organization, and the Technical Assistance Collaborative Inc. (TAC) to provide expertise on service system analysis and design. TAC is a nonprofit national organization that works to achieve positive outcomes on behalf of people with disabilities or other special needs by providing state-of-the-art information, capacity building, and technical expertise to organizations and policy makers in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, developmental disabilities, human services, and affordable housing. The project requirements included:

- an analysis of the current community situation related to substance abuse treatment services for all populations in Durham County, not simply those targeted by The Durham Center's mandate; and
- specifications for an ideal treatment system that:
  - adheres to state requirements and "best practices";
  - addresses needs in a "continuum of care" for substance abuse; and
  - recognizes ASAM levels of care and best practices as identified in the state plan, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), and the Treatment Improvement Protocols (TIPs) issued by CSAT.

A situation analysis involved:

- the establishment of a "steering" group representative of key local stakeholders;
- a SWOT analysis;
- patient and staff focus groups; and
- over 35 interviews with health care and substance abuse providers, community and political leaders, citizens, law enforcement, schools, and faith based organizations.

The process was designed to identify and evaluate what is currently in place, how programs interface, assess incidence and prevalence data, document best practice, assess how clients access substance abuse services, and recommend strategic actions within the context of public policy.

The report concludes with the following Summary of Recommendations for Durham County Services and Programs:

- develop comprehensive outpatient treatment programs (equivalent to the ASAM Level II.5) criteria;

- create a residential capacity for both adults and adolescents;
- support, enhance, and solicit new addiction treatment providers to enhance the gaps in the exiting service continuum for the service area;
- ensure all existing crisis center/intake points have Certified Substance Abuse Professionals assigned to the crisis assessment service to ensure accurate assessment, diagnosis, and appropriate placement of all substance related conditions;
- ensure that clients admitted for services within the continuum of care meet the target population requirements as outlined by state and federal requirements for public funding; and
- develop and enhance relationships with the self-help community to ensure effective peer and family support for recovering clients.

Resource Person(s): Interim Area Director Ellen Holliman; LME Medical Director Dr. Al Mooney; Area Board Chair Doug Wright; and former Executive Director of Health Partners Tom Gambill

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and advise staff if any additional information is necessary.

**5. Discussion of Possible Statewide Legislative Issues for NCACC**

25 min.

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is asking local governments to submit a list of statewide legislative initiatives for possible inclusion in the organization's 2005 Legislative Goals. Staff has polled department heads for potential legislative items. Following the Board's direction to staff, a final list will be provided to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The deadline is September 15.

Resource Person(s): Deborah Craig-Ray, Public Information and Governmental Affairs Director, and County Attorney Chuck Kitchen

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board discuss and direct staff regarding the 2005 Statewide Legislative Issues.

**6. Review Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Collection of Taxes between Durham County and the City of Durham**

15 min.

Review the interlocal agreement for property tax collections.

Resource Person(s): Kenneth L. Joyner, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board review the interlocal.

**7. Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance for 2005**

60 min.

The Human Resources Department has received the proposals for health, dental, and long-term care insurance plans for the 2005 benefits year. All rates and plans would be effective January 1,

2005. The RFP process objective was to offer employees options for lower monthly premiums for families. Proposals have been received from three vendors for health insurance, six vendors for dental insurance, one vendor for stand-alone vision coverage, and one vendor for long-term care insurance. Renewal rates were submitted with increases from 15% (Wellpath) to 34% (CIGNA). Proposals were submitted for a self-insured health plan.

Resource Person(s): Debbi Davidson, Benefits Manager, and Jackye Knight, Human Resources Director  
County Manager's Recommendation: Review proposals and rates and provide direction for final plan design.

#### 8. **Closed Session**

20 min.

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to adjourn to closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6) to consider the competence, performance, or fitness of a public officer or employee.

3¾ hrs.

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