

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

## HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** November 16, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Presentations Concerning Use of 2004/2005 Maintenance of Effort Funds for Mental Health Services

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

As a general rule of thumb, State law requires that each County maintain its levels of funding from year to year for human service activities, including mental health services. This requirement is commonly referred to as "maintenance of effort" or "maintenance of effort funds." For the 2004/2005 Fiscal Year, the Board approved a plan that called for the solicitation of grant applications from mental health service providers for use of the County's maintenance of effort funds for mental health services. The Board noted that special consideration should be given to grant applications that provided for services with the purpose of improving crisis management and emergency response.

Grant applications were made available in mid-September 2004. Completed applications were due no later than November 1, 2004 and funding decisions were made by the Board on November 15, 2004. In total, \$528,342 in maintenance of effort funds was awarded to three different programs. Funds were distributed as follows:

- Mountain Laurel Community Services - \$508,632 for behavior healthcare enhancements.
- Henderson County Public Schools - \$18,880 for school safety and critical response teams programming.
- Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention - \$1,100 for a program to assist "at-risk" adolescent juvenile girls.

As required by the County's performance agreements with these agencies, representatives from each of these organizations will make presentations to the Board concerning their use of the Fiscal Year 2004/2005 maintenance of effort funds for mental health services. As a side note, grant proposals for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 maintenance of effort funds are currently being reviewed by staff and funding recommendations will be made to the Board on December 5.

### **COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:**

No action is recommended at this time.