

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** August 14, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Request to Re-Allocate Maintenance of Effort Funds

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Henderson County has received a request from Community Health Network to reallocate \$15,000 in Maintenance of Effort Funds. These funds were originally requested for reimbursement of psychiatrists for psychiatric consultation to primary care physicians. However, access to psychiatrists has been limited and is a service that is not available.

To make better use of those funds, Community Health Network has requested their reallocation to the following activities:

\$5,000 - Case Management

\$6,000 – Psychiatric Medications and Pharmacist

\$4,000 – Administration of the Program

Arthur Carder, CEO of Western Highlands LME, has reviewed this information and supports the reallocation of funds as it has the potential to impact many consumers.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to approve the re-allocation of \$15,000 in Maintenance of Effort funds for Community Health Network.

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board approve the request to re-allocate \$15,000 in Maintenance of Effort funds for Community Health Network.*



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FROM: Anne Marie Lester, Program Director  
Community Health Network (CHN)/Partnership For Health

Date: August 1, 2007

RE: Request to Re-Allocate MOE Funds for the CHN Program

The Community Health Network, a program of Partnership for Health, requested in its original MOE request in October 2006, the sum of \$15,000 for reimbursing psychiatrists for psychiatric consultation to the primary care doctors serving uninsured with mental illness. Since this date, access to psychiatrists has been extremely limited and barely available for direct contact with patients with mental illness. Psychiatric consultation to medical doctors is a service that just is not available from our limited psychiatric resources.

Therefore, the Community Health Network respectfully request the re-allocation of this \$15,000 to the following activities which have been proven effective in serving persons with mental illness in Henderson County:

Case Management	\$5,000
Psychiatric Medications and Pharmacist	\$6,000
Administration of the Program	\$4,000

**Thank you for your consideration.**