

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution – Hope Rx

PRESENTER: Graham Fields

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On Tuesday, October 1, 2013, Partnership for Health of Henderson County launched HopeRx, a community-wide initiative created to help reduce the increasing rate of prescription drug abuse in Henderson County and prevent tragic deaths that are caused by this serious health problem in our community.

HopeRx is a project designed to unite community leaders, parents, educators, students, healthcare providers, EMS workers and volunteers, law enforcement, the judicial system, civic organizations and faith groups throughout Henderson County to work collaboratively to address the issues of prescription drug abuse, one of the top three health problems in our county.

The HopeRx initiative is spearheaded by the Partnership for Health, a community coalition whose mission is to address critical health issues in Henderson County. Members of the Partnership for Health include representatives from Blue Ridge Community College, Blue Ridge Community Health Services, The Free Clinics, Henderson County Health Department, Mainstay, Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Health and Wingate University Hendersonville Campus, School of Pharmacy.

The Partnership for Health of Henderson County has requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution in support of the Hope Rx initiative in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to review the attached Resolution, and to adopt it as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution in support of the Hope Rx initiative in Henderson County.

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RESOLUTION

In Support of Hope RX in Henderson County

Whereas, The number of deaths from prescription drug overdose involving opioid analgesics and benzodiazepines has increased more rapidly nationwide than deaths involving any other type of drug ; and

Whereas, Partnership for Health of Henderson County has launched HopeRx, a community-wide initiative created to help reduce the increasing rate of prescription drug abuse in Henderson County and prevent tragic deaths that are caused by this serious health problem in our community; and

Whereas, HopeRx, is a project designed to unite community leaders, parents, educators, students, healthcare providers, EMS workers and volunteers, law enforcement, the judicial system, civic organizations and faith groups throughout Henderson County to work collaboratively to address the issues of prescription drug abuse, one of the top three health problems in our county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, at their meeting on October 7, 2013, do hereby resolve their support of the Hope Rx initiative in Henderson County.

Adopted this the 7th day of October, 2013.

CHARLIE MESSER, CHAIRMAN
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, Clerk to the Board