

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2014
SUBJECT: Blue Ridge Community Health Services
PRESENTER: Steve Wyatt
ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Effective May 1st, Pardee Hospital closed their outpatient specialty clinic for Psychiatric and Addictions Therapeutic Healing Services (PATHS). PATHS offered consulting and medication management, treating psychiatric and addiction disorders, for about 700 clients. Working in conjunction with Blue Ridge Community Health Services (BRCHS), a transitional plan has been identified that will provide continuity of care for these citizens.

To implement that plan, BRCHS has made a request for one time start-up funding in the amount of \$100,000. These funds will allow BRCHS to recruit a full-time psychiatrist, as well as the case management and nursing support necessary to transition these patients with little disruption in their care. The County does have this level of funding available for distribution, through the MOE Fund Balance held by Smoky Mountain Center.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to discuss the request, and direct Staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board request the appropriation of \$100,000 in Maintenance of Effort Fund Balance currently held by Smoky Mountain Center, to be used as one time start-up funding by Blue Ridge Community Health Services for the provision of additional psychiatric services.