



DeKalb County Government

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Agenda Item

File ID: FileID

Substitute

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioner - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 6

DeKalb Community Service Board Opioid Recovery Program

Information Contact: Commissioner Kathie Gannon

Phone Number: 404 371 4909

PURPOSE:

DeKalb Opioid Recovery Program would address the needs of the population that the DeKalb CSB treats who are uninsured and unfunded citizens of DeKalb County;

NEED/IMPACT:

To address an increasing need for substance abuse treatment in DeKalb County;

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$300,000 to be transferred from 09110.521209.100

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.....

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA TO TRANSFER THE FUNDS FOR THE CREATION OF THE DEKALB
COUNTY OPIOID RECOVERY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County requests that the DeKalb Community Service Board implement their plan for a DeKalb Opioid Recovery Program;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County believes adoption of this program is in the best interests of the citizens of DeKalb County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia that the following is requested that the Community Service Board implement the proposed Opioid Recovery Program;

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2018.

JEFF RADER
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2018.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney

DeKalb Opioid Recovery Program

- **Day Treatment at DeKalb Addiction Clinic**
 - Opioid Specialty Treatment Track
 - Group, Individual and Family Counseling
 - Peer Support Services
 - Addictive Disease Support Services
 - Random Drug Screens
 - Psychiatric Evaluation and Care
 - Medication Assisted Treatment
 - Nursing Assessment and Care
- **Evening Programming at the Residence**
 - Sober Living Skills Development
 - Job Readiness and Supportive Employment
 - Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Transitional Preparation
 - Access to 12 Step Support Meetings in the Community
- **Weekend Programming**
 - Access to Recovery Community Organizational Activities
 - Access to 12 Step Support Meetings in the Community
- **Housing Staffing**
 - House Manager
 - 24 / 7 on-site staff

Commissioner Gannon,

Attached please find our proposal for the DeKalb Opioid Recovery Program that outlines the clinical interventions proposed. It is modeled on some of the most recognized and successful national, private opioid recovery programs. We have adjusted some of the programming to suit the public-sector needs of our DeKalb citizens, while maintaining the evidence-based core of the program.

Our DeKalb Opioid Recovery Program would address the needs of the population that the DeKalb CSB treats—the uninsured and unfunded citizens of DeKalb County. While the need for opioid treatment in our county is immense and immediate, we propose to start our program on a smaller scale (8 clients per cohort, or up to 16-24 per year), and scale up over time. It is important to note that the treatment interventions include at least 4-6 months of residential care and that once clients “graduate” to the next level it opens up capacity to serve another cohort of 8. Ultimately, we believe we will have the capacity to handle 24 clients per cohort, or up to 75-100 per year.

What makes this program different than most others is that it will address the needs of opioid addicted individuals from acute detoxification, through transitional living (and rebuilding of drug-free skills like supportive employment, vocational rehabilitation, etc.) all the way through semi-independent living reintegration and finally full independent living.

In terms of funding, we believe that we can start this program with **one-time start-up funding of \$300,000**. Further, I have been in contact with leadership at the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and they seem excited about the prospect of such a program, and may be interested in supporting our program in partnership with the County as a demonstration project (although they have made no commitment yet).

I am confident that this program could be highly successful as a demonstration project for DeKalb County as a model can make a real difference in the opioid epidemic. I am truly grateful for any support DeKalb County can offer.

Regards,

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