

Partners Behavioral Health Management

Organization: 530900

	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Current	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 Approved	Percent Change
Revenues					
ABC 5 Cents Per Bottle	\$50,534	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$53,750	-2.3%
ABC Profits	37,575	45,000	45,000	61,250	36.1%
CJPP Grant	0	0	0	0	0%
General Fund	482,675	509,000	812,000	525,000	3.1%
Total	\$570,784	\$609,000	\$912,000	\$640,000	5.1%
Expenses					
Mental Health Services	\$487,593	\$509,000	\$812,000	\$525,000	3.1%
Mental Health ABC Board Contract	83,191	100,000	100,000	115,000	15.0%
Drug Treatment Court	0	0	0	0	0%
CJPP	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	\$570,784	\$609,000	\$912,000	\$640,000	5.1%

Budget Highlights

Over the past nine years, the State has increasingly taken over responsibility for delivering mental health services through a series of mergers and the establishment of Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), but counties continue to be responsible for providing funds towards critical community mental health services not supported by State or Federal funds. Partners Behavioral Health Management (Partners BHM) is the MCO for the 8-county region that includes Catawba, Burke, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Surry, and Yadkin Counties.

In the past, Catawba County has been directive in its funding for mental health services, specifying the particular services offered and the amount of funding for each category. To allow Partners BHM more flexibility in adapting services to community needs and to maximize all funding sources, the budget increases Catawba County's funding by \$16,000 to \$525,000 in support of two new and five existing services that benefit Catawba County citizens. The budget allows the MCO increased latitude in how much to spend on each service. Additionally, Partners BHM is authorized to allocate Catawba County fund balance that it held as of the end of the previous fiscal year in support of the following efforts, in priority order:

- Mental health and substance abuse services to Catawba County Detention Center inmates – including mental health assessments, assistance with involuntary commitments, substance abuse treatment, anger management, and on-call assistance.
- Behavioral Urgent Care Center – Establish a one-stop location in partnership with local physical and behavioral health providers to provide same-day access to medical and mental health services and a supervised location for law enforcement officers to leave individuals in need of involuntary commitment during hours of operation.
- Psychiatric support services – Services include psychological testing, assessments, psychiatric evaluation, medication management, and individual, group, and family therapy.
- LifeSkills – a day treatment program that provides independent living skills and vocational training opportunities for individuals with severe or profound developmental disabilities.

- Assistance to individuals with disabilities through a subsidy program that provides affordable housing in Newton Apartments and connects them with mental health services.
- Temporary housing funds to assist individuals with mental health issues to obtain temporary or emergent housing until more permanent solutions can be found.
- Adult/Child Collaborative – Support for priorities identified by a team of Juvenile Justice, Partners BHM staff and providers, law enforcement, schools, families of children with disabilities, Social Services, Public Health, and others who have a vested interest in children and adults with disabilities. (Examples include parent handbooks containing community resource information on mental health related issues, suicide prevention materials, and trauma training.)

ABC Funds

The budget includes \$115,000 consistent with the NC GS 18B-804 requirement that bottle taxes and a portion of ABC gross receipts be spent for the treatment of alcoholism or substance abuse, or for research or education on alcohol or substance abuse. This is a \$15,000 increase based on actual collections.