

**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION TO  
AMEND INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO ALLOW  
IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION AND RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND INTERLOCAL  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF THE PARTIES**

**WHEREAS**, Chatham, Person, and Orange counties entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Provision of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services effective July 1, 2004; and

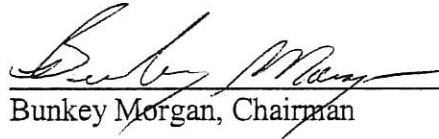
**WHEREAS**, Chatham, Person and Orange counties have continued to provide mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services through Orange, Person and Chatham Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority (OPC Area Program) while administrative activities were begun to implement the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, since July 1, 2004, mental health system reform has been subject to a dizzying array of technical memoranda, conflicting communiqués, restrictive rulings, executive edits, and shifting policy directives regarding system reform, including decisions to divest local management entities of two of the primary functions vested in them under the system reform statute; and


**WHEREAS**, as a result, the process of converting from an area authority model to a multicounty program model as contemplated by the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement would dilute already overtaxed resources.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County hereby ratifies the adoption of an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to allow its immediate suspension and, upon the adoption by Person County and Orange County of corresponding resolutions, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County resolves to suspend the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by agreement of all parties.

Adopted this, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2006.

  
Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners