

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTENT TO FORM A THREE-COUNTY PUBLIC ENTITY TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN ORANGE, PERSON, AND CHATHAM COUNTIES

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §122C-115(a) requires each county in North Carolina to provide mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services either through an area authority or a county program established pursuant to N.C.G.S. §122C-115.1; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §122C-115.1 authorizes counties to enter into multi-county programs created through inter-local agreements pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-460, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §122C-115.2 allows the Board of County Commissioners or two or more Boards of County Commissioners jointly to establish an area authority with approval of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commissioners of Orange County, Person County and Chatham County intend to form a three county public entity to serve as the local management entity ("LME") for Orange, Person and Chatham counties; and

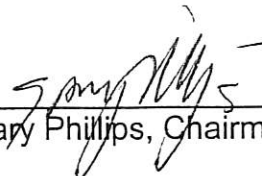
WHEREAS, by January, 2003, Orange County, Person County and Chatham County, through a mutually agreed upon entity, will provide as a joint effort of the three counties, for the development, review and approval of a business plan for the management and delivery of mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services with detailed information on how the area authority or county program will meet State standards, laws and rules ensuring quality mental health, development disability and substance abuse services, including outcome measures for evaluating program effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County by adopting this resolution establish their intent to form a three-county public entity to serve as the local management entity for the provision of mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services in Orange, Person and Chatham Counties and will submit a local business plan in January, 2003 as their joint effort.

This resolution, having submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted by Chatham County this the 7th day of October, 2002.


Ayes: 5

Noes: 0



Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:



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