

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



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~ Medicaid Transformation/Managed Care: Open enrollment starts on Monday, October 14th. As of October 8th, few providers in Henderson County have enrolled in any of the four PHP's. This creates a barrier for those beneficiaries who are prepared to enroll but find that their medical provider is not enrolled in a PHP. Of the providers that have enrolled most are enrolled with only one PHP. The hope had been that providers would enroll with all four so that the beneficiary could choose the best plan for them. This will pose a problem if a person's medical doctor is in one plan but a specialist they see is enrolled in a different plan. DHHS has not released information on the county assignment of the enrollment brokers. Until October 7th we believed we would have a broker in Henderson County from October 14th through December 13th. We will update our plan once we know the status of an on-site enrollment broker.

~ Henderson County Government is the "Hope Champion" for "An Evening With Ryan Hampton" on Tuesday November 5, 2019 at 7 pm at the Blue Ridge Community College Technology Building. Mr. Hampton is the author of American Fix: Inside The Opioid Addiction Crisis - And How To End It. General admission is \$5 and can be purchased through Eventbrite. Contact hoperxhc@gmail.com for more information. See enclosed flyer.

~ Future Space Renovation: Sept 18, 2019 County Commissioner Minutes:

DSS Renovation

David Berry noted at the last update he had informed the Board that this work had been advertised as a Design/Build project, that Cooper Construction had been selected, and we were awaiting a proposal from them. A proposal was received and shared with the Commissioners along with a drawing which depicts the planned projects in two phases. Cooper Construction's proposal includes pricing in two phases. Phase I is estimated at a cost range of \$318,000 to \$338,000 and Phase II at an estimated cost range of \$158,000 to \$178,000, with a total cost of approximately \$510,000. Staff had estimated and hoped the cost would in the \$300,000 range for both phases but the HVAC scope and cost is much more than anticipated. Phase I includes a break room area, conference rooms, and the pricing for the HVAC for both Phases. Included in the pricing of Phase I is approximately 2239 sq. ft. at \$151 per square foot, in Phase II approximately 1,501 sq. ft. at \$119 per sq. ft. Combined average for 3,740 sq. ft. is \$136 per sq. ft.

Staff requests directive from the Board to whether to proceed with approving Cooper's proposal, allowing them to complete their drawings and designs. Once staff receives the completed drawings and designs, they will be presented to the Board for approval with a final price for Phase I, or Phase I & II combined. If the Board determines they do not wish to proceed with Cooper Construction, the design expense thus far is not to exceed \$13,635.

Additional paved parking is planned for DSS in FY21. The Board may consider escalation of that project, and David Berry feels it can be added at any time.

It was consensus of the Board to continue with Cooper Construction.

Employees of the Month: The October Employees of the Month list is attached