

## Workshop Session – February 20, 2018

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. for their regular workshop session in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. All board was present.

1. Chairman Eller called the workshop session to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks Shelly Forman, Vaya Health Representative to proceed. Ms. Forman thanked the board for their time and stated that she was here today to explain the Medicaid Transformation and what this means for mental health. Ms. Forman stated that Commissioner Orr sits on the Vaya Commissioner Advisory Board and stated that they will be meeting on February 27, 2019. Ms. Forman stated that Vaya created a coalition that will unite efforts of three high performing MCOs – Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, Trillium Health Resources and Vaya Health to address significant, statewide health policy issues that impact North Carolina across the state. Each of these MCOs will continue to operate in the North Carolina counties they serve just as they have been, they will keep their same names, leadership, and Board structure and staffing. In addition they will be working together as part of a coalition to leverage their resources, experience and expertise on a statewide level. The coalition is in full alignment with the Medicaid Reform plan proposed by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Forman presented a power point to the board to explain this effort. Ms. Forman stated that this is a joint effort and throughout the coalition the MCOs seek to have a stronger voice in preserving the role of the public behavioral healthcare system in Medicaid Transformation, helping ensure continued stability and continuity of care for the people they serve. The potential to establish a combined statewide provider network will enhance access to a diverse range of services and supports for people in both urban and rural areas of the state. Ms. Forman stated that they will be releasing RFPs which will articulate standard PHPs that are expected to meet across a wide variety of program areas. DHHS will score results based on rubric established in RFP and they will establish capitation rates that plans will be paid; all plans who win a bid will be paid using the same formula. Ms. Forman stated that once managed care is fully implemented, Medicaid beneficiaries would receive coordinated physical and behavioral health services and most Medicaid beneficiaries would be enrolled in Standard Plans; a smaller number will be enrolled in Tailored Plans. Ms. Foreman stated that the Medicaid beneficiaries will choose a plan and the regulations will be carried out according to the rules set by DHHS. The plans must ensure that beneficiaries can access a network of providers for routine and some crisis behavioral health services in addition to physical health services. Ms. Forman stated that more clear legislation will be coming out later. Ms. Foreman stated that the state understands that mental health needs a higher level of care. Ms. Foreman stated that this whole concept is very complicated and DSS will be involved with intake forms, new people eligibility and talking to the client to see which plan they would choose. Ms. Foreman stated that this will include Child Services for families as well. Ms. Foreman stated that whichever plan is chosen that company will contract with health departments or fund alternatives that are part of the network. Attorney Coward stated that this is a very complicated reform and Vaya is trying very hard to keep up with the changes that are taking place. Attorney Coward stated that the team is very engaged in this Medicaid Reform but there are questions of what happens to the people without insurance. Ms. Foremen stated that many people with addictions have no insurance and they are concerned if the funding would be adequate. Manager Garland stated that she has concerns about the IDD side as well and there is no clear picture on the cost savings. Ms. Foreman promised that she would keep the board advised of the changes concerning Medicaid Reform and they will continue to work with the counties to improve services. The board thanked Ms. Foreman for the information.

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Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Dale E. Wiggins, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board