



Fulton County

Legislation Text

File #: 24-0397, Version: 1

Department

Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County, the Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD) and Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation d/b/a Grady Health System for the purpose of continuing integrating strategies to provide medication assisted outpatient treatment of substance abuse for Fulton County residents. Fulton County shall pay Grady Memorial Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$464,000.00 annually or as otherwise provided by an amendment to this MOU. Effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

West's Code of Georgia 36-10-1: All official contracts entered into by the County governing authority and with other persons on behalf of the County shall be in writing and entered in its minutes.

Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Health and Human Services

Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6

Is this a purchasing item?

No

Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

Scope of Work: In response to the Opioid crisis continuing to plague our community, the Department of

Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities would like to continue the partnership with Grady Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program for Fulton County residents seeking services for Opioid Use Disorders. BHDD would like to continue collaborating with Grady to increase the capacity of their MAT program established in September 2017, from 30 to 60 unique individuals by the end of 2024. The goal is to provide MAT through the use of medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies for the treatment of substance use disorders. This MOU will ensure Fulton County residents have access to Grady's MAT program, inclusive of intensive outpatient treatment services, while utilizing buprenorphine and naloxone (Suboxone) medication to treat Opioid-Use Disorders. These medications can be life-saving by sustaining recovery compared to traditional abstinence based alternatives. Grady's partnership with Emory and Morehouse Schools of Medicine has strengthened their ability to provide a unique staffing blend, including toxicologists and addictionologists, to serve the needs of Fulton County residents with opioid use disorders.

Community Impact: Fulton County through the Department of BHDD desires to continue to collaborate with Grady to increase the capacity of their MAT program from 30 to 60 unique individuals by the end of 2024.

Department Recommendation: The Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities recommends the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Project Implications: The services described under this MOU shall be performed by Grady Health System MAT Program for a total amount of \$464,000.00. The funding line is 100-730-7300-1089.

Community Issues/Concerns: None

Department Issues/Concerns: None

Fiscal Impact / Funding Source

Funding Line 1:

100-730-7300-1089