

Legislation Text

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Title: Mecklenburg County HIV Community Prevention Plan

Summary <u>ACTION</u>: Receive an update on the Mecklenburg County HIV Community Prevention Plan

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Presentation: Yes

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

Growing concern among community members, Public Health and healthcare providers in Mecklenburg County, as well as recent advances in HIV treatment and prevention interventions (e.g., Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Treatment as Prevention (TasP)) have spurred discussions about the need for more aggressive and comprehensive community-wide approaches to address new HIV infections in Mecklenburg County. In the Fall of 2017, encouraged by the renewed commitment of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Mecklenburg County Public Health (MCPH), community members, HIV care providers, educators and members of the faith-based community began a series of planning meetings to re-vitalize and create plans for an aggressive, comprehensive and effective community level approach to lower new HIV infections rates and to improve care for persons living with HIV (PLWH) in Mecklenburg County. The HIV Community Planning Group, comprised of the above participants was convened to construct a Mecklenburg County HIV prevention plan.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: N/A

<u>POLICY IMPACT</u>: N/A

<u>FISCAL IMPACT</u>: N/A