



Gaston County

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DHHS - Community Support Services Division

Board Action

File #: 24-554

Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Confirm Gaston County's Child Fatality Prevention (CFPT) and Community Child Protection Teams (CCPT) will be Combined Into One Local and Single County Team Consistent with and as Required by Changes to the Law via the 2023 Appropriations Act [Section 9H.15. of Session Law 2023-134]

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BUDGET IMPACT

No budget impact.

BACKGROUND

A combined single-county Community Child Protection and Child Fatality Prevention Team was established by the Gaston County Board of County Commissioners in 1996 (Resolution 1996-311). In 2017 (Resolution 2017-045), the Gaston County Board of County Commissioners dissolved the combined Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team (CCPT/CFPT) and established each team (CCPT and CFPT) as a separate committee in the County Appointment Records and realigned team duties in accordance with NCGS §7B-1407.

The 2023 Appropriations Act [Section 9H.15. of Session Law 2023-134] enacted changes to strengthen the state's child fatality prevention system. The new legislation generally addresses recommendations that were made by the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force with the goal of strengthening the state's child fatality prevention system.

Changes to Local Teams will become effective in January 2025. As of July 2025, Local Teams will be required to use the National Fatality Review - Case Reporting System (NFR-CRS).

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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To ensure compliance, County Commissioners must determine if the new Local Team (combined CCPT and CFPT) will be established as a single or multi-county team. In deciding, County Commissioners must consult with the Director of the local department of public health and the Director of the county department of social services, or consolidated Health and Human Services Director (DHHS) if applicable, to obtain their input and recommendation. Counties that may benefit most from a multi-county team structure include Counties with a low number of annual child fatalities; Counties with minimal resources to support Local Team reviews; and Counties that already operate as a health district or otherwise share services. None of these apply to Gaston County. Gaston County's consolidated DHHS director recommends Gaston County's team continue as a single-county team.

This Board Action, if approved, confirms Gaston County's CCPT and CFPT will be combined pursuant to the 2023 Appropriations Act [Section 9H.15. of Session Law 2023-134] and confirms the Local Team will continue to operate as a single County team.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A