



March 8, 2024

Rutherford Board of County Commissioners
289 N. Main St.
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Commissioners:

For your consideration at the April 8, 2024, meeting of the Board, Partners Health Management makes the following Outside Agency Budget Request for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for services in Rutherford County:

The request for 2024/2025 is \$102,168 + \$37,732 (Maintenance of Effort Fund Balance) for a total request of \$139,900.

A committee of county leaders met on February 27, 2024, to select services that meet the needs of the county and are complementary to services already being offered. The identified services are:

Mental Health/Substance Use services in the jail	\$43,200
System of Care- Local Community Collaborative	\$2,000
Housing Reserves	\$5,000
Consumer Reserves- (Mental Health/Substance Use)	\$1,000
(Intellectual Disability/Developmental Disability)	\$1,000
Treatment and Placement Reserves	\$55,000
United Way- Grant Writing Assistance	<u>\$32,700</u>
Total Request	\$139,900

Partners Health Management staff are appreciative of the support of the County Commission and look forward to continue serving the residents of Rutherford County.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Holden, Ph.D., LCSW

Regional Director of Community Operations
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March 21, 2024

Ms. Paula Roach
County of Rutherford
289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Dear Paula Roach:

Partners Health Management respectfully requests a budget allocation of \$139,900 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

We have enclosed a completed copy of Rutherford County's Outside Agency Budget Request for FY 24-25. Partners is committed to providing needed services to the citizens of Rutherford County and doing so in a cost-effective manner. We continually seek and obtain funding from alternative sources in order to limit the financial burden to local county governments.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and for your support of the service to meet the increasing needs of our citizens.

If approved, we ask that you please submit to Partners in writing of the approval.

Sincerely,

Susan Lackey

Susan Lackey
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure

cc: Rhett Melton, CEO

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**Rutherford County, North Carolina
Outside Agency Budget Request
Fiscal Year 2024/25**

Agency Information

Agency Name	Partners Behavioral Health Management
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Title	Chief Financial Officer
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County Funding Request

Approved 2023/2024: \$139,900 (\$102,168 + \$37,732 fund balance)
Request for FY 2024/2025: \$139,900 (\$102,168 + \$37,732 fund balance)

General Agency Information – Program Description

Partners Health Management is a local management entity and a managed care organization. Our mission is to manage a behavioral health care system funded by federal, state and local taxpayer dollars. We ensure all individuals who are eligible for our programs have access to quality providers and effective services. We improve lives and strengthen our communities by focusing on positive outcomes and the proper use of funds entrusted to us.

Why are County funds being requested and how will the funds be used?

The items below are specific initiatives for Rutherford County residents. The following services and activities will be funded by the FY 2024/25 in the requested amount of \$139,900.

County funds are being requested to assure individuals with physical and behavioral health needs (mental health, substance use and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities) receive the services they need to help ameliorate the symptoms of their disability and/or improve their quality of life.

The categories below identify our desired initiatives for Rutherford County residents. *We ask for flexibility with the allotment to have the greatest clinical efficacy in meeting the needs of the individuals served.* The identified categories are:

- Mental health and substance use services in the jail
- System of Care- Local Community Collaborative
- Housing Reserves
- Treatment and Placement Reserves

- Consumer reserves – (IDD & MH/SU). Fund services not covered by other funding sources
- United Way- Grant writing assistance

Date Submitted:
March 12, 2024