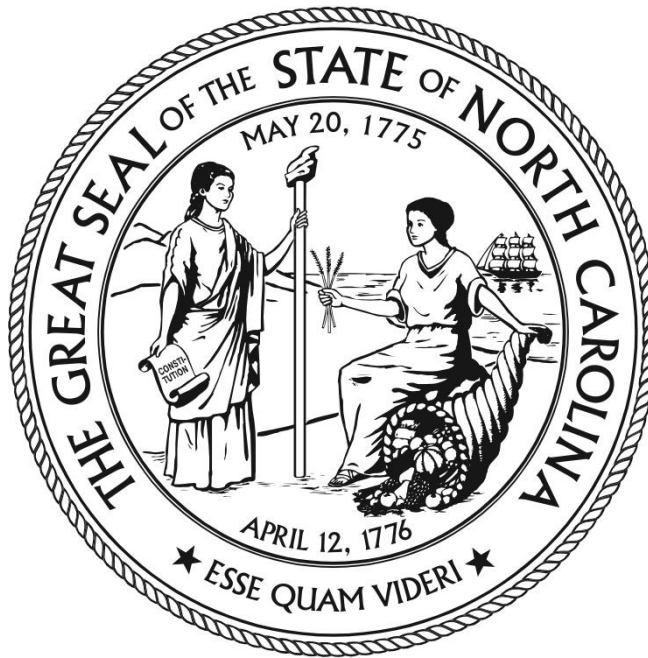


**Funds for Vaya Health to Expand Facility-Based  
Crisis Services**

**Session Law 2018-5, Section 11F.5.(b)**



**Report to**

**The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services**

**and**

**Fiscal Research Division**

**by**

**NC Department of Health and Human Services.**

**May 1, 2019**

## Introduction

North Carolina Session Law 2018-5, Section 11F.5.(a) on the Funds for Vaya Health to Expand Facility -Based Crisis Services set forth the reporting requirements below:

*By April 1, 2019, Vaya shall submit a report on the status of the construction project described in subsection (a) of this section. The report must include a breakdown of all expenditures from the funds allocated pursuant to subsection(a) of this section and a projected completion date for the project. By May 1, 2019, the Department shall submit this information in a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division.*

## Progress Report

Session Law 2018-5, Section 11F.5.(a) directed the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) to allocate one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) in non-recurring funds to Vaya Health (Vaya) as a grant-in-aid for the construction of a facility-based crisis center in Wilkes County.

DMH/DD/SAS allocated the funds to Vaya who is working with Synergy Recovery Center, the Board of County Commissioners from Wilkes County and local stakeholders. The Synergy Recover Center will be contracting with Carrol Fisher Construction Company to expand and renovate the existing facility-based crisis center located at 118 Peace Street, North Wilkesboro. The estimated cost of renovations and construction is listed below:

| <b>Construction and Renovation</b>          | <b>Estimated Cost</b> |
|---|-----------------------|
| New Building addition: 1,850 sf x \$275.00  | \$ 508,750            |
| Ground floor renovation: 5,300 sf x \$85.00 | \$ 450,500            |
| Upper floor renovations: 5,300 sf x \$55.00 | \$ 291,500            |
| Contingency                                 | \$ 149,250            |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>\$ 1,400,000</b>   |

Vaya Health is coordinating with the NC Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) for approval of construction plans. Synergy Recovery Center, as the owner of the expanded facility will receive licensure for the facility-based crisis center from DHSR.

Vaya is requesting to carry forward funds to State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for any unused funding that is part of this project. Vaya is anticipating that if all contracts are executed as planned and they receive approval from DHHS for the construction plan, this project should be completed by May 2020.