



HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

***Must be presented to the County Manager's Office
NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. FRIDAY THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING***

DATE OF REQUEST: 11/22/16

FROM: Amy Stevens on behalf of Stoney Blevins, HHSA Director and Patrick Johnson, HHSA Public Health Services Director

MEETING DATE REQUESTED: **December 19, 2016, 5:30 PM**

*Regular meetings: First (1st) Monday of the month at 9:00 am
Third (3rd) Monday of the month at 5:30 pm*

SUBJECT: Proposed Sharps Container Fee

REQUEST: Seeking approval from the Board of County Commissioners to provide sharps containers and sharps container disposal to individuals for a fee of \$5.00

BACKGROUND: Public Health clients have inquired whether the Health and Human Services Agency offers any options for used needle storage and disposal. Sharps containers can be difficult for individuals with diabetes and other medical needs to source locally. The proposal is to purchase small sharps containers for \$2.89 a piece, label them with HHSA Public Health information. Local physicians will then be informed that sharps containers are available to patients for \$5.00 each, a fee which includes safe disposal by HHSA. Physicians can then refer patients as appropriate. Patients can purchase the containers at HHSA, and when full, the individual can return the container to HHSA and the agency will dispose of the sharps and container safely and appropriately through Stericycle medical waste service as part of the \$5.00 fee. The individual can then purchase another sharps container for \$5.00 if needed. Since there is little legal restriction on needle disposal methods in the state, people often dispose of needles by placing them in milk jugs and tossing them in the trash. The proposed service ensures that there is an inexpensive option available to provide safe storage and disposal of used needles to minimize public health risks. This proposed service and fee were approved to be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners by the Health and Human Services Board and the HHSA Board Finance subcommittee on November 15, 2016.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT: N.A.

(What is the cost? Where is the money coming from? Optional or mandated?)

SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS: YES NO HOW MANY?

LIST:

PowerPoint Presentation: YES _____ NO XX

PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION AT MEETING: Patrick Johnson

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County Manager / Clerk to the Board Comments: _____
