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Commissioners Allocate Opioid Prevention Funding

Westminster, MD, Thursday, May 30, 2019 – Today, the Board of Carroll County Commissioners (BCC) voted unanimously to grant \$135,000 of FY 20 Not in Carroll opioid-related funding to the Carroll County Health Department for continuation of the mobile crisis team call center.

Carroll County Health Officer Ed Singer presented background information and FY 19 statistics to support the value of the call center to the mobile crisis team. The mobile crisis team, operational for approximately one year, supports law enforcement, emergency services and the community at large. The team's operations include funding from the State Opioid Operational Command Center, State Behavioral Health Administration and the BCC Not in Carroll program. Carroll County provided additional funding during FY19 to support the mobile crisis team by implementing a dedicated call center. The call center allows the mobile crisis team to remain on the street assisting law enforcement and emergency medical professionals by managing all opioid-related calls and follow-up.

In another Not in Carroll vote, the BCC awarded the contract for After School Programs for Carroll County middle schools to the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster for three days a week in the amount of \$131,746 annually. This initiative provides drug, alcohol and suicide prevention programs during after school hours in various Carroll County middle schools.

Today's open session will be available for viewing on the [county meeting portal](#) and [YouTube channel](#). In addition, all meetings will be replayed on [Comcast Channel 24](#).

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