

To: Board of County Commissioners  
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## Purpose of this document

This document provides an update to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on the status and anticipated actions of County departments in response to FY26 budget notes with deadlines in Q1 of the fiscal year (July 1 - September 30, 2025).

## Background

The BCC approved [21 budget notes](#) in the FY26 budget process. Of those budget notes, two have deadlines that fall in Q1 of FY26: budget note #8, Animal Services Fee Study, and budget note #19 School Based Mental Health Quality Improvement Strategy.

## Current status

### Budget Note #8: Animal Services Fee Study

The Department of Community Services (DCS) was charged with providing a work plan for this budget note by July 30. That work plan was transmitted via email by DCS Director Margi Bradway on Thursday, July 31. The budget note requires that the department complete the assessment and share it with the BCC by September 30, and the department anticipates meeting that deadline this quarter.

### Budget Note #19: School Based Mental Health Quality (SBMH) Improvement Strategy

The Health Department (HD) was charged with providing a plan for the placement of mental health consultants in schools to the BCC by the end of July. That plan was transmitted via email by HD Director Rachael Banks on Thursday, July 31. The HD was instructed to provide the BCC with a plan for a financially-sustainable SBMH program model that incorporates service goals and outcomes aligned with clinical best practices, quality assurance measures to ensure that all billable codes are being utilized, and a productivity standard that aligns with expected revenue goals by the end of August. The Department anticipates meeting that deadline this quarter. Finally, the HD was asked to provide quarterly, written reports to the Board of County Commissioners that include qualitative and quantitative metrics on outcomes

related to the impact of the program, including details on billing practices, caseload per clinician, and total youth served, disaggregated by school, race and ethnicity. The Department expects to provide that first quarterly report by September 30.

### Next Steps

- **Budget Note #8:** DCS will complete the Animal Services Fee Study and transmit the results to the BCC by September 30.
- **Budget Note #19:** The Health Department will provide the BCC with a plan for a financially sustainable (SBMH) program model by August 30.
- **Budget Note #19:** The Health Department will provide its first quarterly update on SBMH program outcomes by September 30.
- **Updates to the Board:** The next quarterly budget notes update will be provided to the BCC by October 1, 2025.