

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**State Board Reserve Allocation for Mental Health and Safety**  
**FY 2019-20**

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) is asked to approve an allocation of up to \$75,000 to Surry Community College from State Board Reserve to fund campus mental health and safety activities as part of the work of the NC Association of Community College Presidents' Mental Health and Safety Committee. The activities will include:

- A study to identify potential opportunities and recommendations for a financial strategy for the system to help address behavioral issues faced by students and staff (up to \$25,000)
- Campus safety and threat assessment training opportunities for college police and other safety and security staff (up to \$50,000)

**Strategic Plan Reference:**

Theme: Clear and Supported Pathways for Student Progress and Success

Goal 2: Provide a continuum of education, training, advising, and support to help learners make informed decisions that lead to credentials and careers.

- Objective 2.4: Help college employees understand and employ effective teaching/coaching strategies for all students, including those who are dealing with the impacts of poverty, trauma, addiction, mental illness, disabilities, or other challenges.

**Background:** The NC Association of Community College Presidents formed a Mental Health and Safety Task Force in Fall 2019 and at its January 2020 meeting amended its bylaws to add the Mental Health and Safety Committee as a permanent, standing committee of the association. Two initial projects of the committee include the assessment of behavioral health services and increased training opportunities for campus safety officials. Surry Community College has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent to support the Mental Health and Safety Committee's activities.

**Budget:** The final cost of the study and training has not been determined, but the Board is asked to approve up to \$25,000 for the study and up to \$50,000 for the training.

**Fund Source and Availability:** FY 2019-20 funding is available from the State Board Reserve from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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