

Monthly Director's Report to

Board of Social Services



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~ OSHR (Office of State Human Resources) will provide two trainings in September: Employee Relations on September 13th in Hickory (10 DSS staff are attending) and Leadership Training on September 20th and 21st in Henderson County for 10 DSS supervisory staff, 8 Health Dept. staff and 12 employees from other Western Counties.

~ Medicaid Transformation: VAYA Health presented to the Western Directors on the timeline for managed care. The 1115 Medicaid waiver presented to CMS has not been approved but approval is expected later in August. The waiver, if approved, will allow Medicaid to operate differently. HB 403, which passed the NC General Assembly in June, allows NC to move forward with transformation once the 1115 waiver is approved. This legislation authorizes the establishment of PHPs (pre-paid health plans) to operate standard plans to manage physical health services and some limited behavioral health services for Medicaid beneficiaries, including individuals with mild to moderate behavioral health conditions. This law also describes the population of Medicaid beneficiaries who will not be enrolled in standard plans but will be served by tailored plans. Only LME/MCOs are eligible to apply to be tailored plan contractors and they must contract with a PHP, a commercial health plan provider. The tailored plans will begin one year after the roll-out of standard plans. There will be no fewer than 5 and no more than 7 tailored plan regions. Tailored plan operators will continue to manage non-Medicaid services. VAYA Health will present on Managed Care/ Medicaid Transformation at the September 4th County Commissioners meeting.

~ I was appointed to the HC Substance Abuse Task Force by the HC Commissioners at their meeting on July 18, 2018. The task force will meet monthly from August 2018 through January 2019 with a final report to the community on January 17, 2019.

~ As the County approaches the 2019 property revaluation, county departments have been requested to prepare a 4-year plan that will outline our departmental needs. Input from Board members is both welcomed and appreciated.

Employees of the Month: The August Employees of the Month list is enclosed.