

Monthly Director's Report to

Board of Social Services



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~ Hurricane Florence: Twenty-seven North Carolina counties have been deemed impacted counties qualifying affected residents for federal assistance. The American Red Cross continues to operate emergency shelters for over 600 people in ten counties. New Hanover County currently has the largest number remaining in shelter. Many NCDHHS resources have been assigned to manage emergency operations and disaster programs including food and nutrition; both replacement for those who lost already purchased food and disaster for those who were not recipients when Florence began her path of destruction.

~ P 4: NC Fast in child welfare has been paused once again due to the need for the far east counties to deal with the impacts of Hurricane Florence. Western NC counties were notified on October 9, 2018 that the plan is for us to roll out on January 21, 2019. A date for Eastern NC paper-based counties will be determined at a later time.

~ NC OSHR (Office of State Human Resources) accepted our invitation to provide training in Henderson County. Nineteen county employees including nine supervisors from Henderson County DSS participated in Leadership training on September 20 and 21, 2018. I received positive feedback from staff who attended.

~ DSS submitted our 4-year budget plan to the County. Discussion will continue concerning departmental needs. The plan will become a part of the county budget process that begins in January 2019.

~ The Social Services Institute (SSI) has been cancelled for two of the past three years due to hurricanes. NCACDSS is considering scheduling the annual conference in July or August in the future. The SSI is the primary fund raiser for NCACDSS, so the cancellations have had a large impact.

~ State/ County MOU: We have begun reviewing the statistics provided by the State and are attempting to duplicate their numbers. We have sent questions regarding the sources of their data and will send a complete written comparison once we have completed work.

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