

Monthly Director's Report to

Board of Social Services



January 2019

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~ Susan Perry-Manning, Principal Deputy Secretary of NCDHHS, has assured Departments of Social Services that NCDHHS is closely monitoring the potential impact of the federal government shutdown. Based on information available, NC has sufficient funding for TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) and SNAP/WIC (Supplemental Nutrition and Safety Programs/Women, Infants and Children) through at least part of February. The USDA issued a notice to SNAP State Agency Directors stating that “FNS has determined that funding for February benefits is available for State Agencies through early issuance.” Our department has not received any information on the specifics of what we need to do to issue these benefits early or maintain eligibility documentation.

~ Recently a sub-committee of the NC Association of Directors of Social Services (NCACDSS) recommended “Proposed Revisions for Social Services Director Qualifications”. These revisions, if approved by the Director’s Association and subsequently supported by legislation, would outline the legal qualifications to be hired as a DSS Director. Due to controversy in the membership this issue will be further evaluated and will not become a legislative priority for NCACDSS this year.

~ Henderson County was awarded \$19,608 from SSBG (Social Services Block Grant) for the provision of guardianship or other adult services. This is in addition to our base allocation. Adult services funding will continue to be a legislative priority in 2019 for NCACDSS.

~ We will provide information to the County Commissioners on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 that supports our 4-year budget plan.

~ We are in the final preparation days for NC FAST CHILD WELFARE which will go live in Henderson County on January 22.

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