

# Monthly Director's Report to

## Board of Social Services



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State/County MOU: Susan Perry Manning, Principal Deputy Secretary of DHHS, presented updated information regarding the MOU process this week. DHHS is amending 17 of the 26 measures to “growth measures.” Each county should receive a corrected, updated county specific report for performance measures by November 14<sup>th</sup>. After that, the corrected “growth measures” will be included in the MOU and counties will be asked to sign the MOU again. Counties are only able to run reports for 10 of the 26 performance measures. A data validation coordinator will be assigned to work with each DSS to serve as our point of contact for validation of the county performance measures. DHHS anticipates that all reports will be available for counties to run by January 2019. DHHS will not measure performance this FY as was indicated in the original MOU. Performance measurement will start on July 1, 2019.

NCACDSS Legislative Committee: The Legislative Committee is working on the finalization of their top 3 priorities for the Legislative session that begins in January. The proposed priorities are:

1. Increase funding and enhance services for Adult Protective Services and Guardianship while also improving behavioral health services for vulnerable, older and disabled adults.
2. Amend NC general statutes 108A-70.49 and 108A-251A regarding Medicaid paybacks due to county error. The suggested limits are \$5000 or 5% (possibly 3%) of the claim, whichever is less.
3. Preserve Federal and State Block Grants for county administered programs (TANF, SSBG, CSBG and HCCBG), oppose unfunded mandates and prevent unnecessary workload increases to counties (including shifting state responsibilities to counties).

The legislative committee has met with the county commissioner's association to collaborate on these priorities.

Blue Ridge Health: Attached please find an update regarding additional services they will provide in Western North Carolina. Attachment 1

North Carolina Medicaid Managed Care: The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) approved North Carolina's 1115 waiver for a five-year demonstration period. The waiver provides NC DHHS the ability to move forward with Medicaid transformation. Attached please find information on transformation including an enrollment broker timeline. Attachments 2 & 3

DSS School Social Worker: Our preventive social worker position that previously worked in the school health clinics has been reallocated as a foster care/ permanency planning social worker. HCPS administration supported this decision based on their award of the funds to hire HCPS Social Workers. Our Social Worker stayed in the school until the end of October allowing time for the school system to hire and integrate their social workers.

Social Services Institute 2019: The SSI will be held from July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in Hickory. The change of dates is due to the hurricane season and the cancellation of 2 of the past 3 scheduled institutes due to hurricanes.

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