

Monthly Director's Report to

Board of Social Services



December 2018

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~ Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA): Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of NC Department of Health and Human Services has made a request to the Children's Bureau to "delay the limitations on federal funding for congregate care, claiming for prevention services and other key provisions." She intends to continue taking important steps to ensure readiness and fully implement in advance of the deadline of September 29, 2021. See enclosure for more detailed information.

~ State County MOU: On November 15, 2018 County Managers and DSS Directors were notified by Michael Becketts that the State is modifying the MOUs. The modifications include changes to several of the performance measures from static to growth measures and provides clarification that no performance improvement or corrective action will be initiated based on this MOU for FY 2018-2019. Ongoing oversight and monitoring activities will continue as they have in prior years. Grady Hawkins, Chair of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners signed the updated MOU on December 12, 2018. See enclosure for more detailed information.

~ Blue Ridge Community Health and Crossnore have been awarded grants to place crisis social work staff in the Henderson County Public Schools. BRCH will add 2 staff and Crossnore will add 4 staff to the 8 social workers recently hired by the school system.

~ Crossnore staff provided all DSS staff with the opportunity to view the film "Resilience" in our smart board room and facilitated discussion among participants. "Resilience" addresses the lifelong impacts of adverse childhood experiences.

~ The special session on Medicaid transformation scheduled for December 12, 2018 in Asheville was cancelled due to the snow. I will provide information as soon as possible to the Board concerning the expected impact on DSS.

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