

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: January 17, 2020

Upcoming Collaborative Mental Health Meetings:

Date and Time	Collaborative	Location
February 19, 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.	NC Child Well Being Transformation Council	544 LOB , audio available

North Carolina Budget Impasse Continues:

The North Carolina legislature was in session briefly on Tuesday, January 14th, chiefly for the purpose of passing the budget. Republicans hoped to overturn the Governor’s veto on the budget with the one extra vote necessary to do so. However, both parties did not sway and the budget veto could not be lifted. For this reason, the legislature has adjourned until April 28, 2020. This is the date that the short session will begin. Senate President ProTem Phil Berger held a press conference and stated that he did not believe that a compromise on the budget will be achieved in the short session. This would keep the budget at SFY18-19 levels through a continuing resolution.

NC DHHS Published State-Funded BH/IDD Services Concept Paper:

The concept paper on [State-funded BH/IDD services](#) lays out a plan of action to create a more statewide, standardized approach to State funding.

Statewide Structure:

- Reiterates State funds are only available through the BH/IDD Tailored Plan.
- Lays out responsibilities of the BH/IDD Tailored Plans for some of those functions that have, in the past, been the Local Management Entity part of the LME/MCO.
- Proposes to create statewide eligibility criteria for State funds.
- States intent to create a statewide waiting list for State-funded services in all 3 disability areas—mental illness, substance use disorders, and intellectual-developmental disabilities.
- Notes the intent of NC DHHS to directly contract with providers to pilot “innovative approaches and administrative efficiency of certain State services.”
- Charts the State-funded services including new focuses on recovery, meaningful day, peer support, high-fidelity wraparound for children, supported employment, residential and case management.
- Continues expectations for quality improvement in BH/IDD Tailored Plan services with monitoring and oversight by the State.

- Differs from the Medicaid constructs of care management. Uninsured individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders will receive case management and individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities receiving State-funded services will receive *care* management.

Section on System of Care: The paper endorses the continued use of the System of Care (SOC) model. The coordination of the local collaboratives will fall with the BH/IDD Tailored Plans (as it has with LME/MCOs). The paper notes this approach is for kids in the BH/IDD Tailored Plans.

NC Awarded \$56 Million to Promote Child Well-Being:

Governor Cooper announced on January 9th that North Carolina had been awarded [\\$56 million from two federal grants](#) for the next seven years to support children’s well-being, improve access to early learning, and develop the early childhood workforce. The first grant, the Preschool Development Grant, \$40.2 million, invests in people who shape children’s development, mainly parents and early childhood professionals. This grant provides job-embedded professional development and coaching. Additionally, the grant expands access to a nurse home visiting program for parents of newborns and supports families with children transitioning to kindergarten. The second grant, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, implements the Integrated Care for Kids model. This model improves coordinated care across healthcare, schools, housing, and food sourcing.

Bills on the Move:

[H966:](#) 2019 Appropriations Act, this bill was placed on the calendar for January 14, 2020, withdrawn from the calendar and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

Bills we are tracking:

- [H5:](#) Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see S3)
- [H76:](#) School Safety Omnibus
- [H102:](#) Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see S245)
- [H121:](#) Expunction Related to Raise the Age/No Conviction
- [H234:](#) Funds for Child Advocacy Centers
- [H241:](#) Education Bond Act of 2019
- [H250:](#) Dept. of Health and Human Services Revisions
- [H291:](#) Continue Social Services Regional Supervision and Collaboration Work Group (SSWG) and Extend Children’s Council
- [H297:](#) Psychologist Interjurisdictional Compact
- [H434:](#) Suicide Risk Ref./Mental Health/Teen Violence
- [H471:](#) Reduce Administrative Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers
- [H555:](#) Medicaid Transformation Implementation, the Senate has withdrawn this bill from the calendar and re-referred it to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[H580](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see S636)
[H601](#): Funds for NAMI North Carolina, Inc.
[H613](#): Essential Services for Homeless Youth
[H655](#): NC Health Care for Working Families, the bill was re-referred to the House Committee on Health, received a favorable committee substitute, and was re-referred to the House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations.
[H702](#): Modify Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (see S555)
[H822](#): Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan, the bill has been sent to the Senate, passed the 1st Senate reading, and has been sent to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.
[H825](#): Strengthen Child Fatality Prevention System: passed first reading and referred to the House Committee on Health.
[H826](#): Standardized Assessment/Foster Care Pilot
[H956](#): Funds/Youth Villages and Other Purposes

[S3](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see H5)
[S175](#): Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist
[S212](#): NC Fast/Early Child/Transformation/ACH Assess., the conference committees have been appointed.
[S245](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see H102)
[S251](#): Modernization of Drug Court Programs
[S361](#): Healthy NC., the Senate failed to concur on the health committee substitution, so the Senate and House have appointed committee conferees for the bill.
[S382](#): School Psychologist Compensation and Recruitment (see H482)
[S427](#): Smart Start Funds (see H124)
[S476](#): Compt-Based Assess. & Mental Health/Teen Viol., after over three months of inactivity, the bill has conference committees appointed in the House and the Senate.
[S549](#): Child Welfare/Behavioral Health Pilot/Funds
[S624](#): Guilford County Mental Health Facility /Funds (see H360)
[S636](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see H580)

Bills that have been signed into law:

[H75](#): School Mental Health Screening Study, presented to the governor and signed into law as Ch. SL 2019-222.
[S199](#): Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws, the bill was presented to the governor and signed into law on 11/7/19 as Ch. SL 2019 – 245.
[H301](#): CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code, signed by the governor on 6/21/19 as Ch. SL 2019-33.
[S413](#): Raise the Age Modifications, signed into law on 8/1/19 as Ch. SL 2019-186.
[H609](#): Once known as Raise the Age Modifications but now labeled Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees, the bill was presented to and signed by the governor as Ch. SL 2019-208.

[H656](#): Medicaid Changes for Transformation, signed into law by the Governor on 7/4/19 as Ch. SL 2019-81.

[H1001](#): Raise the Age Funding, ratified, presented to the governor and signed into law on 10/14/19 as Ch. SL 2019-229.