

**NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families
Research and Policy Work Group**

DATE: February 21, 2019

Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:

Date and Time	Committee	Location
2/26/19, 8:30 a.m.	Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education	423 Legislative Office Bldg., no audio available
2/26/19, 8:30 a.m.	Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services	643 Legislative Office Bldg., audio available
2/26/19, 10:00 a.m.	House Health Committee, bills to be considered include H70	643 Legislative Office Bldg., audio available
2/26/19, 1:00 p.m.	House Education K-12, bills to be considered include H76	643 Legislative Office Bldg., audio available

The General Assembly is in full swing now. Bills are beginning to be heard in committees. Most bills, the budget withstanding, will have to be filed by mid-April. Any bills that do not have appropriations attached to them must meet the crossover deadline (passing one of the houses of the GA) by May 9th or they will no longer be considered by the General Assembly.

At this time, i2i is tracking the bills below for the NCCCYF and this will be added to weekly as new bills are introduced. Please contact Ann Rodriguez (ann@i2icenter.org) if there are other bills that should be considered or with any questions.

- [H5/3](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap
- [H74](#): 2019 School Safety Grants Program
- [H75](#): School Mental Health Screening of Students
- [H76](#): School Safety Omnibus

Just for informational purposes, I have attached some legislative agendas for child organizations. (Note: some have my handwritten notes on them). They include:

- NC Child
- NC General Assembly Social Services Consortium
- NC Assn of Local Health Directors
- United Way
- NC Early Education Coalition
- NC Leadership Team of Think Babies
- Prevent Child Abuse NC

Per our discussion at the last meeting, below is the list of members and other information on the two pertinent legislative/policy groups.

Child Well-Being Transformational Council Membership (Children's Council)

Statutory Authority: [S.L. 2018-5, Section 24.1\(b\)](#)

Purpose of Council:

There is established the North Carolina Child Well-Being Transformation Council (Children's Council) for the purpose of coordinating, collaborating, and communicating among agencies and organizations involved in providing public services to children. The welfare of North Carolina's children is a priority. There are many public and private agencies and organizations across the State involved with promoting the welfare of children and protecting them from harm, such as those involving child care, education, health care, social services, and juvenile justice. Though these agencies and organizations provide important services, they often fail to collaborate, coordinate, and communicate about those services. A more systematic and coordinated approach to services will help ensure that the State achieves the best possible outcomes for children.

Expected Products:

June 30, 2019, an interim report submitted to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division. The report will include a summary of the Council's work for the previous year, any findings and recommendations for change, and a work plan for the upcoming year.

June 30, 2020, the Children's Council will submit a final report

June 30, 2020, Council will terminate (would require legislative action for it to continue after that date)

Website: <https://www.ncleg.gov/Committees/CommitteeInfo/NonStanding/6724>

Chairs:

Representative Sarah Stevens (Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes counties)

Honorable Tamara Barringer (former Senator from Wake County)

General Assembly Members:

Senator Kathy Harrington (Gaston County)

Representative Donna McDowell White (Johnston County)

At-Large Members:

Cindy Bizzell, Administrator (NC Guardian ad Litem Program, NC Judicial Branch, NC Administrative Office of the Courts)

Anna Carter (NC DHHS, NC Division of Child Development and Early Education)

Lisa Tucker Cauley (NC DHHS, Division of Social Services)

Melissa Anne Clayton (NC DHHS, NC Medicaid)

Captain Catherine Cochran (Military)

Dr. Theresa McCarthy Flynn (NC Pediatric Society)

Eric Harbour (NC DHHS, Division of MH/IDD/SAS)

Victor Isler (Forsyth County Division of Social Services)

Dr. Amy Jablonski (Dept of Public Instruction)

Deana Joy (Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina)

Dr. Susan Kansagra (NC DHHS, Division of Public Health)
Dr. Kelly Kimple (NC DHHS, Division of Public Health)
Billy Lassiter (Deputy Commissioner of Juvenile Justice, NC Dept of Public Safety)
Brett Loftis (Crossnore School and Children's Home)
Virginia Knowlton Marcus (Disability Rights NC)
Stephanie McGarrah (NC Healthcare Assn)
Karen McLeod (Benchmarks, representing NC Child Fatality Task Force)
Honorable Tom Murry (former Representative from Wake County, Chief Legal Counsel for External Affairs, NC Administrative Office of the Courts)
Phillip Redmond (Duke Endowment)
Wendy Sotolongo (NC Indigent Defense Services)

Vacant: One representative of the LME/MCOs appointed by the Governor

Next Meeting:

March 15, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Room 544, Legislative Office Building, [audio available](#)

BH/IDD Subcommittee Medical Care Advisory Committee

Statutory Authority: The Committee is a federally required advisor to the NC Department of Health and Human Services. NC DHHS is using the Subcommittees to provide recommendations on issues related to Medicaid Transformation.

Website: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/meetings-and-notices/committees-and-work-groups/medical-care-advisory-committee/mcac-subcommittee> (Note that the BH/IDD Subcommittee is under construction and not yet on the website)

Co-Chairs:

Paula Cox Fishman (I-DD Advocate and Legal Guardian of Medicaid Recipient)

Billy West (Daymark Recovery Services)

Members:

Jean Anderson (family member)

Mark Fuhrmann (State CFAC)

Jonathan Ellis (State CFAC)

Ruth Singer Strunck (The Arc)

Lucy Wilmer (NAMI)

Corye Dunn (Disability Rights of NC)

Susan Baker (Brain Injury Assn)

David Ingram (NC Council on Developmental Disabilities)

Martha Turner Quest (NC Psychological Assn)

Robin Huffman (NC Psychiatric Assn)

Sheryl Zerbe (NC Providers Council)
Blake Martin (Benchmarks)
Kay Castillo (NC NASW)
Dr. Jennie Byrne (CCNC)
Dr. Marvin Schwartz (Duke University)
Christina Dupuch (Vaya Health)
Rhett Melton (Partners Behavioral Healthcare)
Beth Melcher (Alliance Health)
Cindy Ehlers (Trillium Health Resources)
Trey Suttan (Cardinal Innovations)
Anthony Ward (Sandhills Center)
Victoria Jackson (Eastpointe)
Curt Martin (NC DHHS, Division of Public Health)
Kerri Erb, (NC Autism Society)

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 6

Time and location to be determined