



**NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families**  
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**Upcoming Legislative Meetings:**

| Committee                   | Date and Time          | Location, Video and Audio |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2021-22 Long Session Begins | January 13, 2021, noon |                           |

**BH/IDD Tailored Plan Question and Answer Sheets Shed More Light on the Plan Details:**

NC DHHS has posted [three Q and A documents](#) that provide more detail about their vision for the implementation of the BH/IDD Tailored Plan. These questions and answers are the precursor to the actual Request for Applications (RFA) that is expected to be out to LME/MCOs on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with responses due by January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There are a range of questions within the documents that provide additional insight into the framework for the Tailored Plan beyond what has been published in the past. An example of one of the questions—interestingly directed at System of Care—is listed below:

From the [9/29/20 Q and A Document](#): System of Care:

1. Q: Our next concern relates to the following statement in footnote 13 [of the Tailored Care Management Provider Manual] at Section IV.1, "The North Carolina System of Care framework was developed to address the unique needs and challenges of children and youth with behavioral health needs. Children and youth with behavioral health needs are at increased risk of experiencing gaps in care because they often receive services from multiple systems (including health, education, child welfare, and juvenile justice); are more likely to transition between Standard Plans and BH I/DD Tailored Plans as their diagnoses change; their acuity changes with age; and their access to services may be impacted as they age out of school-related services. Effective care plans or ISPs must reflect both the needs of the child and his or her family." Given that different plans can have different System of Care strategies, etc., how will this approach support continuity of care?

A: The Department appreciates this question and will consider it as part of future care management design.

## Opportunities for Feedback:

- [Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force](#) is seeking feedback in 5 core areas:
  1. Access to Healthcare
  2. Economic Opportunity and Business Development
  3. Educational Opportunity
  4. Patient Engagement
  5. Environmental Justice and Inclusion

This Task Force was established by Governor Cooper over the summer and they just completed two listening sessions that can be heard via the above link. There is a [feedback form](#) that can be used to submit your comments on one or more of the five areas. The Task Force subcommittees have already developed initial focal points for each of the core areas with the goal to improve disparities in communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

- NC DHHS is holding several [upcoming Town Halls](#), led by Deputy Secretary Kody Kinsley and Division of MH/IDD/SAS Director Victor Armstrong. The purpose of these town halls is to gather comments and recommendations on the future of MH/IDD/SUD services. There are several ways that you can submit questions and comments:
  - Submit comments in the chat box during the virtual meeting
  - Record a video message prior to the meeting
  - Submit questions before the virtual meeting

All meetings are at 6 pm and are accessible via the [NC Governor's Institute Facebook Live page](#). ***Note that, because they are allowing comments to be pre-recorded or submitted prior, you do not have to be present for the town hall in your area for your voice to be heard.***

- [The Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice](#) was established by Governor Cooper to address existing policies and procedures that disproportionately affect communities of color and developing solutions to ensure racial equity in North Carolina's criminal justice system. The Task Force will submit its recommendations on or before December 1, 2020. They are currently seeking feedback and North Carolinians can use [a form](#) to submit these comments.

## Resources:

[NC Health News Voters Guide 2020](#)

[NC DHHS Integrated Care initiative for marginalized populations](#)