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NC General Assembly Begins the Long Session:

Wednesday was the start of the Long Session of the NC General Assembly. They convened just long enough to adjourn until January 27th. Much of the first few days of a long session are spent getting committees and parameters around processes in place. Some of the main points of discussion during this session will include: new budget for the next two fiscal years; continued work on the pandemic; congressional redistricting based on new census data. While Medicaid expansion may not be considered, there does seem to be willingness to discuss other ways to expand access such as building the rural workforce.

The House did appoint their Chairs of committees and key appointments for education, health and human services and juvenile justice include:

- House Appropriations Senior Chairs:
 - Rep. Lambeth
 - Rep. Saine
 - Rep. Arp
- House Appropriations Chairs: Reps. Brisson, Bumgardner, Elmore, Faircloth, K. Hall, Strickland
- House Education Chairs: Reps. Hardister, Torbett, Hurley
- House HHS Chairs: Reps. Potts, Sasser, White, K. Baker
- House Justice and Public Safety Chairs: Reps. Boles (Senior Chair), McNeil, C. Smith
- House Education K-12 Chairs: Reps. Blackwell, Torbett
- House Family, Children and Aging Policy Chairs: Reps. Carter, Hunter
- House Health Chairs: Reps. Lambeth, Potts, Sasser, White, K. Baker

Resources:

- NC DHHS has multiple events planned through their "Get the SCOOP on Managing Stress" campaign. All events can be found at this [link](#).

- [Registration](#) for the annual Legislative Breakfast on Mental Health has opened. The event will be virtual on Saturday, January 30th from 9 am – 11:30 am. NC DHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen and multiple legislators headline the event.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina Foundation published [three fact sheets](#) from the Build Healthy Places Network entitled: “Community Development Counteracts Isolation”; “The Intersection of Community Development and Mental Health”; “Preventing and Ending Homelessness, Community Development Role”.