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NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: April 16, 2021

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio
April 20, 15 mins after session	House Health (H. 424 on agenda)	643 LOB, livestream
April 20, 3:00 pm	House Children, Family and Aging Policy	423 LOB, livestream
April 20, 4:00 pm	House Education, K-12	643 LOB, livestream
April 21, 10:00 am	House Health (S. 350 on agenda)	544 LOB, livestream
April 22, 10:00 am	Senate Health Care (S. 191 on agenda)	544 LOB, livestream ,

April is Guardian ad Litem Child Advocate Month!

NC DHHS Restructures to Establish Division of Child and Family Well-Being:

On April 15th, Secretary Cohen published [a letter](#) to stakeholders noting several NC DHHS organizational changes. A few of the changes seem to indicate NC DHHS's commitment to focusing on a coordinated effort to assist children and families. In fact, a new Division is being created as of July 1, the Division of Child and Family Well-Being. The new Division will bring together "complimentary programs" that are currently housed with the Divisions of Public Health, MH/IDD/SAS, and Social Services. NC DHHS will be recruiting a leader for the Division of Child and Family Well-Being. Other changes include individual positions:

- Kody Kinsley will become the Chief Deputy Secretary of Health responsible for Divisions of Public Health, MH/IDD/SUD, Health Regulation, State-Operated Facilities, and Office of Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.
- Susan Gale Perry will become the Chief Deputy Secretary for Opportunity and Well-Being and will oversee the Divisions of Child Development and Early Education, Child and Family Well-Being, Social Services, Aging and Adult Services as well as Office of Health Opportunities, Vocational Rehabilitation, Services for the Blind, Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- They will recruit for a Chief Health Equity Officer

- Dr. Cardra Burns is the new Deputy Secretary for Operational Excellence
- Tracy Zimmerman is the new Deputy Secretary for Policy, Strategy and External Engagement.

Opportunity for Feedback! NC Medicaid Updates the Quality Strategy for Medicaid Managed Care:

NC Medicaid has published an [updated Quality Strategy](#). The Quality Strategy includes the State expectations around care management, value-based payments, network adequacy, quality measures for Standard Plans and LM/MCOs to achieve. One update is to include the [Integrated Care for Kids \(InCK\) Initiative](#) that has been funded through SAMHSA.

Input is due by May 6, 2021 to:

Email: Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov

U.S. Mail: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, 1950 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1950. Attn: Quality Management Team

Resources:

- The NC Medicaid Ombudsman office was launched on April 15th. They have an operating [website](#) and phone number—877-201-3750.
- NC DHHS has released the [BH/IDD Tailored Plan Care Management Desk Review Guide and Evaluation Tool](#). This 18-page document provides indication of what NC DHHS will expect as they look at certification of Advanced Medical Homes and provider agencies to become Advanced Medical Home + or Care Management Agencies under the BH/IDD Tailored Plan.
- NC families that did not receive the [\\$335 COVID-19 Relief Payment](#) have another opportunity to apply until May 31.

Bills on the Move:

[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act, passed House, referred to Senate Rules

[H. 252/S. 207](#), Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs, passed House

[S. 113](#), Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals, withdrawn from House Committee on Children, Families and Aging Policy and re-referred to House Rules

[S. 301](#), Expand Expunction Eligibility

Other Bills:

[H. 29](#), Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE

[H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications

[H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism

[H. 132](#), Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill)

[H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth

[H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)

[H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill)

[H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021

[H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools
[H. 212](#), Social Services Reform
[H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford
[H. 232](#), LRC Study – Affordable Housing
[H. 247](#), Standards of Student Conduct
[H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula
[H. 261](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction
[H. 262](#), Smart Start Funds
[H. 274](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
[H. 277/S. 249](#), The SAVE Act
[H. 298](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
[H. 300](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
[H. 305](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 313](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
[H. 314](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 325](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 382](#), Hospital ED Care/Medicaid Behavioral Health Service
[H. 383](#), Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments
[H. 389/S. 350](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
[H. 424](#), Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility
[H. 470](#), Medicaid Expansion
[H. 516](#), Raise Dropout Age to 18
[H. 532](#), Criminal Justice Equity Act of 2021
[H. 555/S. 622](#), 2021 Governor’s Budget
[H. 568](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act
[H. 573](#), NC Medicaid and SNAP Program Integrity Reform
[S. 37](#), In-Person Learning Choice for Families, ratified, vetoed by Governor on 2/26
[S. 61](#), Dental Services/Medicaid Transformation
[S. 78](#), A Safe Return for In-Person Learning
[S. 86](#), Medicaid Recs/School-Based Health and InCK evaluation/ Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 88](#), NC FAST Child Welfare Case Mgmt./PED Study
[S. 89](#), Regional Supervision/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 90](#), Social Services Reform/Inter-County Collaboration/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 93](#), Assisting NC Families in Crisis
[S. 103](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism, passed Senate
[S. 105](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists
[S. 191](#), The No Patient Left Alone Act
[S. 301](#), Expand Expunction Eligibility

[S. 350/H. 389](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
[S. 402](#), Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap
[S. 463](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST
[S. 501](#), Create Department of Adult Corrections
[S. 514](#), Youth Health Protection Act
[S. 518](#), Protecting and Supporting NC's Children
[S. 530](#), Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum
[S. 593](#), Special Education Due Process Hearings
[S. 594](#), Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections – Agency Bill
[S. 615](#), Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid
[S. 622/H. 555](#), 2021 Governor's Budget
[S. 693](#), Expedite Child Safety and Permanency

Bills Signed into Law:

[SL 2021-1](#): COVID Relief Bill Modifications
[SL 2021-3](#): 2021 COVID-19 Response and Relief
[SL 2021-4](#): The Reopen the Schools Act of 2021
[SL 2021-7](#), Summer Learning Choice for NC Families
[SL 2021-8](#): Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021