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NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

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State Board of Education Hears Report on School Mental Health Plans:

At their [December 2nd meeting](#), the NC State Board of Education heard [a report](#) about the School Mental Health Plans that are now statutorily required. One data point that stood out is the percentage of public school units that have Memorandums of Understanding with their LME/MCOs (22.57%) and local mental health service providers (56.43%). 97.18% of the public school units include strategies to improve transitions between and within school and community-based services, e.g., through the creation of multidisciplinary teams to provide referral and follow-up services to individual students. The report emphasizes training of personnel and early intervention.

NC DHHS Secretary Cohen to Step Down:

Governor Cooper has announced that NC DHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen will step down from her position at the end of the year. He has appointed current Chief Deputy Secretary of Health Kody Kinsley to take her place. Kinsley began his time at NC DHHS approximately four years ago with a focus on BH/IDD/SUD services. He has also led the efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and is focused on strengthening collaboration between the justice system and the BH/IDD/SUD system. It seems likely that Kinsley will continue following the path to achieve integrated, whole person care through Medicaid and Health Choice managed care.

Note that Governor Cooper's term ends in 2025. He cannot run again so there may be all new political appointments at that time.

BH/IDD Tailored Plan Provider Trainings an Opportunity for Children, Youth and Families:

If you have missed some of the weekly webinar series that began on October 1, you can find the webinar recordings and presentations at this [link](#).

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	Register for the webinar series .
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Resources:

- NC Political News December 2nd [story](#) on recent court decision on the \$1.7 billion appropriation needed to fully fund the State's corrective action plan related to the *Leandro* case and the authority of judges to order the funding.
- [Hope4NC Helpline](#) is focusing on providing individual and family support in a behavioral health crisis.

Bills on the Move:

[House Joint Resolution 979](#), adjournment resolution states that the NCGA will adjourn on December 10th and return on December 30th to address specific issues that may have occurred in the interim. It has passed the House and Senate and been ratified.

[H. 110](#), Landlord Submission of HOPE Application, passed House and Senate and sent to the Governor to be signed into law.

Bills:

[H. 29](#), Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE
[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications
[H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)
[H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill) – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021
[H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 212](#), Social Services Reform
[H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford
[H. 232](#), LRC Study – Affordable Housing, MET CROSSOVER
[H. 247](#), Standards of Student Conduct – MET CROSSOVER
[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. 389/S. 350](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
[H. 424](#), Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility
[H. 430](#), Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS
[H. 470](#), Medicaid Expansion
[H. 516](#), Raise Dropout Age to 18
[H. 568/S. 721](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act
[H. 579](#), School Self-Defense Act
[H. 615](#), Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 621](#), Increase Drop Out Age/Completion Indicator – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 653](#), Mental Health and SUD Parity Report
[H. 657](#), School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 658](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFast
[H. 664](#), County Service Districts/Early Childhood Education – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 665/S. 610](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid

[H. 732](#), Peer Support Specialist Certification Act
[H. 747](#), Merge NC Health Choice & Medicaid
[H. 749](#), Healthy Students – School Psychologists/COVID-19
[H. 809](#), NC Healthy Family Act
[H. 823](#), Child Advocacy Centers/Share Information – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 837](#), Increase Student Access to School Counselors
[H. 882](#), Behavioral Health Services for Students
[H. 908](#), Access to Affordable Health Care Coverage for All
[H. 914](#), Support our Direct Care Workforce
[H. 928](#), Opioid Overdose Prev. Pilot Program/Funds
[H. 934](#), Student Success Program
[H. 946](#), Sound Basic Education for Every Child
[H. 947](#), The GREAT Broadband Expansion Act
[H. 952](#), Mental Health Unit Triage Pilot Program
[H. 953](#), Funds for School Mental Health Support Persons
[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. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists
[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. 515](#), Health Care Heroes Conscience Protection Act
[S. 518](#), Protecting and Supporting NC's Children
[S. 530](#), Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum
[S. 593](#), Special Education Due Process Hearings – MET CROSSOVER
[S. 595](#), Taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences
[S. 610/ H. 665](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
[S. 615](#), Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid
[S. 622](#), 2021 Governor's Budget
[S. 721/H. 568](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act

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
[SL 2021-18](#): Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals
[SL 2021-22](#): Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism
[SL 2021-25](#): Additional COVID-19 Response and Relief
[SL 2021-61](#): Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments
[SL 2021-62](#): Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections
[SL 2021-77](#): DHHS Revisions
[SL 2021-88](#): GSC Technical Corrections 2021
[SL 2021-100](#): Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill)
[SL 2021-118](#): Expand Expunction Eligibility
[SL 2021-123](#): Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.
[SL 2021-132](#): Expedite Child Safety and Permanency
[SL 2021-144](#): Foster Parents' Bill of Rights