

Monthly Director's Report to

Board of Social Services



March 2019

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- ~ NC FAST P-4: NCACDSS sent a letter requesting support in implementing one of the recommendations of the Social Service Regional Supervision and Collaboration Working Group (SSWG) to the Members of the NC General Assembly. The recommendation directs immediate reexamination of the plan to use NC Fast for case management in adult and child welfare programs. A copy of the letter is included.
- ~ On March 11, 2019 H.B.320, Suspend Child Welfare/ Aging Component/ NC Fast was filed. The bill, if passed would require DHHS to suspend development of the NC Fast system as related to case-management functionality for the child welfare system and aging and adult services' programs. We have been informed that work will continue on implementation of NC Fast until such time this or another bill becomes law requiring the work to stop. Henderson County is scheduled to go live in case management on July 22, 2019. A copy of the bill is included.
- ~ Below is a list of the most recent bills filed related to DSS:
 - HB 342- AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS
<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/House/PDF/H342v0.pdf>
 - HB 335 - Reduce Waitlist for HCCBG Services/Funds
<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/House/PDF/H335v0.pdf>
 - HB 325- Update Svc & Care Plan Req's/ACH Residents
<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/House/PDF/H325v0.pdf>
 - HB 320/ SB212- Suspend Child Welfare/Aging Component/NC FAST
<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/House/PDF/H320v0.pdf>
House sponsor: Representative Stevens (Primary)
Senate sponsors: Senators Krawiec and Hise (Primary Sponsors)
 - SB 226 - Limit Who May Advertise/Adoption Laws
<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/Senate/PDF/S226v0.pdf>
 - SB 223- Caregiver Relief Act
<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/Senate/PDF/S223v0.pdf>
- ~ The first batch of 20 Medicaid files were submitted for the Medicaid Eligibility Determinations County Audit (MEDA). 20 cases will be audited per month for 10 months.
- ~ At this time TANF is only funded through June 30, 2019. Fourth quarter funding has not been approved.
- ~ The Henderson County Substance Abuse Task Force held its final meeting in late February. Final work is being completed and the report is expected to be released in April 2019.
- ~ We have hired for all positions in economic benefits and currently have three positions open in social work services.

Employees of the Month: The March Employees of the Month list is attached.