

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



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~ Medicaid Transformation: I attended a full day training on Medicaid Transformation at the NCACDSS Annual Meeting. I also was able to meet representatives of the three pre-paid health plans (PHP) that will serve our Medicaid population. The brokers for Phase I, which includes the counties in Regions 2 and 4, were available and provided information about their role. The brokers for Phase 2 which includes Regions 1 (Henderson County), 3, 5, and 6 have not been hired since our soft launch is not scheduled until September 2, 2019. The managed care launch is scheduled for February 1, 2020 for our region. The soft launch for Phase I has now been adjusted from June 3, 2019 to June 28, 2019. Currently, all other managed care timelines will remain the same.

~ P-4 NC FAST Child Welfare: We have notified DHHS of our intent to remain in NC Fast for intake and assessments. At this time no additional counties will be added to the system until January 2020. Two bills are pending that would postpone deployment of case management for child welfare and adult services' programs. Please refer to S212 and H320.

~ The most recent NCACDSS Bill Tracker is included in your Board packet. The Bill Tracker provides current information on bills that will impact DSS clients or staff if they become law.

~ The DHHS/DSS MOU for FY 19/20 was approved by consent of the Henderson County Board of County Commissioners on May 6, 2019. The performance measures remain the same as the previous MOU. Currently, data for 13 measures can be locally generated and has been validated with DSS agencies. The remaining 13 measures have not been validated by DHHS. DHHS will continue to develop reports, monitor and support activities regarding these measures during the fiscal year.

~ Measles: We have been informed that measles will most likely reach Henderson County by summer. We have received information from the Henderson County Wellness Clinic about what we need to know to be prepared. We expect the Henderson County Health Department to release suggested recommendations for all ages soon.

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