

ECONOMIC SERVICE PROGRAMS  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 2017

Committee Chairs: Trish Baker & Cathy Lytch

\*\*\* Please note – Committee Meeting time has changed to 1:45 pm\*\*\*

**Medicaid Carolyn McClanahan**

93 counties passed the November report card – possibly 94

There is a work group that is working on developing standard Corrective Action Plan and letter. There are 4 counties that will need to go into a corrective action plan.

Family Planning Medicaid – is not a waiver program. we need to give to qualifying individuals unless the applicant withdraws their application. Declining is considered withdrawing. Need to have this in writing.

Health Choice Funding – state is working on what to do if federal CHIP funding is not extended. We will know more in the next few weeks because the state/counties will need to have something in place by January 2018.

NEMT Policy update – state is working on finalizing policy. Policy should be out by the end of December.

More information will be forthcoming regarding no touch/no income recerts – what do we do. State has agreed to send policy to ES workgroup for review prior to rolling out the policy.

NC FAST/NCID recent issues – if counties do not pass December Medicaid report card due to system issues – counties can apply for a waiver. Counties will need to document which days NC FAST was unavailable and cases that it impacted.

**DSS/Energy David Locklear and Betsy Moore**

Counties are reminded to post posters for reduced admission rate for NC Aquariums for FNS participants. Sharnese has been distributing posters.

Re-organizations with OST – Team has been split up between FNS and Medicaid experts. Counties may be assigned a new OST representative. Regina Bell will with the OST supervisor and assistant chief along with Betsy Moore

State is expecting that there will be changes in FNS program due to recent Federal executive order – expected to impact employment and training. Counties are encouraged to develop an employment and training program. More information will be forthcoming.

ABAWD – NC Fast is conducting some reprogramming to capture the number of ABAWDs correctly. The re-write should be completed by February 2018 and the report available by March 2018.

State would like to sponsor a FNS training

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FNS recertification report is being sent to Sharnese monthly and posted on Director's page. County staff have contacted state asking for this report to be additionally placed in another location that staff have access. Team is working on this request.

LIEAP program started December 1<sup>st</sup>

**DCDEE & NC FAST      Elizabeth Everett, Janice Fain and David Giovacchini**

Local Policy changes – the only areas in which counties can have a local policy are regarding how the county manages the waiting list and if the county wants to add funding to the budget from the state. Counties must submit updated local policy to DCDEE by 12/31/2017. Must include in your policy how county will address homelessness and special need population in which the 4% set aside will be used to pay for services.

Annual Provider Re-enrollment – all providers must re-enroll in NC FAST. Process only takes about 10 mins. All reenrollment must be completed in NC FAST. If a provider is not enrolled or does not complete reenrollment by the end of December they will not be able to be paid beginning in January 2018. To date there are 88 providers that still need to re-enroll.

Over/Under Payments issues: state is aware of the issue and working to resolve it. They are trying to resolve all of the underpayments first before addressing overpayments. Team still working on a fix. Hope to have underpayment issue resolved in the January release

State is aware that there is an issue with daycare and 6 year old. Children who turn 6 are being disqualified for services for 3 months.

Spending: State spending co-efficient is 96%, there are counties that are currently overspending and the state would need 10 million if the overspending counties spending would continue at current rate. State is looking at reversion. State withheld 2 million and believe that with the IVE credits, state will be able to meet the need. If counties are overspending they should not be adding children. More information regarding reversions will be forthcoming.