

ECONOMIC SERVICE PROGRAMS  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
June 13, 2018

Committee Chairs: Trish Baker, Will Wakefield & Cathy Lytch

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

**DSS** David Locklear

- Website Update
  - Still in development
- SNAP/FNS Collaborative Presentation
  - Project counties will be presenting projects and outcomes in the ES Committee meetings in the next few months, will also be presented at Institute
  - Focused on churn – those families who do not complete recertification and then reapply within a few months.
  - Reviewed process, change in July/August recerts will be sent out on pink paper, project conducted in California, found decrease in churn with implementation of recerts mailed out on pink paper.
- ABAWD
  - Still working on ABAWD report
  - Counties need to be prepared for influx in ABAWD Jan 2019 due to end of 3 year timeframe will start over

**DCDEE** Elizabeth Everett

- Governor's Budget
  - 3700 new children to receive services in new year. Increase in funding allocations is being determined.
  - Market rate increases and changes effective Oct 2018
  - Counties will also receive an increase in admin funding
- Payment issue update
  - State ended year at 96% of funding spent
  - Working on reallocations of funds from underspending to overspending and SS to NSS (and vice versa) funds within counties.
  - Funding in NC FAST for FY 19 and 20 is an estimate and not true allocation
- Over and Underpayments
  - Counties still working on project
  - State has recouped \$700,000 and sent back \$10,000 to the feds.
  - Additional funding for overpayment projects should be deposited into accounts in the next week
  - NC FAST should be taking care of over/ under payments automatically now. System defect has been corrected
- Federal Changes
  - Family moves – cannot terminate daycare services if a family moved from one county to another, must transfer and the receiving county must absorb the expense

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- There will be more review and discussion on this issue to ensure the moves does not cause a county to overspend. Workgroup will be developed
- 13 year old terminations – cannot terminate 13 years until the end of their cert period.
- Reporting requirements –
  - Families will have 10 to report changes, county will still have 10 to process changes
    - Counties are required to respond to changes if the change will have a positive impact on the family – reduce parent fees, etc
    - Counties cannot enforce changes that have a negative impact on the family until the end of the cert period. Only can react to changes if family is no longer eligible for services
- Policy changes are in the process of being drafted

**NCFAST** David Giovacchini

**Program Integrity Update (P9)**

- User Checkpoint went well for referrals. They do have some minor tweaks.
- Next user checkpoint will be in a few weeks.
- Teams have been going to PI meetings to meet with DSS staff
- Make sure staff are on county calls. Will have action items soon.
- Change discussion guide will come out soon as well as some workshops. There maybe some data cleanup, too.

**Document Management Update (P12)**

- release going out this weekend to fix some issues from the last try.
- If this goes well then they will look to get other counties up who are paper based.
- Conversion and federation. Piloting with Richmond county this week to test conversion process. Starting to work with Durham to set up federation pilot.

**DMA** Carolyn McClanahan

**NEMT Policy Change**

- Updated policy will be released soon. Took feedback received to make further changes in the policy

**PERM Update**

- PERM update- will be done once every three years.
- It will be active MAGI and non MAGI
- Claims FY 2018-2019
- NC will be 401 Medicaid and 201 CHIP
- CMS has hired a contractor that will use NCFAST and NCTRACKS
- Will use the date of service
- CMS has a meeting set up for states to ask questions.

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- We need the sample list early enough so counties can get additional evidence into NCFast that is needed.

County overpayment process

- Letter has been send out to counties with the correct claims, letters will be sent by the end of June
- 26 counties had overpayments - \$250 - \$65,000, most paybacks are \$1000 to \$5,000
- Finance officer should send check to the controllers office

ES Training Update

- In process of being developed
- Current staff will have 18 months to complete
- New staff will need to complete within 3 months of start date

MA Recertification Timeliness

- Working on report
- Release this week will no longer allow staff to extend cert period
- Untimely defined as if recert is not completed and notices sent prior to the end of the cert period