ECONOMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE AGENDA

December 9, 2020 from 12:00pm-2:00pm

Line opens at 11:45am

Attendee Access Code: 744-478-896 Dial-in Number: (415) 655-0060

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Co-Chairs- Trish Baker, Davidson County

Catherine Lytch, Brunswick County

Angie Karchmer, Gaston County

Will Wakefield, Caldwell County

**Child Support** Carla West 20 mins

* IRS Audit
  + Feb 8th – 14th will be conducted virtually. Two counties will be Johnston and Surry – IRS will virtually visit.
* Modernization Update
  + In the process of reviewing submitted proposals. The contract award will be identified by January. Looking for staff to participate in stakeholder groups.
* Location Resources
  + Agents can send requests to locate parents electronically - DCDL 20-59
  + Change scheduled on 12/17/20 – customers can upload all documents to their agent. DCDL 20-60
  + New feature in website that will allow managers to pull reports on all information that is sent to agents through the website. – Coming Soon

**DHB** Betty Dumas-Beasley, Carolyn McClanahan 20 mins

* 2nd Party Review Overview
  + Dear county director letter sent out 2 weeks ago regarding upcoming training.
  + Informative webinar – reporting and self-assessment training. Training was conducted 2 years ago and want to offer again. State looking at county reporting for consistency. Presentation to discuss what is working in counties. Will include follow up on 7078 rules, how to capture trends, error, and strengthen internal control processes. What is a desk review, how to conduct second party review, error types, what is an error, what is internal control deficiency, random selection, how to pull a sample, what are state 2020 trends, reference tools and resources available to counties. 9 am and 1 pm session tomorrow. Betty will send information about training again today (12/9/2020). Session will last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.
* Medicaid Updates
  + County Playbook for managed care in the process of being updated. Updates will be posted in real-time. All old information has been removed. Medicaid working with NCACDSS leadership and ES Committee chairs on the playbook. Weekly communications will be sent out as well.
  + Working on automating the auto newborn process. Hospitals will be able to go into a portal to authorize auto-newborns. Will be in the February 2021 update release. Will be piloted first. If your county has a hospital that is willing to participate in the pilot, please contact Carolyn and your county readiness liaison. The second pilot will be in April 2021.
  + NC FAST defect – pending application report. Medicaid report cards were not impacted by the defect. The defect resulted in the pending applications be off by one day. On November 14th, NCF started running corrections. NCF reran reports for Oct and November, if counties failed Oct report card, they do not need to request a waiver for the report cards. The defect has been corrected. NCF running daily fix until they can permanently correct the issue.
  + Tribal Membership training – policy and policy training will be available by the end of the month. Counties will need to complete the training by January 9th.

**Food and Nutrition/Energy** Jerquitta Hicks, Allison Smith, David Locklear 35 mins

* Energy Program Updates and questions
  + Waiver for telephonic signature set to expire 12/31/20 however have requested an extension from USDA
  + Emergency allotments – approval to extend allotments to the maximum amount in December 2020. Will continue to request as long as Governors emergency order is in effect.
  + Ongoing P-EBT – received guidance from USDA last week. State reviewing the guidance and working with DPI and submitting a new plan. Must receive approval for new plan before can move forward. There is a lot of work to do – unlikely that there will be PEBT benefits in December – stay tuned for more information.
* LIEAP
  + January online application for CIP and LIEAP – state will be issuing a press release regarding the process for applying online.
  + Exploring possibility of robo calls around LIEAP promoting online application the week of December 28th.
  + Online LIEAP application through EPASS is electronic. Families can submit or print and drop it off/mail to office.
* Energy Updates
  + P -LIEAP autopayments – approved Dec 7th. Approval notices were sent to households on Dec 8th. The auto payments detailed report will be posted in FAST Help today by COB.
  + Counties have 30 days to process payments – clock will start today.
  + There is not an auto-process for regular LIEAP payments.
  + NCF will not be opening P-LIEAP applications – the properties have been turned off. If families will report late P-LIEAP applications because it will pull from the county regular LIEAP funding
  + Counties that did not have enough P=LIEAP funding – the difference was pulled from county LIEAP funding
  + Counties can resume payment requests for regular LIEAP funds.
  + There will be a report posted in FAST Help if a counties regular funds had to be used for P-LIEAP payments.
  + Energy EPASS will have a new queue in the system
  + There is a demo scheduled today for Energy EPass today from 2-3 pm. The training will be recorded and available for counties.
  + LIEAP – application for priority groups begins December 1st. LIEAP will be available to apply beginning Jan 2nd.
  + I a household was approved for P-LIEAP that is the household LIEAP payment for the year. If a household applies again – the application should be denied.
  + How do counties prioritize application received: phone, drop off, mail in? – prioritized on first come first serve basis

**DCDEE** Elizabeth Everette, Dr. Kristi Snuggs 30 mins

* Review of funding and future guidance
  + Current Spending – state spending coefficient 101.2%. Processed base pay in NC FAST. Counties should be reviewing Smart Start spending. Counties should not overspend SS funding.
  + November payment in December will include September correction for underpayments. All corrections were completed systematically.
  + All counties should monitor spending. Overspending counties should not work waiting list. Underspending counties can work their waiting list.