

NCALHD ATTENDANCE ROSTER

August 20, 1999

(M) = 1999 Dues Paying Member
 (E) = Executive Committee Member

<u>Initial</u>	<u>County/Health Director</u>
1	<u>TGT</u> Alamance/Tim Green (E) (M)
2	<u>SCC</u> Alexander/Shelley Carraway (M)
3	<u>AS</u> Anson/James Roosen (M)
4	<u>DS</u> Appalachain Dist/Danny Staley (M)
5	<u>BT</u> Beaufort/Tamara Hower Williams (M)
6	<u>BS</u> Bertie/John Shaw (M)
7	<u>BJ</u> Bladen/Myra Johnson (M)
8	<u>DY</u> Brunswick/Don Yousey (E) (M)
9	<u>GB</u> Buncombe/George Bond (E) (M)
10	<u>DR</u> Burke/Mr. David L. Rust (M)
11	<u>CP</u> Cabarrus/Dr. William Pilkington (M)
12	<u>DU</u> Caldwell/Douglas W. Urland (M)
13	<u>CG</u> Carteret/Dr. J. T. Garrett (M)
14	<u>CS</u> Caswell/Anne Scott (M)
15	<u>BA</u> Catawba/Barry A. Blick (M)
16	<u>WS</u> Chatham/Wayne Sherman (M)
17	<u>ER</u> Cherokee/Elaine Russell (M)
18	<u>JP</u> Clay/Janice Patterson (M)
19	<u>DS</u> Cleveland/Denese Stallings (M)
20	<u>MD</u> Columbus/Marian Duncan (M)
21	<u>CS</u> Craven/Wanda Sandele (M)
22	<u>CS</u> Cumberland/Jesse Williams, MD (M)
23	<u>CS</u> Currituck/John B. Sledge (M)
24	<u>AT</u> Dare/Anne B. Thomas (E) (M)
25	<u>DC</u> Davidson/Diane Crouse (M)
26	<u>DB</u> Davie/Barry Bass (E) (M)
27	<u>HD</u> Duplin/Dr. Harriette Duncan (M)
28	<u>DL</u> Durham/Brian Letourneau (M)
29	<u>EB</u> Edgecombe/James Baluss (E) (M)
30	<u>FS</u> Forsyth/Sherman Kahn, MD (M)
31	<u>FK</u> Franklin/Keith Patton (M)
32	<u>GP</u> Gaston/Bruce Parsons (M) (E)
33	<u>GM</u> Graham/Marlene Orr (M)
34	<u>GV</u> Granville-VanceDist/W. Rodwell Drake, MD (M)
35	<u>GD</u> Greene/Douglas Harr, Ph.D. (M)
36	<u>GH</u> Guilford/Harold Gabel, MD (E) (M)
37	<u>HS</u> Halifax/Chris Szwagiel, PhD (M)
38	<u>HR</u> Harnett/Wayne Raynor (E) (M)
39	<u>HW</u> Haywood/Robert Wood (E) (M)
40	<u>HB</u> Henderson/Tom Bridges (E) (M)
41	<u>CG</u> Hertford-Gates Dist/Curtis Dickson (M)
42	<u>HD</u> Hoke/Donald Womble (M)
43	<u>HM</u> Hyde/Linda Mayo (M)
44	<u>IR</u> Iredell/Raymond Rabe (M)

<u>Initial</u>	<u>County/Health Director</u>
45	<u>JR</u> Jackson/Randall Turpin (M)
46	<u>JS</u> Johnston/L.S. Woodall, MD (M)
47	<u>JR</u> Jones/Ruth Little (M)
48	<u>LM</u> Lee/Mike Hanes (E) (M)
49	<u>LE</u> Lenoir/Joel Huff (M)
50	<u>ML</u> Lincoln/Margaret Dollar (E) (M)
51	<u>MA</u> Macon/Ann Hyder (M)
52	<u>MD</u> Madison/Ken Ring (M)
53	<u>MT</u> Martin-Tyrrell-Washington Dist/Bill Burgess (M)
54	<u>MS</u> Mecklenburg/Peter Safir (M)
55	<u>MO</u> Montgomery/Vacant (M)
56	<u>MR</u> Moore/Robert Whittmann (M)
57	<u>NH</u> Nash/William Hill, Jr. (M)
58	<u>NH</u> New Hanover/David Rice(M)
59	<u>NT</u> Northampton/Sue Gay, Acting (M)
60	<u>ON</u> Onslow/Vacant (M)
61	<u>OR</u> Orange/Dr. Rosemary Summers (M)
62	<u>PA</u> Pamlico/Jenny Lassiter (M)
63	<u>PP</u> PPCC Dist/Howard Campbell (M)
64	<u>PE</u> Pender/Jack Griffith, PhD (M)
65	<u>PR</u> Person/Marc Kolman (M)
66	<u>PI</u> Pitt/John Morrow, MD (E) (M)
67	<u>MR</u> Randolph/Mimi Cooper (M)
68	<u>RI</u> Richmond/Tommy Jarrell (M)
69	<u>RS</u> Robeson/Bill Smith (E) (M)
70	<u>RO</u> Rockingham/Glenn Martin (M)
71	<u>RL</u> Rowan/Leonard Wood (E) (M)
72	<u>RP</u> Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Dist/Joyce Sluder, Interim (M)
73	<u>SS</u> Sampson/Wanda Robinson, Interim (M)
74	<u>SC</u> Scotland/Curtis Holloman (M)
75	<u>ST</u> Stanly/Jim Jones (M)
76	<u>SK</u> Stokes/Colleen Bridger (M)
77	<u>SR</u> Surry/Walter Linz, MD (M)
78	<u>SW</u> Swain/Emma Waldroup (M)
79	<u>TR</u> Toe River Dist/Tommy Singleton, Acting (M)
80	<u>TS</u> Transylvania/Terry Pierce (M)
81	<u>UL</u> Union/Lorey White, Jr.(M)
82	<u>WA</u> Wake/Lou Brewer (M)
83	<u>WR</u> Wayne/Robert Peck (M)
84	<u>WW</u> Warren/Dennis Retzlaff (M)
85	<u>WIL</u> Wilkes/George O'Daniel (M)
86	<u>WI</u> Wilson/Dr. Louis Latour (M)
87	<u>YAD</u> Yadkin/Gayle Brown (M)

OTHER ATTENDEES/GUESTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Joy Reed	OPI/NPD/LHS
Melva Tager Okun	UNC School of Public Health
LEE K. ALLEN	ANCBH
Dennis Harrington	DHHS - DPH
Bruce Parnell	Easton Co. Health Dept
Stephen Pheen	Mecklenburg Co Health Dept

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors

Treasurer's Report

August 20, 1999

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>SAVINGS</u>	<u>MONEY MKT.</u>	<u>CD</u>
Account Balance Brought Forward	\$29,483.73	\$ 33.18	\$ 311.62	\$40,000.00
Receipts:				
Interest Payments:				
July 1999 Statement	\$ 68.73	\$ 0.12	\$ 1.05	\$ -
Federal Back-up Withholding:				
July 1999 Statement	\$ (23.95)	\$ (0.03)	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance/Service Fee:				
July 1999 Statement	\$ (1.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deposits:				
Transfer from Checking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from Money Market	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dues	\$ 211.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Memorial Fund (B.Johnson)	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$29,814.00	\$ 33.27	\$ 312.67	\$40,000.00
Expenses:				
# 0785 Joseph Bass, Jr. - Acct #114	17.19			
# 0786 Russell Jones - Acct #112	750.00			
# 0787 George Bond - Acct #120	503.50			
# 0788 Dennis Retzlaff - Acct #120	688.64			
<i>Bill Smith</i> Total Expenses	\$ 1,959.33			
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Account Balance as of 8/13/99	\$27,854.67	\$ 33.27	\$ 312.67	\$40,000.00

**Local Public Providers Work Group
September 1, 1999**

**11 am -- 2 PM
Room 264, Adams Building, Dix Campus, Raleigh**

Agenda

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|-----------------------|--|
| 11 am | Introduction
Rebecca Troutman, Chair
Allan Spader, Recorder |
| 11:10 – 11:40 | Mental Health Area Program Performance Agreement:
Desirability of extension to other Divisions

John Baggett, Charles Davis, Area Programs
Representatives |
| 11:40 – 11:55 | HRI follow-up status report
Jim Edgerton, Jack St. Clair |
| 11:55 | Lunch |
| 12: 10 - 12:55 | MH Restructuring Update
John Baggett, Tara Larson

County Managers Association Position
Rebecca Troutman |
| 12:55 – 1:10 | Restructuring of Public Health Dental & Clinic Service
Fees Update
Dick Perruzzi

NC Institute of Medicine Task Force on Dental Health
Access – Follow-up?
Steve Cline |
| 1:10 – 1:30 | Budget Overview
Jim Edgerton, Dr. Bruton |
| 1:30 – 1:45 | Relevant Study Commissions Overview
Dr. Bruton, Chris Hoke, Jim Edgerton |
| 1:45 – 2:00 | New Items |
| 2:00 | Adjourn |

**Local Providers Work Group
Minutes
July 14, 1999
Room 264 Adams Building**

DRAFT

Jack St. Clair, Presiding
Hobert Freeman, Scribe

The meeting began at 11 a.m. with Jack St. Claire welcoming everyone and asking for introductions.

Agenda items:

1. Medicaid Rates for Health Departments Dental Services - Steve Cline and Dick Perruzzi.

Mr. Perruzzi stated that DMA is interested in going from a single payment code to an ADA code to access third party resource for payment for dental services.

County health directors are concerned that the change demonstrates "budget neutrality." Tim Green distributed a handout regard dental services for Medicaid billing comparing a "per visit payment" verses the current Medicaid rate. Based on the handout, the change in payment methodology would result in decreased revenues for county health departments.

There was discussion regarding the use of county funds returned to the health departments and whether or not health departments benefited from the returned funds or did the funds revert to the county general fund. Jim Edgerton stated that we needed to understand health departments are on a cost reimbursement basis and those counties underwrite this cost. Mr. Edgerton stated that county commissioners have the authority to budget the use of this money however the choose.

Dr. Bruton questioned Mr. Perruzzi as to whether or not education is a billable event. Mr. Jim Baluss identified the need for another code for children going to a hospital to receive general anesthesia as an outpatient.

It was recognized that the change needs to be cost neutral for county health departments and proper billing levels will decrease the amount of year-end adjustments.

Mr. Perruzzi stated the new method may not be ready for an October 1 implementation date.

Dr. Bruton stated the Department is committed to children getting good dental care and is committed to fixing quirks and kinks in the medial transfer system.

2. New TANF Rules and Regulations Update: Peter Leousis and Nancy Coston for Kevin FitzGerald.

Mr. Leousis stated that TANF as part of welfare reformed passed Congress but it has taken US Health and Human Services 1 and 1/2 years to develop final rules. The final rules are different in many respects from the temporary rules being used.

Mr. Leousis noted that welfare reform is working in North Carolina and strategic partners in this success include community colleges, county DSS's and mental health. Mr. Leousis noted that in 1995 there were over 100,000 families on welfare and that number has now dropped to 30,000. He did note however that the remaining persons on welfare might be more difficult to make employable.

Nancy Coston distributed a handout regarding the updated Federal TANF regulations. She noted that the States can no longer co-mingle Federal TANF and non-Federal funds.

Ms. Coston stated there are 4 TANF goals. Ms. Coston stated that all funds used for MOE must be means tested, including co-mingled funds. Some good news: states can continue to use TANF funds

under the old AFDC-EA rules to handle child welfare needs and other services covered by that plan. Ms. Coston indicated the need for a number of new codes in so that eligibility workers may cost their time appropriately.

A discussion about Random Moment Sampling ensued as a mechanism of cost accounting without involving county line workers in manually entering multiple codes as an accounting for their time and activities. Ms. Coston stated the Division of Social Services plans to pull a group together to consider Random Moment Sampling. Mr. Leousis requested Ms. Coston to come to the next LPWG meeting with a projected time frame for implementing Random Moment Sampling.

3. MH Redesign Follow-up: John Baggett, Tara Larson

Mr. Baggett noted that the 1st draft of the plan is out and comments are being received. The 2nd draft should be out in the Fall. It was noted a meeting with State DSS is scheduled for next week. Comments are currently being taken from the public on the draft and the draft plan can be found on the Internet.

Hobert Freeman encouraged Ms. Larson to utilize the County Social Services Directors Association in the review process.

Ms. Larson stated that "covered services" and "defining covered populations" are receiving lots of comments. Mr. Baggett added that they are trying to identify populations that are likely to be undeserved and cost shifted out to criminal justice or state institutions. He stated they want to build in a "carve out" for those people to insure they don't get lost in the shuffle. Additionally, Mr. Baggett stated there are ways to address the needs of kids in DSS custody, especially high risk and risk of going to training schools.

Ms. Larson stated that lots of comments are being receive on the "a basic systems" structure. She stated they are four models: 1. 8-20 enhanced area programs models; 2. a Regional competition model; 3. State purchases everything directly and state issues contracts to various part of the state; 4. An integrated health care model with stronger links between physical and behavioral models.

Rebecca Troutman said the Commissioners Association is considering a 5th option that gets back to governance and finance and concern with Maintenance of Effort. She stated they want it more of a county focused system and leave it up to counties has to how it should be structured.

4. Budget/Legislative update; Dr. Bruton, Jim Edgerton

Mr. Edgerton distributed a handout that compared the General Assembly's Actions with the Governor's Recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding a few of the line item entries. Dr. Bruton stated he thought the Department did well in the General Assembly. Dr. Bruton proceeded to highlight a few of the issues in the handout of the Budget narrative document. Dr. Bruton pointed out the establishment of a Division of Education Services/Review of Disability Services which shall create a Division of Education Services to manage the Governor Morehead School and the three residential schools for the deaf.

Dr. Bruton next pointed out the Long-term Care: Continuum of Care section. He stated that Dr. Gordon Defries and the SHEPS center at UNC have an understanding of long term care. Dr. Bruton stated that Dr. Defries will give up to 1/4 to 1/2 of his time to lead this effort. This work will be driven by the special provision Section 11.7A.(a).

In response to a question, Dr. Bruton stated that this provision and SB 10 are not connected and SB 10 can be implemented on its own.

With regard to SB 10, Dr. Bruton went on to say that we must build a comprehensive approach with 3 components: 1. Eligibility, 2. An automated comprehensive evaluation of needs and 3. An assessment- a functional assessment of the resident in the adult care home and write a care plan specific to that person. He stated that DSS would be charged with the fulfillment of the care plan.

Dr. Bruton spoke of the childcare market rate. He stated that this provision is designed to simplify the current childcare allocation methodology and more equitably distribute state childcare funds. He also spoke of the implementation of the 5 star rating system for childcare centers.

5. Day Care/County IT systems Interface - Rebecca Troutman

Ms. Troutman distributed a handout entitled "Report on the Interface Engine project." She stated the day care interface should be rolled out within the next 6 months. She also stated the automated application in Food Stamps is being tested.

6. Emerging/New Issues/New Business

HRI-R - Calvin Underwood: Mr. Underwood raised the issue of trying to deal with fee for services in the post Carolina Alternatives environment. Mr. Underwood passed out information showing the cost difference to counties with children in DSS custody in HRI-R type placements before and after 7-1-99. The handouts demonstrated that the state's share of cost ends at the state standard foster care board rate that has not increased since 1995. However, the cost to counties has increased significantly. Additionally, Mr. Underwood noted examples of children who have been diverted into DSS custody just for DSS to pay the non-Medicaid cost of care. Mr. Underwood impressed upon the group that a system that requires parents to give up parent rights in order to access payment for services has a serious design flaw.

Dr. Bruton instructed Jim Edgerton/Hobert Freeman and Jack St. Claire to form a subcommittee to make recommendations to correct this problem. The approach will be to call for a Summit or a special meeting of the LWPG to deal with this issue.

Mr. Underwood also raised the issue of the first draft of the Youthful Sex Offenders report. Mr. Underwood stated his disappointment that county DSS's were not invited to be a part of this effort and further that no recognition was noted that juveniles are often diverted into the DSS foster care system - a system that is not prepared to deal with issues faced by these juveniles. Tara Larson will take this issue back to the division in consideration of Mr. Underwood's concerns.

Mr. Jim Baluss raised an issue regarding with WIC program. According to Mr. Baluss, effective 7-1-99, WIC recipients must be eligibility certified as opposed to the previous "self-declaration" method of certification. This process is likely to slow down county health departments due to increased paper work and is likely to have a dampening effect on customer participation. Mr. Baluss requested consideration that local health departments be given "read only" permission to view information in the FSIS system. Mr. Baluss noted that a number of WIC customers have already gone through a rigorous certification process for food stamps at the county DSS. Mr. Baluss stated the Food Stamp certification could be recognized for WIC certification purposes. Gaining the ability to view FSIS information by local health departments would help offset the negative effects of the new WIC certification process.

Mr. Edgerton stated he would look into the matter and give us an answer.

The being no further business, the meeting adjourned at this time.

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

By-Laws Amendments (Proposed)

The Nomination and By-laws Committee met on August 20, 1999 at the Grove Park Inn and presented the below amendments to the Executive Committee in summary form that same day. The full by-laws can be viewed at our site (ncalhd.com [this is not a link]). "By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the full Association by two-thirds vote of all members voting provided such amendments shall have been first submitted to the President at least sixty days prior to the meeting. . . The proposed amendments and the report of the Committee on By-Laws must be mailed to the entire membership no less than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting." Note: this last statement is incorrect in that any full association meeting can address amendments (as stated in the first sentence), thus this statement will be clarified. Through e-mail and placement in minutes, the fifteen days timeframe will be met for the October 19 meeting.

Article V, Section 1, A., beginning Line 15

Current: Executive Committee members elected by the membership of the Association during the October Meeting cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Amended: *Executive Committee members cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.*

Rationale: Consistent with other language that states two-term limit per office including regional representatives.

Article V, Section 1, B., beginning line 4

Current: Notice of the regular meeting, the preliminary agenda and the minutes of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to the membership no less than seven days (7) prior to the meeting date.

Amended: *Notice of the regular meeting, the preliminary agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting shall be mailed or made available electronically to the membership no less than seven days (7) prior to the meeting date.*

Rationale: Reflects uses of home page/web site and e-mail as is currently done.

Article VI, Section 1, beginning line 7

Current: (2) the Spring Educational meeting in May; and

Amended: (2) *the Spring Educational Meeting in April; and,*

Rationale: Spring Workshop occurs in April.

Article IX, Section 1, beginning line 3

Current: The proposed amendment(s) and the report of the Committee on By-Laws must be mailed to the entire membership no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Amended: *The proposed amendment(s) and the report of the Committee on By-Laws must be mailed to the entire membership no less than (15) days prior to the full association meeting.*

Rationale: Reference to Annual Meeting conflicts with the ability to consider amendments at any full association meeting as described in first sentence.

Article IV, Section 1, add:

Serving as the Parliamentarian at all association meetings will be the Immediate Past-President, or the President-Elect, or the Vice-President, or someone designated by the President (in this specific order).

Rationale: Designates a parliamentarian in a specific sequence.

Nomination Report

President	Tom Bridges (automatic), Henderson
President-Elect	Tim Green, Alamance
Vice-President	Wayne Raynor, Harnett
Secretary-Treasurer	Jim Baluss, Edgecombe
Immediate Past President	Maggie Dollar, Lincoln

This was unanimously approved at the August 20, 1999 meeting with notification of this meeting being given to the general membership in advance. "Nominations may also be made by petition of at least nine (9) active members of the Association, which petition shall be filed with the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the October Meeting."

This notification meets the By-Laws requirement that all members be informed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the October meeting date.

Members:	Barry Bass	Tim Green
	Wayne Raynor	Tom Bridges
	Bill Smith (Chair)	Maggie Dollar (ex-officio)



RESERVATION CONFIRMATION
GOVERNOR'S WESTERN RESIDENCE

NAME OF ORGANIZATION North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
MAILING ADDRESS 141 Health center Dr.
Roane, NC 28607
CONTACT PERSON Danny Staley
TELEPHONE NUMBER Business 828-269-4195 Home 336-973-3904
DAY AND DATE OF EVENT Sept. 14, 1999 (Tue)
TIME RESERVED From: 11:00am To: 3:00
TYPE OF FUNCTION Lunch Meeting
EVENT AREA (Check one) House _____ Patio _____ Picnic Pavilion
EXPECTED ATTENDANCE 60
NAME OF CATERER Monta Vista / Rosilla Johnston

(IF EVENT IS NOT CATERED, PLEASE INDICATE PICNIC, COVERED DISH, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS)

PLEASE INDICATE USE AND NUMBER OF:

Extra Chairs _____ Tables 5/160 Coffee Pot(s) _____ Gas Grill _____

OTHER REQUESTS Head table to sit 15. + p.A.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES FOR USE OF THE GOVERNOR'S WESTERN RESIDENCE AND ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION LISTED ABOVE.

Signed Danny Staley

Please complete and return this form to:

Pam Livingston
Western Office of the Governor
46 Haywood Street, Suite 300
Asheville, NC 28801
828/251-6160

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date: _____
Pmt: _____
cc: _____

Subject: [Fwd: Health Director's Meeting at NCPHA in Sept.]
Date: Thu, 02 Sep 1999 10:06:33 -0400
From: Wayne Raynor <wraynor@harnett.org>
Organization: Harnett County Department of Public Health
To: "Local Health Directors" <lhd@deh.enr.state.nc.us>

Subject: Health Director's Meeting at NCPHA in Sept.
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 1999 14:55:41 -0400
From: "David Stone" <dostone_adhd@hotmail.com>
To: <wraynor@harnett.org>

Wayne-

Please forward this message and the attached map to the Health Director listserv. Please let me know that you got this message. Thanks
Danny Staley, ADHD

The September NCALHD meeting will be held at the Governor's Western Residence (see attached map).

Important - please note the time of the meeting will be 11:30 am, September 14. This will be a lunch in which stories will be shared from retired Health Directors. Our meal will be catered. The menu will be:

Sliced Roast Beef, Turkey and Ham

Assorted Cheeses

Assorted breads

Mustard, mayo & pickle

Potato salad

Potato chips

Coleslaw

Sliced tomatoes and lettuce

Deviled eggs

Fresh fruit

Tea

Triple chocolate ecstasy

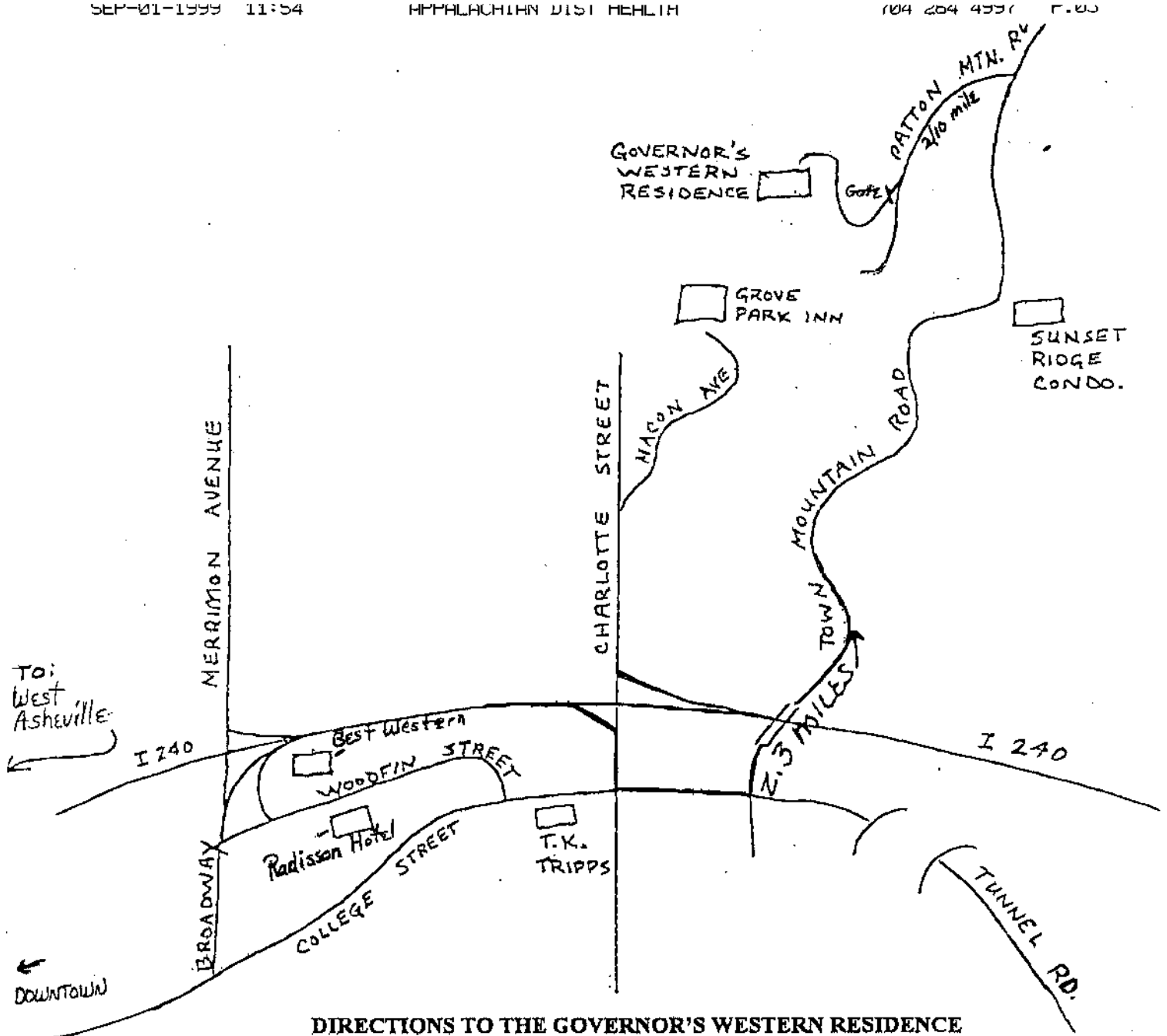
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The price will be \$8 with 6% tax and 18% gratuity - \$9.92

Please forward by September 9th to:

Wayne Raynor

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DIRECTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR'S WESTERN RESIDENCE

From the East:

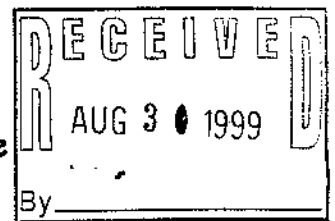
Take the Charlotte St. Exit off of I-240 and turn left at the traffic light onto Charlotte St. Travel to the second traffic light and turn left onto College St. Go to the first traffic light (one block) and turn left onto Town Mountain Road. Go up the mountain for approximately 2.3 miles and turn left onto Patton Mountain Road. (There is a "Governor's Western Residence" sign on the left at this intersection) Go 2/10 mile up Patton Mountain Road - you will see two stone columns and a gate on the right, this is the driveway to the Western Residence.

From the West:

Take the Charlotte St. Exit off of I-240; turn right at the traffic light onto Charlotte St. Go one block and turn left onto College St. Go to the first traffic light (one block) and turn left onto Town Mountain Road. Go up the mountain for approximately 2.3 miles and turn left onto Patton Mountain Road. (There is a "Governor's Western Residence" sign on the left at this intersection) Go 2/10 mile up Patton Mountain Road - you will see two stone columns and a gate on the right, this is the driveway to the Western Residence.

Pam Seamans *Chairperson*
Paula A. Wolf *Chief Lobbyist*

To: **Covenant Members**
From: **Covenant Executive Committee**
Date: **August 27, 1999**
Re: **Next Meetings and Enclosures**



First and foremost, we want to extend a formal invitation to all Covenant members to attend the Covenant's Evaluation and Planning Meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 11 from 12 - 4 p.m. at the NCAE center at 700 S. Salisbury Street (our usual meeting place, but please note the different time!). This meeting will include FREE LUNCH for all members in attendance thanks to the generosity of John Wilson and NCAE. Susan Fowler, who has joined us for two previous planning and evaluation meetings, will again serve as our meeting facilitator.

It is critically important that Covenant members attend this important meeting on October 11. The Executive Committee intends for this meeting to be an inclusive and in-depth evaluation of what we've done and what we would like to do in the future. We hope to make some major decisions about funding and staffing at this meeting and we NEED input from YOU, the Covenant members. This meeting will not be successful unless there is strong attendance. The purpose of this meeting and the enclosed survey is to give members ample opportunity to share their views on the current status and future of the Covenant. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. Please take 10 short minutes right now to complete the enclosed survey and mark your calendar to be with us on Monday, October 11 (Columbus Day) from 12 - 4 p.m.

Despite the rallying cry for good attendance at the October meeting, we are having our regular monthly meeting on September 13 from 3- 5 p.m. at NCAE and hope you will plan to join us. Enclosed is the proposed agenda. We will be saying thank you and farewell to Rachel Perry who has worked extensively with Covenant members on a variety of issues and who will be leaving the Governor's staff as of September 1. We will also take the opportunity to introduce ourselves to her replacement, Warren Miller. In addition, we will hear a report on the Children's Health Insurance Program (NC Health Choice): One Year Later from Tom Vitaglione of the Division of Women and Children's Health in DHHS and from Hobart Freeman, DSS Director from Edgecombe County. This is all in addition to our regular meeting updates.

We look forward to seeing you at the Covenant's meetings on September 13 and October 11. In the meantime, if you have any questions about any of the enclosed materials or about the Planning and Evaluation Meeting, please feel free to call Paula Wolf (919-846-1432) or Pam Seamans (919-403-9204). We look forward to seeing you.



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**Covenant with North Carolina's Children
Meeting Agenda
Focus: One-Year Later
September 13, 1999**

SPECIAL GUESTS:

3:00 - Rachel Perry and Warren Miller, Governor's Policy Office

4:00 - CHIP: one year later

Tom Vitaglione, DHHS/Division of Women & Children's Health

Hobert Freeman, President, DSS Directors Association

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of July Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Executive Committee Report
 - Long-Range Plan Discussion
 - Plans for October Planning and Evaluation Meeting
 - Jan/Feb 2000 Embark on Short Session agenda-setting process
 - Annual Meeting postponed to April 2000
 - Task Force on Youth Violence and School Safety - John Wilson
 - Fiscal Issues Work Group
5. Work Group Reports
 - Child Protection
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8. Next Meetings:
 - Next Covenant Meeting - Monday, October 11, NOON-4 p.m. at NCAE
(FREE LUNCH)
 - Next Executive Committee Meeting - Monday, September 27, 2-4 p.m. at NCCAI

Monday, October 11, 1999

Time: 12:00—4:00 p.m.

Save the



Date

Meeting will be at the
NCAE Center
700 Salisbury Street
Raleigh

*Annual Covenant Evaluation and
Planning Meeting*

We need good attendance.

*Even if you have never been to a
Covenant meeting before, please
come to this one!*

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COVENANT WITH NORTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN

Minutes of July 12, 1999 meeting

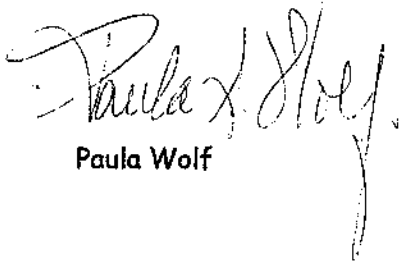
1. Pam Seamans **CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER** at 3:10 p.m. and everyone introduced himself or herself.
2. **MINUTES-** By **MOTION** of Dan Gerlach/Thad Daise, the June Minutes were approved as written.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT-** John Wilson presented the Treasurer's report that reflects a fund balance of \$13,844.90. By **MOTION** of John Wilson/George Reed, the Treasurer's report was adopted.
4. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT -**
 - A. Pam began a discussion of **Funding**. Jonathan Sher told the group about the NC Child Advocacy Institute recent Board meeting. The Institute Board thinks very highly of the Covenant, as the best way to advance public policy for children. They are still willing to fully commit to the Covenant for the next 12 months - until June 2000. Then, a reduction at the rate of 25% per year over the next 3 years, to serve an incubator role. At the end of the 3 years, they would still fund the Covenant at the disproportionate role of 25%. Jonathan says this is extraordinary support for the Covenant, not a backing away from it. The hope is that other groups around the table will come up with higher contributions. With over 90 organizations and this much lead-time, it should not be too difficult. There is a possibility of getting Foundation support without competing with Covenant members. There are also higher dues, and special events. The stronger we can be as a coalition, the stronger will be Paula's hand as the Chief Lobbyist. Pam added that this is not a surprise and that we are grateful for the Institute's continuously generous offer. The Executive Committee will undertake long-range planning at its next meeting. George Reed mentioned that seeking money becomes an issue in terms of 501.c.3 status. Jonathan said that the Institute is still happy to serve as the fiscal agent for the Covenant. No Foundation will give money to lobby. However, much of what Paula does is not lobbying. Adam Searing said that he and Dan Gerlach are working on a chart, derived from their Alliance for Justice training, clearly outlining what is and what is not lobbying. They will share it with the Covenant when it is finished. John Wilson wants to make sure that we do not compete with our entities and that we do not branch out. His philosophy is "what you do, do well and don't take on other things." We lobby well. He is not keen on seeking money from Foundations. He wants to keep our focus on lobbying and things that support that effort. Jonathan agrees and says that we can get money for things that we do, to do better. Pam reminded members to be anticipating this discussion at our October Evaluation and Planning Meeting.
 - B. Pam reminded everyone -- for the last time -- about the **Member Presentation Option** to allow informal presentations prior to the monthly meeting. If you are interested in doing so, present an email outline of the presentation to Paula or Pam.
 - C. By motion of Rufus Stark/Jennifer Green, the group voted not to have an August meeting. The next Covenant meeting will be September 13.
 - D. **Rep. David Price meeting** - Adam and Jonathan reported that the group explained to the Congressman who we are and went over some issues with him including: the Fed's possibly taking back some CHIP money for tax breaks, juvenile justice, gun control. Adam emphasized

that we cannot count on him knowing what is going on at the Federal level regarding our issues. We will try to keep him informed. On July 23, the Executive Committee has a meeting with Sen. Edwards.

- E. **Farewell to Thad Daise** - Pam announced that Thad is leaving for a new position with the NEA in Washington, DC. She thanked him for all his hard work as Education Work Group Chair. While we will miss him, we wish him and his family the best in their new challenges.
 - F. **Task Force on Youth Violence and School Safety** - John reported that the final meeting is this week. They had four meetings and heard about various issues - school/home/community factors as they relate to school violence. John said that he put everything that Covenant members sent to him in the mix. The agenda was usually staff-driven, which is how these Task Forces usually operate. His concern is how specific the recommendations will be. It is very prevention-oriented, but heavily weighted with law enforcement. There was no opposition to his recommendation that schools should not simply suspend/expel students and put them on the street. He thinks that is a positive sign.
 - G. **State Council on Juvenile Justice Prevention** - Jonathan reported that there is a parallel discussion on this Council on which he sits. The group was disappointed in what the General Assembly did in funding Juvenile Justice. They decided to meet more than quarterly. Jonathan said that this was the most heartening meeting he has attended in months.
 - H. **Fiscal Issues Committee** - Dan Gerlach reminded the group that his committee was appointed to come up with ideas to "reverse the tide of the diminishing state tax base." The delay of the CHIP tax credit proved too controversial. Speaker Black is going to have a tax code study commission. The NC tax code is from the 1930's.
5. **WORK GROUP REPORTS** -
- **CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTION** - Al Deitch had nothing new to report since the budget.
 - **EARLY CHILDHOOD** - Roz Savitt had nothing new to report since the budget. The child care subsidy and the market rate will be studied in the interim. There is a tie-in to the rated license and the subsidy. There is no monetary incentive to increase the quality according to the rated license.
 - **ECONOMIC SECURITY AND WELFARE REFORM** - Dan reported that the Senate bill passed and now we are going to work on the House bill and the future conference committee.
 - **EDUCATION** - Thad Daise gave his final report. Sen. Martin's "Accountability Act" was ratified, meaning that the State Board has to insure early intervention when students are failing. It is the intent of the General Assembly to fund whatever program is necessary to end social promotion. No guarantees, though, Rep. Michaux's attempt failed. In addition, the Board has to report 3 times to the General Assembly. Everything else was in the budget: \$5 M for LEP and \$200,000 for alternative education.
 - **HEALTH** - Adam reported that nothing happened on the tobacco settlement issues except the Health Trust. A bill passed both houses, and they are different. Rep. Martha Alexander's bill was better for us. There is significant work to do in the Short Session.

- **JUVENILE JUSTICE** - Al Singer had no report.
 - **SAFETY** - Tom Bennett reported that the provision in HB 280-MOTOR VEHICLE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS to change the time of the Level II graduated driver license limitation from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. was left out of the bill. The GDL law will stay as it was passed.
6. **LOBBYIST REPORT** - Paula encouraged members to check the Covenant website on a weekly basis. Thanks to the NC Child Advocacy Institute, who hosts our website, and particularly, Annette Plummer, we now post the weekly Legislative Update. You will also find Covenant position papers, membership information, direct links to member organizations, the General Assembly, and much more. <http://www.ncchild.org/98cov.htm> Paula asked everyone to proofread their entry in the Covenant address book that was included in last month's mailing. Please call with any corrections. Thanks to Rep. Joe Hackney for reconsidering his change to the Graduated Driver License law.
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** -
- Pam Seamans congratulated Pam Deardorff on being the new Executive Director of the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office.
 - Pam Deardorff announced that Martha Livengood has resigned from YAIO to be a full-time mom.
 - Lana Dial announced that the Court Improvement Conference registration materials would be in the mail in the next couple of weeks. The cost will be minimal. The Covenant is a co-sponsor of the event.
 - Ilene Nelson announced a job opening in GAL - Volunteer Recruiter. Call her at 662-3591 for details.
 - The next regular Covenant meeting is **Monday, September 13 from 3-5 p.m.**, at the NCAE Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Wolf

HOW THE 1999 SESSION ENDED UP FOR CHILDREN

Covenant 1999 Legislative Agenda

Prevention and early intervention must be at the core of all effective, lasting strategies to significantly improve the lives of North Carolina's children and youth. This legislative agenda represents the consensus of over 90 member organizations, representing more than one-half million members, as to positive public policy modifications to improve the lives of young North Carolinians. Within a model of collaboration, we seek to support and enhance early childhood development, school achievement, responsible juvenile behavior and economic self-sufficiency.

Child Welfare and Protection

The child welfare system should be a continuum of family-centered, community-based programs that promote safe and stable homes to assure the safety and well being of children who are at risk of harm and death.

1. Prevention-Expand funding for home visitation programs and intensive family preservation services.

- *Home Visitation-The Governor recommended \$945,000 in his "Safe Kids Initiative" to match federal funds. The Budget had the entire \$945,000. A special provision requires DHHS to report no later than April 1, 2000 with evaluative and outcome data. (Note: This is a transfer from the TANF Block Grant, not our preferred General Fund appropriation.)*
- *Intensive Family Preservation- the Governor recommended \$4.2 million in his "Safe Kids Initiative." The Budget had \$2 million. (Note: This is a transfer from the TANF Block Grant, not our preferred General Fund appropriation.)*

2. Intervention and Treatment-Expand funding for the Guardian ad Litem Program; mental health services/substance abuse services to children and youth; recruitment, training, and retention of child welfare staff; increase payments and support to foster care and adoptive parents; increase reimbursement rates to residential foster care agencies.

- *Expand funding for the Guardian ad Litem Program - \$400,000 to increase attorneys' fee and four new secretaries to begin January 2000.*
- *Mental health services/substance abuse services to children and youth - [Note: none of this is an increase from previous years.] \$1,182,280 transfer from TANF Block Grant for Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services for juvenile offenders; \$1,913,917 transfer from the Mental Health Services Block Grant that is a provision of community-based services in accordance with the Mental Health Study Commission's Child Mental Health Plan; \$7,454,702 transfer from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block*

Grant for provision of services in accordance with the Mental Health Study Commission's Child and Adolescent Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Plan; \$893,811 transfer from the Mental Health Services Block Grant for Juvenile Services/Family Focus; \$300,000 transfer from the Mental Health Services Block Grant for juvenile offender services and substance abuse pilot; \$1,182,280 transfer from TANF Block Grant to the Social Services Block Grant for substance abuse services for juveniles.

- *Recruitment, training, and retention of child welfare staff- The Governor recommended \$3.3 million in his "Safe Kids Initiative." The Budget had \$1,427,550. (Note: This is a transfer from the TANF Block Grant, not our preferred General Fund appropriation.)*
- *Increase payments and support to foster care and adoptive parents - Nothing in Budget.*
- *Increase reimbursement rates to residential foster care agencies - \$1,500,000 transfer from TANF Block Grant for Division of Social Services to the Child Caring Institutions; \$1,900,000 transfer from Social Services Block Grant to Enhance the Special Children Adoption Fund. This brings the Fund up to \$2,800,000.*

Early Childhood

Achieving quality child care with high standards is essential to the economic well being of families and the healthy development of young children.

1. **Fully fund Smart Start in all 100 counties and expand the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Project.**
 - *Smart Start - \$58 million in 99-2000 and \$78,928,826 in 2000-01.*
 - *T.E.A.C.H. - \$778,000 in both fiscal years.*
2. **Expand funding for child care subsidies for working families.**
 - *Child care subsidies - \$10,971,241 transfer from TANF Block Grant; \$12,482,188 transfer from TANF Block Grant for child care rate increases and quality initiatives; \$15,000,000 transfer from TANF for child care subsidies for TANF recipients; From Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant: \$112,624,103 for child care subsidies; \$11,378,046 for quality and availability initiatives; \$51,669,460 transfer from TANF Block Grant for child care subsidies.*

Economic Security and Welfare Reform

Past and future reforms to North Carolina's Work First program must enhance family well being, respect human dignity, be fair, implement a collaborative community process, reward work, and allow for social and economic realities while helping families meet their basic needs.

1. Existing reforms and new changes to Work First must be evaluated by its ability to meet these goals stated above. Monitoring and evaluation must be a critical component of all programs and reforms. Specifically, a more realistic income eligibility level must be set and adequate benefits provided; two-parent families should be treated equally with single-parent families; fingerprinting of all applicants should be halted.
 - *Monitoring and evaluation - Review cases three months before they reach end of time limit - County DSS workers are required to review all cases three months before they reach the end of their time limit in order to ensure the time limit was calculated properly, extensions are given as appropriate, the family is prepared for loss of benefits and knows of other assistance still available to them. Biennial Review of Electing Counties - The NC Department of Health and Human Services is now required to submit to the General Assembly a review of the Work First program in each Electing county and recommend whether the county should continue to be designated as Electing. Currently, there is no required review of Electing county programs.*
 - *Maintain the Standard of Need - The Standard of Need is a technical term for the maximum income a family can have and still qualify for assistance. It is also used to calculate a family's monthly benefit amount. This bill maintains the current Standard. Currently, a family of three can have a maximum income of \$544/month and qualify for assistance. If this bill was not passed the Standard of Need would have been cut in half and that same family could have income no more than \$272/month.*
 - *Pay-After-Performance - Allows two parent families to get three months of benefits one time per year before pay-after-performance goes into effect. This means that two parent families are treated the same as single parent families for three months - NOT that they are subject to no work requirements - and after three months, harsher work requirements apply to them.*

2. Comprehensive transitional services that reward work and address the needs of poor families working at low wages must be provided statewide. Specifically, expand transitional Medicaid to 24 months; expand child care subsidies; provide more housing assistance targeted to poorer families; provide adequate public transportation for low-wage workers to get to work, education and child care;

increase the educational opportunities for Work First parents; provide more and better substance abuse and mental health services to Work First parents..

- *Expand transitional Medicaid to 24 months - \$2,073,000 in 99-2000 and \$8,271,143 in 2000-01 to expand transitional Medicaid to former TANF recipients from 12 to 24 months. Effective no earlier than October 1, 1999.*
- *Provide more housing assistance targeted to poorer families - \$3,000,000 transfer from the TANF Block Grant for Work First Housing Initiative.*
- *Provide adequate public transportation for low-wage workers to get to work, education and child care - Transportation Strategy - The NC Department of Health and Human Services must work with the NC Department of Transportation to create a strategy(ies) for providing transportation to low-wage workers to and from home, work, education and child care.*
- *Increase the educational opportunities for Work First parents - Up to 20% of Work First recipients will now be allowed to count participation in post-secondary education toward their work requirement. The recipients must enroll on at least a part-time basis. In Standard Counties, the recipients two-year time limit can be suspended for up to three years if they participate in post-secondary education part-time and they maintain a 2.5 grade point average or its equivalent. This important provision will make North Carolina one of a handful of states using education to help families not only get off the rolls, but also move to better paying, longer term employment.*
- *Provide more and better substance abuse and mental health services to Work First parents - \$3,500,000 transfer from TANF Block Grant allocation to the Division of MH/DD/SAS for Work First substance abuse screening, diagnostic, and support treatment services and drug testing.*

Education

The State should enable the public schools to narrow the achievement gap and to overcome the destructive relationship between poverty and education. Further, no child should be punished or neglected by having their education denied in North Carolina.

1. **School financing**—Create a funding formula that provides additional funding for students who are on free or reduced lunch and performing below grade level; provide appropriate support for school systems to educate Limited English Proficient (LEP) students; improve alternative education by having the money follow the child, and by ensuring that students who are suspended or expelled are given the educational assistance needed to succeed when they return to school.
 - *Create a funding formula - HB 485 and SB 730 were introduced to provide \$66 million for additional instruction for students scoring at Level I or II on end-of-grade or end-of-course tests. \$20 million was in the Budget for these students in grades K-8.*

- **Limited English Proficient (LEP) students** - *HB 372, SB 508 and SB 584 requested between \$15 and \$29 million in additional funding for LEP programs. The Budget included an additional \$5 million for each year, bringing the total funding to \$10 million per year.*
- **Improve alternative education** - *The Budget strengthens language for establishing alternative schools or alternative learning programs in school systems. The Budget appropriated \$200,000 for alternative schools/at-risk students. SB 1099 was ratified and improves the quality of education services provided to students who are at-risk of academic failure and to increase the educational expectations for these students.*

- 2. School performance**-Ensure that statewide grade promotion standards are fair, educationally sound, adequately funded, and implemented in ways that benefit the students affected. Rather than retention, students need after-school, weekend and summer programs that develop the skills and habits necessary to catch up.
- *SB 942-IMPLEMENTATION OF STUDENT STANDARDS directs the State Board of Education to develop plans for implementing and reporting the statewide student accountability standards for early and ongoing assistance for students in need.*

Health

All of North Carolina's children should have access to quality health care, including quality mental health services.

- 1. Health Choice and Medicaid and additional health programs**-Fully fund outreach efforts in all programs; add preventive dental care; reimburse care at school-based health centers from Health Choice; fund quality mental health services for children in the juvenile justice system, in DSS custody, or at risk in school; expand both immunization and school nurse programs.
- *Fully fund outreach efforts in NC Health Choice - nothing in the budget.*
 - *Add preventive dental care to NC Health Choice - Everything from HB 905 is in a special provision to the Budget to add sealants, simple extractions, therapeutic pulpotomies, prefabricated stainless steel crowns.*
 - *Fund quality mental health services for children in the juvenile justice system, in DSS custody, or at risk in school - No increases.*
 - *Expand immunization program - \$1 million appropriated to DHHS may be used for outreach projects to improve vaccine delivery and continued development of an automated immunization registry. We did not get the \$1 million to expand the Universal Childhood Vaccine Distribution Program.*
 - *Expand school nurse program - The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall examine the need for additional nurses in the public schools - in the Budget.*

2. **Tobacco settlement**-A substantial portion of the money North Carolina receives from the tobacco settlement should go to treating diseases in children that result from exposure to smoke, to campaigns to reduce or eliminate smoking by children, and to other health efforts that benefit children.
 - *Tentatively 25% may be generally earmarked for health programs, but crucial decisions on how to use the money were left unresolved.*

Juvenile Justice

Prevention and early intervention are the core of any effective, lasting strategy against juvenile crime. We recommend a comprehensive, collaborative, primary prevention package for children and youth from ages 0 to 18 that includes proven programs that help them get the right start to keep them from ever being involved in crime - either as victims of adult crimes or as criminals themselves.

1. **Establish a study commission** to examine North Carolina laws relating to guns, drugs, incarceration and poverty and their respective impact on juvenile crime.
 - *This study is in HB 163-1999 STUDIES BILL.*
2. **Expand juvenile delinquency primary prevention programs** through the newly established Local Juvenile Justice Prevention Councils.
 - *Expand juvenile delinquency primary prevention programs through the newly established Local Juvenile Justice Prevention Councils - \$1,000,000 in both fiscal years. The Governor recommended \$3,088,010. Of the \$1 million, \$500,000 is designated for Boys and Girls clubs in counties with high rates of training school commitments.*

Safety

We must enact laws to protect our children from injuries, both intentional and unintentional.

1. **Vehicle**-Enact stronger seat belt/car seat legislation that includes fines and driver license points; require riders under age 19 to wear bicycle helmets.
 - *Seat belt - SB 65 requires that any child less than 5 years old and less than 40 pounds must be secured in a child safety seat; in vehicles equipped with an active passenger side airbag, the child safety seat must be placed in the vehicle's rear seat; youngsters between age 13 and 16 must now buckle up in the back seat.*
 - *Bicycle helmet - HB 898 passed the House after the age requirement was amended to start at 13 instead of 19. SB 232 was all-but defeated in the Senate; it is in the Senate Committee on Judiciary II along with the House bill. Both remain eligible for consideration in the Short Session.*

2. Gun violence-Support clarification and strengthening of laws that prevent children from gaining unsupervised, unsafe access to guns.

- *HB 1231-SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS would have closed a loophole in current law that only sets a penalty for a gun owner who has minor children residing in the home and keeps firearms stored in an unsafe manner accessible to children. This bill would have increased the penalty to a Class I felony and extended it to gun owners who do not have minors residing in the home, but still stored a firearm in a manner that they should have known might enable a child to get possession without burglary or forcing locks. The bill passed the House Committee on Judiciary I, but was never brought to the Floor.*

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST . . .

Social Services Block Grant

1. *\$4,764, 124 to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.*
2. *\$950,674 to the Office of Juvenile Justice.*
3. *\$238,321 to the Child Medical Evaluation Program.*
4. *\$394,841 to county departments of social services for child abuse prevention and permanency planning.*

TANF Block Grant

5. *\$239,261 transfer from TANF Block Grant for allocation to the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program.*
6. *\$2,211,687 to county departments of social services for child welfare improvements (Transfer from TANF - \$300,000).*
7. *\$1,600,000 transfer from TANF Block Grant for reduction of out-of-wedlock births.*
8. *\$2,000,000 transfer from TANF Block Grant allocation to the Division of Public Health for teen pregnancy prevention.*
9. *\$1,000,000 transfer from TANF Block Grant allocation to DSS for domestic violence.*
10. *\$160,000 transfer from TANF Block Grant to implement HB 1159-PROTECTION FROM VIOLENT CAREGIVERS (a.k.a. "Toby's Bill").*
11. *\$1,000,000 transfer from TANF Block Grant for Work First/Boys and Girls Clubs - goes to Division of Juvenile Justice.*

Education

12. *\$1,100,000 to begin implementing School Breakfast Program for all kindergarten students. The program would begin in January 2000.*
13. *\$1,300,000 was reduced from the Children's Trust Fund.*

Health

14. *\$650,000 in 99-2000 for Healthy Start Foundation, statewide public information and education activities of the First Step Campaign to reduce infant mortality.*
15. *\$190,000 recurring in both fiscal years for SUD Program to provide funding to start-up and operate improved intensive investigation of sudden unexpected deaths of infants and young children.*

Juvenile Justice

16. *\$62,500 recurring and \$11,000 nonrecurring in 1999-2000 and \$84,000 recurring for Guard Response Funds Program (GRASP).*
17. *\$850,000 in 1999-2000 and \$2 million in 2000-2001 for Eckerd Wilderness Camp. would provide 60 more places. A special provision would allow carryover of last year's money.*
18. *\$250,000 in both fiscal years for Support Our Students (SOS) Program. The Governor recommended \$975,000*
19. *\$450,000 in both fiscal years for Communities In Schools (CIS) Program. The Governor recommended \$700,000.*
20. *\$575,000 in both fiscal years to establish a Juvenile Justice Institute at NC Central University.*
21. *\$2,500,000 in 2000-01 to allow OJJ to contract with a private-for-profit or non-profit firm to provide up to 100 secure and non-secure beds as part of a multi-functional juvenile facility.*

PAW - 8/21/99

**REPORT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ASSOCIATION: Redesign of DHHS-DMH/DD/SAS**

A draft of a business plan with an analysis, options, and recommendations was completed for review on May 3, 1999.

The overview was for a system that needed major overhaul with a Division strategy moving from funding of services to purchasing of wanted services. Emphasis was focused on systematically improving quality, access, accountability, cost-effectiveness.

The goals were to develop consistency in quality, availability and access of services while strengthening clinical and financial accountability. This would include utilizing competition while clarifying optimal roles of Division, counties and service providers. A goal was included to develop and manage performance contracts and implement utilization management.

The key policy issues were with the overall system structure and service provider network. The redesign is intended for competition in the marketplace with community-based and institutional services.

The priority populations are to be defined with priorities and managed with consumers enrolled into the system. A task force was to develop a plan to determine who was responsible for dual disorders. The resources were to be targeted to priority populations under the current definition of "operationally defined populations." This would include services to Medicaid recipients and those dictated by law. These services would also be allocated to State priorities, cost savings and other arenas such as schools, juvenile courts, DSS, etc.

Discussions on covered services would include a "benefit package." There would be a mandate of services based on consistency and standardization statewide with assessments and identical data elements in the system. This would require compliance with specified clinical pathways and standards, which is intended to strengthen coordination of mental health, substance abuse, developmental disability, physical health, criminal justice, etc. A utilization management program would be implemented statewide for all community-based and institutional services.

The system structure would enhance area program by keeping the area

program structure, model, and practices with smaller AP's. The area board structure and processes would continue. Consumer choice and expanded access would be regionally-based with minimum purchase of outside services.

A "competition model" would be the focus of the new Division with contracts under 4-12 regional programs to purchase and manage services. Competitive RFP's would be provided for management of regional programs and RFP's for service providers within the region. Funding would be on a per capita basis.

The Division would then become a direct purchaser of services and manager of contracts. An "Integrated Health Care" model would provide an alternative to consumers to blend MH and SA services with general health care services. That would provide consumers an opportunity to enroll in HMO's and other integrated health care delivery systems.

Quality management would be established with clear performance measurements, including accreditation and MIS strategies and capacity. In essence, develop and manage a strong performance-based contracting system. The MIS would combine funding with volume of service reporting, client satisfaction and other identified quality indicators. Funding priorities would be established. Standardized contracts would be developed with quality indicators included.

A financial system would include a contract with an actuarial firm to ensure that rates are sound and appropriate. While not as clearly defined, included was discussion of procedures and process for allowable withholds, risk pools, shared savings, reinsurance, co-payments, coordination and collection of third party payments.

The draft for public input and public forum is scheduled for September 17-October 4, 1999 with a final Division plan by November 19th. This was planning for the legislative short session with the State auditors final report by April 1, 2000. The implementation plan would be in three phases through July 1, 2001.

J.T. Garrett, Carteret County Health Director

**Office of Public Health Nursing and Professional Development
August Report to NCALHD**

1. New Requirement for Clinical Providers

A new law, "Health Care Practitioner Identification," passed by the General Assembly this past session requires that any health care practitioner (i.e., "*any individual who is licensed, certified, or registered to engage in the practice of medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy or any related occupation involving the direct provision of health care to patients*") must wear a "badge or other form of identification" which displays "*in readily visible type*" the name and license, certification or registration held by that person. The purpose of this statute was to protect the public by allowing them to know what type of health care worker is providing care to them (e.g., a patient in the hospital will no longer assume that the person caring for them is a nurse, they will know whether that individual is a RN, LPN, Nurse Aide or other staff, such as one of the new "multi-skilled" workers who are doing housekeeping and phlebotomies, etc.). However, the language is inclusive, so health departments also must comply with this provision.

2. School Nurse Classification Issue

Dennis Retzlaff raised a concern recently about school nurse position classifications. The Personnel Committee of the NCAPHNA has been discussing this issue, along with other classification problems, for some time. In May, we met with Mel Crocker and the regional personnel analysts to discuss classification of PHN positions. In that discussion, it became clear that they think we are *inappropriately* trying to use the classification system to deal with two issues: 1) the increased complexity of all of public health and public health nursing and 2) PHN salaries. On the salary issue, they indicated that if counties used the steps within each grade, reclassification would not be needed to get pay increases. On the first issue, we agreed to conduct additional study and get back to them. The Personnel Committee agreed to meet with regional groups of public health nurse directors and supervisors to ask for their help in "teasing out" additional skills that represent increased expectations of all PHNs and those skills which should lead to a reclassification to a PHN II level.

We would like the support of NCALHD in 2 ways:

- representation at the Personnel Committee meeting where we analyze the results of those meetings and design our strategy for approaching the staff who classify local positions; and
- support in implementing that strategy.

In addition, any local health director who wishes is invited to attend one of the regional meetings to assist us with the "teasing out" process.

3. NCIH/PHTIN Funding

Very late in the General Assembly session, language was introduced related to the NC Information Highway which would have prohibited the use of any state or federal funds to enhance existing sites or add new sites to this network. One impact of this could have been to prohibit the UNC SPH from using funds received through the Rural Utilities Grant to enhance several of the PHTIN sites or bring on new ones. Thanks go to Dr. Louis Latour who came to Raleigh on short notice and presented testimony to the legislative committee and then repeated it the next day for us to make a tape for the governor's Office. In part because of his testimony, the

restrictive language was eliminated and funding for our line charges was included in the final budget. *THANKS DR. LATOUR!!!!!!*

On a related issue, our new Raleigh site (at the Cooper Bldg.) should come "on line" in September.

4. Crosswalk to CPT Codes

Draft 1 of the conversion from our current Interagency Agreement and related Y and W codes to CPT codes is now complete and has been sent to all sections and branches, plus regional staff for review and comment. There will also be a group of local staff who will review this draft. Draft 2, which will incorporate feedback from all those groups, will be sent to all local health departments. Overall at this point there is MUCH good news:

- for services provided solely by nurses, social workers and others (e.g., MOWs) without the need for medical oversight or standing orders, we will be keeping the Y or W codes;
- in some cases, even with CPT codes health departments may get a preferential reimbursement rate;
- there will continue to be a cost-settlement process for local health departments; and
- implementation of this mechanism for billing Medicaid is now set for July 1, 2000.

Regardless of the delay in implementation, a series of 13 workshops will be held across the state in August and September with a major emphasis on the Evaluation and Management codes, the relationship of coding and documentation, and auditing expectations. A complete training schedule for covering all aspects of the system and all types of affected staff is currently being developed.

5. DMA Auditors

The Division of Medical Assistance will begin auditing local health departments, probably in the fall. Local Health Services staff have been working with these auditors to help them better understand the variety of financial systems that are in place in local agencies, all of which meet our state and programmatic requirements. To that end, three local health departments are assisting us with orienting these staff. Thanks to Wayne Raynor in Harnett, Mike Hanes in Lee and Louis Latour in Wilson for their willingness to allow us to use their agencies and staff for this important process!!!!!!

6. Start-up Grants for Adult Day Health Centers

The Division of Aging is seeking proposals for "start-up grants" to develop new Adult Day Health Centers across the state. Because of the mandated (but unfunded) role for a public health nurse to be involved in initial certification and on-going monitoring, this may create an additional demand on the time of your staff who work in this area OR if you do not have a designated staff person for this currently, you may need to designate one.

The Public Health Issues of North Carolina's Hog Industry



Prepared for the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors

The newly completed materials, *Public Health Issues of North Carolina's Hog Industry*, are now available both on-line and in print. With funding from the NC Association of Local Health Directors, the Environmental Resource Program prepared these materials, which summarize the health and policy issues pertinent to North Carolina's hog industry. The series includes information about the following.

- ✓ The Human Health Issues Associated With the Hog Industry
- ✓ NC House Bill 515, S.L. 1997-458, the *Clean Water Responsibility Act/Environmentally Sound Policy Act*
- ✓ NC Section .0200 Rules, 15A NCAC 8F.0200, *Waste Not Discharged to Surface Waters*
- ✓ NC State Law Compared to County Law
- ✓ Side-by-side Chart Comparing Laws Passed by Six Counties
- ✓ Chatham County Swine Farm Operation Ordinance, Rules, and Zoning
- ✓ Columbus County Intensive Livestock Operation Rules
- ✓ Halifax County Intensive Livestock Operation Ordinance and Rules
- ✓ Moore County Ordinance Regulating New and Expanding Intensive Swine Operations
- ✓ Randolph County Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to Provide for Regulation of Swine Farms
- ✓ Robeson County Rules to Determine if Livestock Operation is Public Health Nuisance

On-Line- You can access these materials by going to <http://checc.sph.unc.edu>, click on the CHECC Library building, click on the Special Collection ERP's NC Hog Site, and you will see listed *NC Health, Hogs, and Policy*.

To Order- You can order a complete set of these materials by sending a check for \$10. made out to the Environmental Resource Program. Send the check and the below completed order form to: Environmental Resource Program, School of Public Health, CB# 1105 Miller Hall, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1105. For questions, e-mail us at erp@unc.edu or call (919) 966-7754.

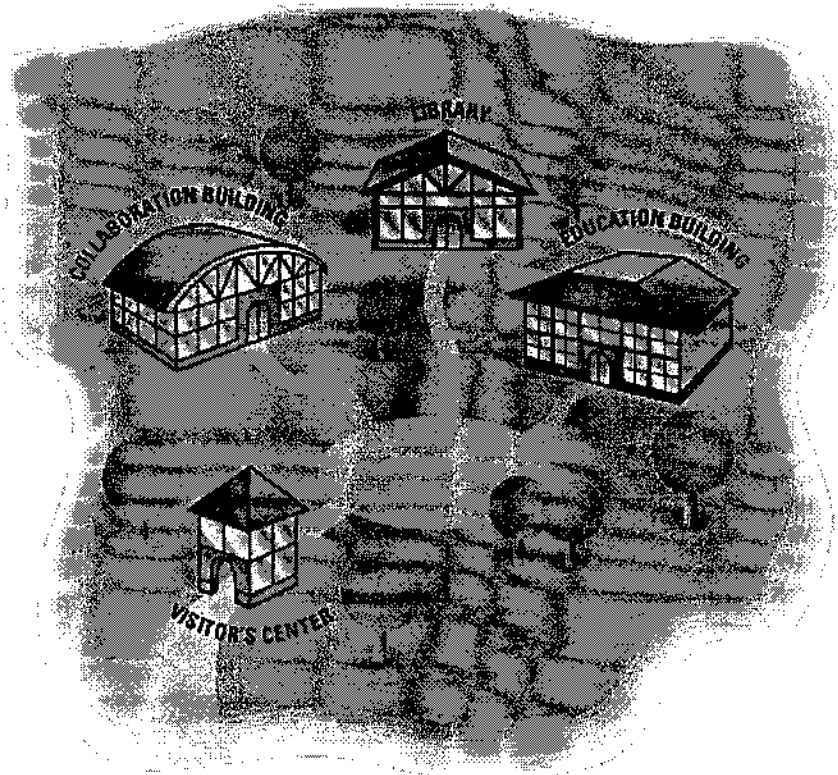
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The ERP's NC Hog Site

The Environmental Resource Program's national award-winning website, the Carolina Health and Environment Community Center (CHECC), located at <http://checc.sph.unc.edu>, hosts comprehensive information on North Carolina's most pressing environmental and public health issues. One of the resources available on CHECC is extensive information about NC's hog industry and includes the following.

- **NC Health, Hogs & Policy** has information about local hog ordinances, health rules, and zoning passed; a written summary of pertinent state and house bills; and a chart that compares the elements of six local laws and one that compares current state law to the most protective county law. This research was funded by the NC Association of Local Health Directors.
- **Public Health & Hogs** is a series of six lectures, which can be listened to on-line. Lectures are by faculty and staff at the UNC School of Public Health and cover such topics as: overall waste management on hog ILOs, hog waste and pathogens, air emissions from hog waste lagoons, the local policy response, hogs and human health, and environmental justice. Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation supported this effort.
- **North Carolina Health Study** summarizes the findings of the State Health Director's recent health study conducted by Dr. Stephen Wing and Suzanne Wolfe with the UNC Department of Epidemiology.
- **Recent N&O articles** include selected pieces of special interest, such as, the unique viral outbreak in a Sampson County herd and the state response.
- **Other Resources** include links to hog information at the NC Department of Agriculture, the NCSU Animal Waste Management Center, research reports on odor and waste issues, and national links to such sites as the US Department of Agriculture and the National Pork Producers.

To access the ERP's NC Hog Site, go to the CHECC site at <http://checc.sph.unc.edu>. Click to enter. Click on the CHECC Library Building. Scroll down to the listing of Special Collections. In the upper right hand column is the *ERP's NC Hog Site*. You will find links to categories of information such as the ones listed above, i.e. *NC Health, Hogs & Policy*. When you click on the category, it will first take you to a short annotated description. Click again and you will go directly to the information you seek.

Please send us your comments and suggestions about CHECC. The ERP's e-mail is ERP@unc.edu or call 919 966-7754. The policy and health information contained in *NC Health, Hogs & Policy* are available in print form for \$10. Contact the ERP to order.

NC Counties That Have Passed Hog Intensive Livestock Operation Laws

| County | Rule | Ordinance | Zoning | Moratorium |
|-----------------|------|-----------|--------|------------|
| Beaufort | | | | ✓ |
| Chatham | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Columbus | ✓ | | | |
| Craven | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Duplin | ✓* | | | |
| Edgecombe | | | | ✓ |
| Halifax | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Moore | | ✓ | | |
| Nash | ✓ | | | |
| Northampton | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Randolph | | | ✓ | |
| Richmond | ✓ | | | |
| Robeson | ✓ | | | |
| Scotland | ✓ | | | |

* Duplin County Health Rules were later rescinded



North Carolina State vs. County Oversight of Hog Intensive Livestock Operations

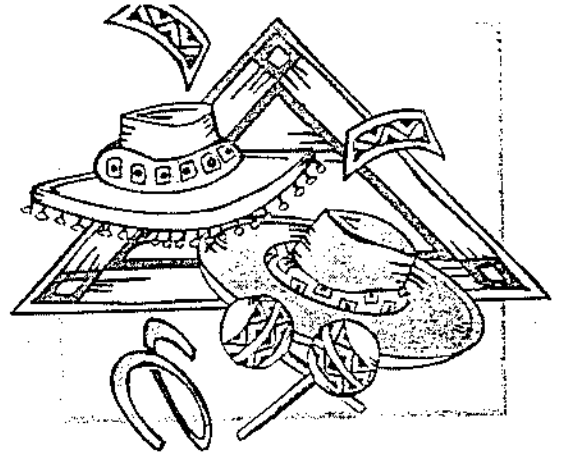
| | NC State Law | NC County Law |
|---|---|--|
| Permits | General or Individual; .0200 Rules, 15A NCAC 8F.0200; or NPDES | Construction; Operational; State Individual Permit only in Moore County |
| Setbacks to: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confinement Houses & Lagoons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,500 ft. to occupied residence; <i>Swine Farm Siting Act</i>, Art 67 NCGS Chap 106 2,500 ft. to school, hospital, church, outdoor recreational facility, national park, state park, historic property; <i>Act</i> 100 ft. to perennial waters; .0200 Rules, 500 ft. to any property boundary; <i>Act</i> 500 ft. to any well supplying water to a public water system or human consumption; <i>Act</i> No component of waste management system within 100 year floodplain; <i>Act</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2500-7500 ft. to residences in Moore County 2500-7500 ft. to schools, hospitals in Randolph and Moore counties 500-1500 ft. to wells for human consumption in Moore and Randolph |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste Application Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 ft. to boundary of property with occupied residence, and to perennial stream or river; <i>Act</i> 25 ft. regulation buffer to perennial waters; .0200 Rules allowed in 100 yr. floodplain; <i>Act</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 ft. to residences in Chatham and Halifax counties 75-225 ft. to homes, streams in Moore; not allowed in 100 yr. floodplain 50 ft. to perennial waters, wetlands, surface water in Chatham, Columbus and Halifax counties |
| Notice | To all adjoining property owners, owners across a road, county, local Health Dept. of intention to build; <i>Act</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 days notice, and 12 months for abandoned lagoons to be closed in Chatham and Moore counties |
| Odor | Temporary Odor Rules - complaint driven, complainant keeps diary; process can take maximum of 4 years; animal operators subject to 7 management practices; new or expanded require best management plan; 15A NCAC 2D.1801-1804 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> list of BMP's to control odor in Columbus Plan required indicating odor control and information regarding prevailing winds in Randolph |
| Financial Responsibility | ————— | \$2500/acre feet of waste lagoon capacity in promissory note or cash in Chatham Co. |
| Well Testing | By request | every 6 months for bacteria and nitrates on all ILOs and neighboring prop. in Chatham |
| Soil Testing | For N, Cu, & Zn annually; <i>Act</i> | |
| Inspections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new or expanded waste management system must have on-site inspection; .0200 Rules existing operations inspected twice per year; an operational review by Div. of Soil and Water Conservation and wastewater management system review by DWQ; <i>Act</i> | when necessary; complaint driven |
| Zoning | for ILO's > 600,000 lbs. Steady State Live Weight, counties can zone as long as zoning does not exclude all county lands; <i>Act</i> | Special Use Permit in Randolph County; Conditional Use Permit and limited to Industrial District, in Chatham Co. |

TRAINING FOR INTERPRETERS IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PART OF THE NC AHEC SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL TRAINING INITIATIVE
 FUNDED BY THE DUKE ENDOWMENT'S IMMIGRANT HEALTH INITIATIVE

TRAINING FOR INTERPRETERS

Training for interpreters working in health care and social service agencies is being provided at various AHECs (Area Health Education Centers) throughout the state. Target audience includes individuals who have a demonstrated competency in English and Spanish and who currently provide interpreter services in health and human service settings. A Participant's Resource Manual is used during the training. The following programs are provided:



Contact Francis Vergara for more information on the Initiative at 919-715-0992.

- **Level I**

Two-day introductory training course for community interpreters, covering topics such as role of the interpreter, different modes of interpreting, interpreter ethics, specialized vocabulary, community resources and policy issues;

- **Level II**

One-day training course which provides additional intensive training and practice sessions (participants must have attended Level I);

- **Provider Trainings**

A 1-2 hour training for providers working with interpreters offered AHECs, conferences, workshops and seminars. Target audience includes social workers, physicians, pharmacists, health educators, nurses and other professionals.

The Interpreter Trainings are part of a larger number Interpreter Initiative which has been in existence since 1995. The NC Interpreter Task Force of the Bilingual Resource Group offers technical assistance and consultation on interpreting issues to health and human service agencies and providers.

For more information on the overall initiative, contact Francis Vergara, Interpreter Training Coordinator, NC Office of Minority Health, 919-715-0992.

SCHEDULE OF INTERPRETER TRAININGS, 1999-2000

*LEVEL I TRAININGS:

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| • October 25-26, 1999 | Northwest AHEC | Contact: Richard Etheridge | (336)713-7000 |
| • November 17-18, 1999 | Wake AHEC | Contact: Diana Bond | (919)250-8547 |
| • February 2-3, 2000 | Mountain AHEC | Contact: Charlotte Artis | (828)257-4471 |
| • February 24-25, 2000 | Greensboro AHEC | Contact: Libby Hale | (336)832-8222 |
| • March 9-10, 2000 | Area L AHEC | Contact: Clyde Johnson | (252)972-6958 |

*LEVEL II TRAININGS:

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| • September 15, 1999 | Southern AHEC | Contact: Kathy Clark | (910)678-7208 |
| • November 30, 1999 | Wake AHEC | Contact: Diana Bond | (919)350-8547 |
| • January 19, 2000 | Coastal AHEC | Contact: Joanne Carl | (910)343-0161 |
| • January 26, 2000 | Charlotte AHEC | Contact: Robert Weaver | (704)355-3120 |
| • March 15, 2000 | Mountain AHEC | Contact: Charlotte Artis | (828)257-4471 |
| • April 5, 2000 | Eastern AHEC | Contact: Deborah Ramey | (252)816-5231 |
| • April 13, 2000 | Northwest AHEC | Contact: Richard Etheridge | (336)713-7000 |

*PROVIDER TRAININGS:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| • 2 Trainings TBA | Southern AHEC | Contact: Kathy Clark | (910)678-7208 |
| • November 3, 1999 | Nurses Conference | Contact: Duke AHEC Conference | |
| • Spring 2000 | Norhtwest AHEC | Contact: Richard Etheridge | (336)713-7000 |

*Schedule is subject to change.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATE BUDGET 1999-2000 BIENNIUM

The General Assembly approved the state's biennial budget on June 30. Although the 1999 Session had convened in an atmosphere of concern about limited state revenues and potential reductions in expenditures, the budget was balanced with relatively little harm to ongoing state responsibilities or county government interests.

Presented below is a summary of the adopted state budget for the 1999-2000 biennium. The summary is divided into two sections, with the first section presenting information on key appropriations. Section II describes important special provisions.

I. F.Y. 1999-2000 APPROPRIATIONS OF INTEREST TO COUNTIES

A. PUBLIC EDUCATION

1. Public Schools

- Increase funding for the Low Wealth Schools Supplemental Fund. This raises the total annual Appropriation to \$75 million.) \$10.0 million
- Increase funding for the Small School Supplemental Fund \$3.0 million
- Add funding for students with limited English Proficiency. \$5.0 million
- Student Accountability: improve student performance in Grades K-8. \$20.6 million
- Provide bonus awards to personnel in schools that have exceeded ABCs goals. \$140.0 million
- Begin implementation of kindergarten school breakfast program. (January, 2000) \$1.1 million
- Defer purchase of replacement school buses until 2000-2001. \$32.4 million

2. Community Colleges

- Provide need-based financial aid for students not eligible for Federal Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits. \$5.0 million
- Provide initial funding for development of a Management Information System \$8.0 million
- Additional funding for a 2% faculty salary increase over and above the 3% COLA for state employees. \$7.1 million
- Reduce appropriation for continuing education program to be offset by development of a (\$4.8 million)

registration fee schedule. (NOTE: the State Community College Board recently acted to exempt all public safety employees from the registration fee requirement for this year.)

•Provide \$230,000 to each community college for capital improvements and land acquisition. \$14.5 million

B. Health and Human Services

•Expand community mental health programs. \$6.0 million

•Provide grants-in-aid to public and nonprofit groups for programs serving older adults, disabled adults, at risk children youth and families. \$4.0 million

•Expand Smart Start services statewide. \$58.0 million

•Provide funding for creation of Healthy Carolinians task forces. \$1.0 million

•Additional funding to increase the number of Adult Protective Services social workers. \$1.0 million

•Expand transitional Medicaid for former TANF recipients from 12 to 24 months. \$2.1 million

C. Natural and Economic Resources

•Appropriation for the Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to purchase conservation easements in growth areas and environmentally sensitive locations. \$500,000

•Environmental Education grants for schools, libraries and local environmental education centers \$200,000

•Additional DENR field staff and funding for local government training and incentives in the sedimentation and erosion control program. \$1.1 million

•Provide \$25,000 each to the nine Resource Conservation and Development Councils to Leverage other grants. \$225,000

•Increase state funding for Lead Regional Organizations to \$55,000 each (total of \$990,000). \$125,730

•Increase funding for state's 7 regional economic development commissions (from \$4.275 to 6.075 million). \$1.8 million

•Continue Industrial Recruitment Competitive Fund. \$2.0 million

•Rural Center Supplemental Funding Program. \$1.5 million

•Capacity Building Assistance Program. \$1.5 million

D. Justice and Public Safety

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| •Add four Special Judges and one Resident Judge in District 22, effective 10/1/99 | \$604,676 |
| •Add 9 District Court Judges in Districts 2, 5, 13, 15A, 18, 19A, 26, 27A and 30 effective 1/1/2000. | \$643,419 |
| •Add 3 Magistrates (Cumberland, Camden, Union) effective 1/1/2000. | \$66,408 |
| •Add 9 assistant district attorneys in Districts 5, 10 (2 positions), 12, 13, 15A, 19A, 20 and 26 effective 1/1/2000. | \$382,778 |
| •Add 3 D.A. investigators in Districts 5, 10, and 22 effective 1/1/2000. | \$90,714 |
| •Add 25 victim witness/legal assistants to serve domestic violence misdemeanor victims effective 1/1/2000. | \$600,575 |
| •Funding for DHHS to process all non-IV-D non-wage withholding Child Support transactions. | \$2.0 million |
| •Provide funds to expand both intermediate and community level sanctions for juveniles involved with the courts. | \$1.0 million |
| •Maintain and expand the "Communities in Schools" program. | \$450,000 |
| •Funds for metal detectors in public schools. | \$350,000. |

E. General Government

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| •Add 2 positions in the Office of the State Treasurer in the Local Government Operations Division. | \$227,395 |
| •Grants-in-aid for local arts, cultural, and historical organizations and local museums. | \$8.0 million |
| •Basic Grants for local arts organizations. | \$1.2 million |

II. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

A. Funds for Limited English Proficiency Public School Students

The Department of Public Instruction will develop a formula for allocation of these funds based on the average percentage of students over the previous three years who have limited English proficiency. The additional state funding is intended to supplement and not to supplant existing county funding for Limited English Proficiency programs.

B. Deadline for Community College Bond Match

The deadline for the required local match on state bonds for the community colleges is extended from July 1, 1999 to July 1, 2000.

C. County Jail Housing and Medical Costs

Counties will receive \$40 per day for inmates held for transfer to state facilities from the day the county sheriff receives notice that state bed-space is not available.

D. Bad Debt Collection Pilot Project

The General Assembly extended the reporting deadline for this project to May 2000.