

Division of Child and Family Well-Being Overview & Launch

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NC DEPARTMENT OF
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NCDHHS STRATEGIC PLAN (GOAL 5): IMPROVE CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING



Improve child and family well-being so all children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential and thrive

Key Objective: Build a strong infrastructure to increase access to child and family well-being services.

Key Strategies:

- Establish a **Division of Child and Family Well-Being** to maximize services and outcomes for children and their families, including child nutrition programs, prevention services for children and youth, children's mental health services, and early intervention programs
- Build a **data and analysis infrastructure** across child-serving sectors to identify gaps and inequities in service provision and well-being outcomes to ensure the most effective deployment of federal, state, and local resources
- Increase access to **children's mental health services** by expanding mental health services in primary care, schools, and specialty care

BUILDING ON THE DEPARTMENT'S VISION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children are healthy and thrive in safe, stable and nurturing families, schools and communities



WHY?

The Division of Child and Family Well-Being will meet the health, social, and educational needs of children and youth and their families in North Carolina by:



Enhancing how children and families access programs that support their well-being: Coordination across programs serving children and families allows more families to access programs across mental, social, and health services. An early area of work will be making it easier for families to enroll in the nutrition programs in the Division (e.g., WIC and FNS/SNAP).



Coordinating increased investments to improve child health and well-being: The investments will be informed by data with a focus on closing equity gaps in child well-being. An early focus will be maximizing the impact of the federal American Rescue Plan funds to address inequities in child well-being, including increasing access to children and youth behavioral health services.



Elevating the value of our teams supporting child and family well-being: We are inspired by our team members who passionately work to improve the lives of children and families in North Carolina. Our commitment is to create a thriving culture where we celebrate our positive impact on child well-being.

WHAT PROGRAMS WILL BE IN THE DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING?



Nutrition Programs

FNS/SNAP, WIC, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



Early Intervention Programs

Infant-Toddler Program for ages 0-3 with special needs



Children's Behavioral Health Programs

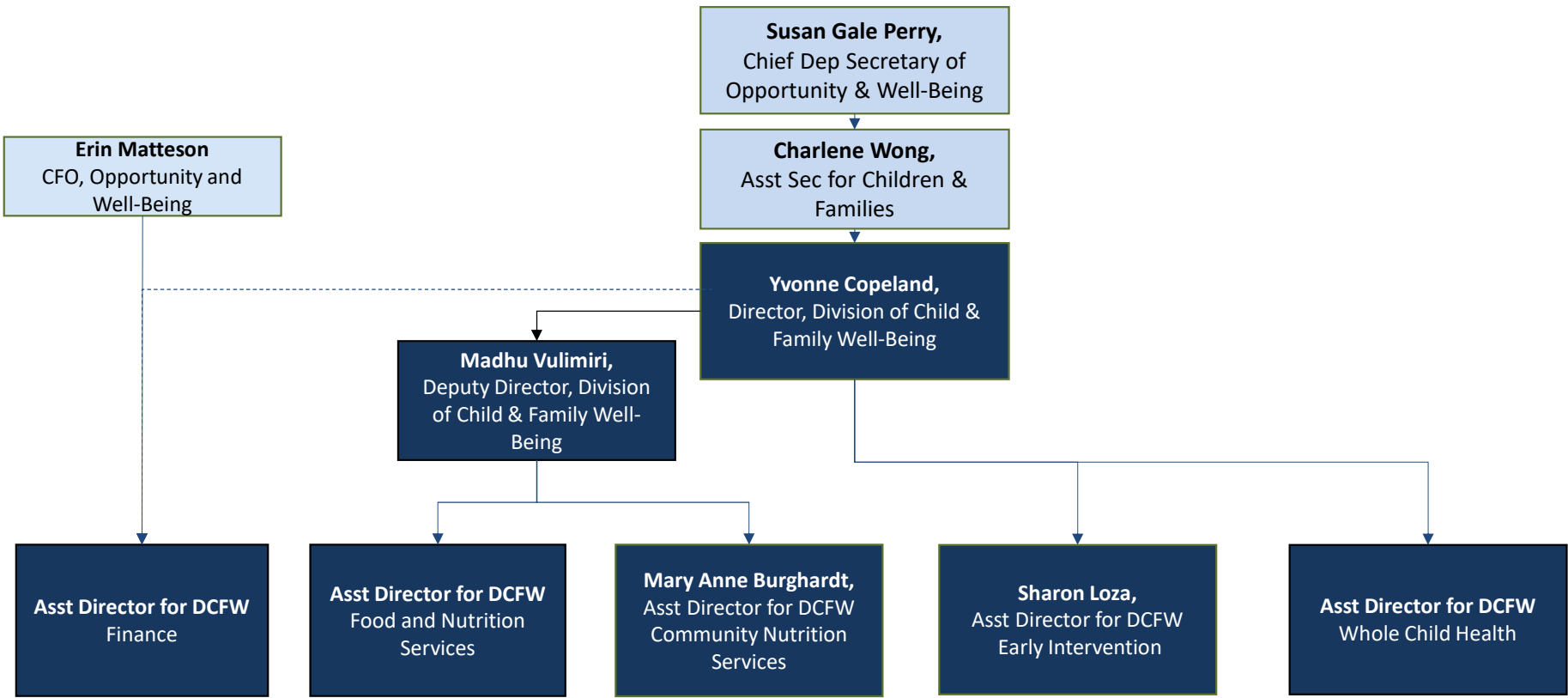
Focus on school & community mental health services for children and youth, such as system of care, children with complex needs, coordination with schools on mental health services, pediatric mental health care access program, behavioral health supports and coordination for DSS-involved youth, and other child- and youth-focused behavioral health pilots



Health & Prevention Services for Children and Youth

Home visiting and Triple P, nurse consultation (school nursing, child care, and child health), school health (e.g., school-based health centers, school nutrition), genetics & newborn screening, supports for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), care management for at-risk children (CMARC), Health Check/Health Choice outreach, local child fatality prevention

Org Chart: Division of Child and Family Well-Being



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VM128 Added per Mark comment
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DCFW WILL BE ORGANIZED IN FOUR SECTIONS



Food & Nutrition Services

SNAP



Community Nutrition Services

WIC & CACFP



Early Intervention

Infant Toddler Program



Whole Child Health

Child & Youth Programs
Child Behavioral Health Programs

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VM130 <@Copeland, Yvonne A> Mark suggested we delete this slide
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OVERALL TRANSITION AND LAUNCH TIMELINE

Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
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Alignment – *complete*

- Review current programs
- Identify opportunities for alignment
- Determine which programs/units are moving

Design & Transition – *in process*

- Develop target operating model
- Plan for transition and implementation
- Identify key priority areas & metrics of success

Implementation

- **Phased 1 launch (Jan 20):** Early Intervention & Community Nutrition Services (WIC & CACFP) sections
- **Phase 2 launch (Feb 23):** Food and Nutrition Services & Whole Child Health section
- **Jan – June 2022:** Budget, contracts, IT, HR, and regulatory transition**

Improvement (Ongoing)

- Refine processes
- Monitor, report performance

**What this looks like for LHDs:

- **DPH will remain responsible for Agreement Addenda through the end of the SFY**
- **Point of contact for LHDs will remain constant (Early Intervention, Nutrition Services Branch, and Children & Youth staff will transition from DPH to DCFW)**

PROPOSED “DPH & DCFW CROSS-DIVISIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE”

- **Purpose of Steering Committee:** To communicate and collaborate across divisions to ensure efficient and effective coordination and management of initiatives related to women’s and children’s health, and to leverage the strengths of both divisions
- **Scope:** Programs and Operations
- **Members:** DPH, DCFW, and LHD representation
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly
- **Responsibilities include but not limited to:**
 - Identify and prioritize key areas of intersection between the Divisions
 - Define roles and responsibilities of respective divisions
 - Co-develop strategy
 - Coordinate initiatives and reporting
 - Monitor progress and execution of initiatives
 - Coordinate communication and engagement with LHDs and other stakeholders
- **Work Groups**
 - The Steering Committee can create work groups to focus on prioritized areas of intersection such as CMARC/CMHRP and Maternal and Child Block Grant

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