



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### 2025-2026 SESSION

## Agenda

**DATE:** December 17, 2025 | **TIME:** 9:30 AM | **LOCATION:** Room 544

### Committee Co-Chairs

Rep. Hugh Blackwell

Rep. Timothy Reeder,  
MD

### Legislative Members

Rep. Terry M. Brown Jr.

Rep. Grant L. Campbell,  
MD

Rep. Tracy Clark

Rep. Carla D.  
Cunningham

Rep. Dudley Greene

Rep. Donny Lambeth

Rep. Ya Liu

Rep. Charles W. Miller

Rep. Marcia Morey

Rep. Larry W. Potts

Rep. A. Reece Pyrtle Jr.

Rep. Robert T. Reives II

Rep. Heather H. Rhyne

Rep. Carson Smith

Rep. Charles Smith

Rep. John A. Torbett

Rep. Diane Wheatley

Rep. Donna McDowell  
White

Rep. Shelly Willingham

#### I. Welcome and Opening Remarks |

**Representative Timothy Reeder, MD**  
Presiding Co-Chair

#### II. Safekeeper's Program |

**Leslie Cooley Dismukes**  
*Secretary, NC DAC*  
**Arthur L Campbell, III, MD**  
*Chief Medical Officer, NC DAC*  
*Chief of Health Services, NC DAC*

#### III. Law Enforcement Perspective on Involuntary Commitment (IVC); Medical Care in Jails |

**Eddie Caldwell, Jr.**  
*Executive Vice President and General Counsel*  
North Carolina Sheriff's Association

#### IV. North Carolina Statewide Telepsychiatry Program (NC-STeP) |

**Sy Atezaz Saeed, MD, MS, FACPpsych**  
*Founder and Executive Director, NC-STeP*  
*Founder and Director, ECU Center for*  
*Telepsychiatry*  
*Professor and Chair Emeritus, Department of*  
*Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine Brody*  
*School of Medicine, East Carolina University*

#### V. Role of Telehealth in IVC Process |

**Carrie Brown, MD, MPH, DFAPA**  
*Chief Psychiatrist, NC DHHS*  
*Chief Medical Officer, Division of State*  
*Operated Healthcare Facilities, NC DHHS*

#### VI. Overview of NCGA Behavioral Investments; Role of IVC in the Crisis System; IVC Facility Designation Process and State Operated Healthcare Facilities |

**Kelly Crosbie**  
*Director, Division of Mental Health,*  
*Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use*  
*Services, NC DHHS*  
**Carrie Brown, MD, MPH, DFAPA**  
*Chief Psychiatrist, NC DHHS*  
*Chief Medical Officer, Division of State*  
*Operated Healthcare Facilities, NC DHHS*  
**Karen Burkes**  
*Deputy Secretary for Facilities and Licensure,*  
*NC DHHS*

#### VII. Adjournment