



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Department of Social Services
Child, Family & Adult Services

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Dear Chairman, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Oversight Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. Before addressing any questions regarding Mecklenburg County Child, Family and Adult Services department, I want to begin by acknowledging the tragic death of Dominique Moody. As a grandmother, it is difficult to comprehend the circumstances surrounding Dominique's death. No child should experience harm or neglect by their caregiver. The loss of a child is heartbreaking, and our thoughts remain with all those affected by this tragedy.

Child welfare professionals enter this work because they are committed to protecting children. When a child dies, it impacts not only the family and community, but also the professionals dedicated to serving and safeguarding vulnerable children.

As public servants, we recognize our responsibility to continuously evaluate our practices and strengthen the systems designed to protect children. We take the findings outlined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services seriously and have worked diligently to review those findings, identify areas requiring improvement, and implement corrective actions to strengthen child safety practice throughout Mecklenburg County.

While there are legal limitations regarding certain case-specific information due to confidentiality requirements, ongoing criminal proceedings, and existing court orders, which this Committee acknowledges. I will attempt to provide ~~with~~ as much information as allowed by law. And thank you for recognizing those limitations and restrictions in your letter to me.

Since Dominique Moody's unfortunate death, Mecklenburg County's Child, Family and Adult Services department has undertaken an extensive review of our practice and partnered with external reviewers to assess service delivery including partnering with NCDHHS to implement corrective action plan. I also want to stress this does not define the great work of our staff who work tirelessly to keep children safe.

Our focus remains on strengthening our systems and supporting our workforce to make meaningful and lasting improvements to address reports of abuse or neglect in the community.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today and will answer your questions to the extent

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permitted by law and consistent with the court order in place.

Respectfully,

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