

September 14, 2016

Members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services:

G.S. 120-208.2(d) authorizes the Committee Cochairs to establish subcommittees of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services to examine issues pertaining to services provided by Divisions of the Department of Health and Human Services. Session Law 2016-94, Section 12F.10(c) directs the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice to each establish a subcommittee on Behavioral Health Services. The two subcommittees are directed to meet jointly.

Pursuant to the authority provided in G.S. 120-208.2(d) and S.L. 2016-94, Section 12F.10(c), the Committee Cochairs are appointing a subcommittee to meet jointly with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice to study behavioral health services. Below is an excerpt of the Session Law outlining the study requirements and the subcommittee appointments from the the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

S.L. 2016-94, SECTION 12F.10, STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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SECTION 12F.10.(c) The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice shall each establish a subcommittee on Behavioral Health Services. The subcommittees shall meet jointly to do the following:

- (1) Oversee the Department's development of the strategic plan required by subsection (b) of this section.
- (2) Review the strategic plan developed by the Department in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, including a review of all performance-related goals and measures for the delivery of mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, and traumatic brain injury services.
- (3) Review consolidated monthly, quarterly, and annual reports and analyses of behavioral health services funded by Medicaid and State-only appropriations.

The subcommittees shall jointly make recommendations about the areas of oversight and review described in subdivisions (1) through (3) of this subsection and report their findings and recommendations to their respective committees. In conducting the required oversight and review, the subcommittees may seek input from other states, stakeholders, and national experts as they deem necessary in conducting their examination and developing their recommendations.

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