



# JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m.  
Room 643, Legislative Office Building

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Rep. Erin Pare

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>   | <b>Representative Donny Lambeth</b><br>Presiding Cochair                              |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Brief Member Introductions</b>  |   |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Comments from the Secretary</b>   | <b>Kody Kinsley</b> , Secretary,<br>Department of Health & Human<br>Services (DHHS)   |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>Division of Social Services Update</b>  |   |
|             | <b>a) County Oversight Review &amp; Proactive Work Needed to Address Counties Falling into Corrective Action Plans</b> | <b>Susan G. Osborne</b> , Deputy Secretary for Opportunity and Well-Being, DHHS       |
|             | <b>b) Staffing &amp; Regional Support Model Update</b>   | <b>Lisa T. Cauley</b> , MSW, Senior Director, Human Services, DHHS                    |
|             | <b>c) Child Welfare Update</b>   |   |
|             | <b>1. General Foster Care Update</b>   |   |
|             | <b>2. Rate Increases to Foster Care and Adoption Rates</b>   |   |
|             | <b>3. Kinship Care Update</b>  |   |
|             | <b>4. Preventative Services</b>  |   |
|             | <b>5. Foster Care Trauma-Informed Assessment</b>   |   |
| <b>V.</b>   | <b>Overview of Child Care in NC</b>  |   |
|             | <b>a) Availability, Access, Star Rating System &amp; Staffing Issues</b>   | <b>Ariel Ford</b> , Director, Division of Child Development and Early Education, DHHS |
|             | <b>1. Availability</b>   |   |
|             | <b>2. NCGA Actions</b>   |   |
|             | <b>3. Innovative Ideas</b>   |   |
|             | <b>4. Star Rating System &amp; Revisions</b>   |   |
|             | <b>5. Staffing</b>   |   |
|             | <b>b) Child Care Funding</b>   |   |
| <b>VI.</b>  | <b>Adjourn</b>   |   |