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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Management Entity Directors
Developmental Day Center Directors
Exceptional Children's Services Directors
Behavioral Health Support Education Liaisons

FROM: Mike Moseley 

RE: Developmental Day Service

As you know, there has been a good deal of discussion over the past two years regarding Developmental Day services and the Developmental Day service definition. Although responsibility for the management and delivery of Early Intervention services has been transferred from the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMHDDSAS) to the Division of Public Health (DPH), responsibility for the Developmental Day service definition continues to reside in this Division. I pledged nearly a year ago, shortly after I was appointed as the Director, that no changes would be made in the Developmental Day service definition without input from all stakeholders, including providers and families of consumers of the service.

The DMHDDSAS has now convened a work group led by Dr. Janice Petersen, leader of our Early Intervention and Prevention Team, with membership from the Department of Public Instruction, and the DHHS Divisions of Child Development, Public Health, and Facility Services to study Developmental Day services (see the attached interdepartmental collaboration chart). The work group will meet initially with just the state agency membership to identify the specific roles and responsibilities of each agency regarding Developmental Day services. Following those organizational meetings, the work group will invite participation from providers, families and other stakeholders. The goal of the work group will be to present a unified plan for provider requirements, any agreed upon changes to the service definition for Developmental Day, and, if appropriate, a transition plan for changes in Developmental Day services.

We will continue to update you on the activities of the work group as it progresses in its task. If you have questions regarding the meetings of the work group or information you believe would be pertinent to its activities, please contact Dr. Janice Petersen at (919) 715-5989 or Janice.Petersen@ncmail.net.

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