



State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee  
 Meeting Minutes April 9, 2025  
 Hybrid Meeting

Committee Members Attendance:				Total Attendance:			
Name	In-Person	Virtual	Absent	Name	In-Person	Virtual	Absent
Jessica Aguilar			x	Gene McLendon			x
Jean Andersen	x			Ashley Snyder Miller	x		
Amie Brendle		x		Lilly Parker			x
Nathan Cartwright			x	Angela- Christine Rainear		x	
Bob Crayton	x			Patty Schaeffer	x		
April DeSelms	x			Annette Smith	x		
Crystal Foster	x			Flo Stein	x		
Domenica "Mamie " Hutnik	x			Johnnie Thomas			x
Jeannie Irby	x			Lorraine Washington	x		
Heather Johnson	x			Brandon Wilson	x		
Dr. Michelle Laws	x						
Attendance:				Total Attendance:			
Name	Staff	Guest	Affiliation	Name	Staff	Guest	Affiliation
Jennifer Meade	x		DMH/DD/SUS	Stacey Harward	x		DMH/DD/SUS
Badia Henderson	X		DMH/DD/SUS	Crystal Dorsey	v		DMH/DD/SUS
Ann Marie Webb	x		DMH/DD/SUS				
<b>Mission:</b> <i>Nothing About Us, Without Us</i>				<b>Vision:</b> <i>A public mental health system that works for everyone.</i>			
Agenda Item/Presenter	Main Topic/Goals:		Action Needed:				
Discussion:							
<b>1. Meeting Convened- Roll Call Completed</b>	9:10 meeting called to order by Brandon Wilson Agenda approved with some minor changes. Motion made to approve the agenda 1 <sup>st</sup> Ms L Washington 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jean - Andersen – approved Motion to approve the March and April minutes – motion made 1 <sup>st</sup> Ms L Washington, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Mamie Hutnik Minutes approved		To listen to the meeting – <a href="#">SCFAC</a> Minutes and PowerPoint to be posted on the SCFAC web page. <a href="#">SCFAC Web</a> Page Minutes to be sent to the committee for approval				



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<p><b>2. Public Comment</b></p>	<p>No one signed up for the public comment. The chair encouraged the public to raise their hand. Public comment for the floor.</p> <p>Pattie S. discussed the COVID funds that had ended; in turn, some programs had been stopped due to the federal cuts. The discussion occurred in April and can be found in the Side by Side recording and in the PowerPoint from Director Crosbie’s presentation.</p> <p>Larry Lindsey stated that he was interested in joining the SCFAC- Brandon Wilson – advised Larry to complete an application that can be found on the SCFAC Web page- but that he is always welcome, and he could join one of the subcommittees if he chooses to.</p> <p>Syria Jones – Mason County – wanted to discuss her daughter's Care management- 1915 waiver, you have to be 18 years of age- a lot of youth are DX with autism early in life and would benefit from services before the age of 18. Parents are not allowed to be their children's caregivers until they are 18 years of age. For the youth to get Community living support, the child has to be 18. This is an area that needs to be looked at so that Parents can be their legal caregiver</p> <p>Angela Christin provided some information from her experience as a parent, and then after her child became 18, she started her agency so that she was able to provide care.</p> <p>Dr Glenn Johnson_ are there any resources for individuals who are homeless with a TBI or mental health issues?</p>	<p>Public Comment Link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/NLzm1gckte">https://forms.office.com/g/NLzm1gckte</a></p>
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3.	<b>SCFAC Annual Report Brandon Wilson and the committee</b>	<p>A review of this year's annual report for 24-25 was provided by Brandon Wilson, Chair of the SCFAC. The report was provided to the subject matter experts of the Division. Explained the reason behind presenting the annual report in May and not in June is that there are still budget discussions that are happening in the Legislature, and if the SCFAC would like to provide some influence, the following are the recommendations that are being made in this year's report:</p> <p>The General Assembly Recommendation:</p> <p>Recommendation 1: Enhancing Funding &amp; Policy for Behavioral Health Crisis Services</p> <p>Recommendation 2: Increase in DSP Wages across health services sectors</p> <p>Recommendation 3a: Sustain and Strengthen Healthy Opportunities Pilots</p> <p>Recommendation 3b: Expand the HOP Program Statewide with Scalable Infrastructure</p> <p>NCDHHS Recommendations</p> <p>Recommendation 4: Mental Health Parity</p> <p>Recommendation 5: Increase specialized rehabilitative visits</p> <p>Recommendation 6: Enhancing the Veterans Support Specialist training curriculum</p> <p>Recommendation 7: Bilingual Support Infrastructure</p> <p>Recommendation 8: Expanding Access to the Clubhouse Model for individuals with SPMI</p>	Annual Report to be posted on the SCFAC Web Page
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		<p>Joint Recommendations (General Assembly and NCDHHS)</p> <p>Recommendation 9: Increased Resources for Housing Interventions</p> <p>Recommendation 10: Support the Expansion of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Statewide</p> <p>Recommendation 11: Increase Innovations Waiver Slots</p>	
<p><b>A</b></p>	<p><b>DMH Update</b>  <b>Director Kelly Crosbie</b>  <b>Department of</b>  <b>MH/SUS/DD</b></p>	<p>Director Crosbie thanked the SCFAC for all their hard work on the SCFAC Annual report, stating that she felt that the Division and SCFAC are well in line with each other. Is looking forward to providing a formal response.</p> <p>Dashboards and website improvements continue. In July, we will provide a walk-through of the changes and improvements made in the Side by Side.</p> <p>Working on assuring that all DSS offices, Schools, and pediatricians have hard copies of all the new material that has been developed concerning the Innovations Waiver, IOPS,</p> <p>We have the documents online, which allow you to make your copies and share them with your community.</p> <p>We have worked to improve the area where we share all the data, making it more user-friendly and making sure that it is all updated.</p>	<p>To hear his complete recording, <a href="#">SCFAC Web</a> page</p> <p>PowerPoint and a complete recording of the meeting are posted on the <a href="#">SCFAC Web</a> page</p> <p><a href="#">Dashboards   NC Medicaid</a></p>



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Direct Support Professional Incentive grants – first round, we awarded 140, and now we are in round 2 and hope to have a great response to that application process.

We continue to work on our Strategic plan – we are in the planning phase on how we are going to use the block grant funds for the next couple of years.

We continue to wait to see what the federal government is going to do before we move forward with some of our projects. Mental Health Block Grant, Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, Recovery Block Grant, and our State Opioid Response Grants- looking at how to reshape and use the funds to meet our goals in the Strategic plan and recommendations that the SCFAC has brought forward.

Legislation is still working on the budget; the House budget should be coming out tonight. There is a proposed 40 million cut in Medicaid, which will be a huge cut. We can not lose that amount of funds; we still have a lot of uninsured people. A 40 million dollar cut would affect the programs that we are trying to push forward.

As always, we feel that your voice is always the strongest

Question – The Committee would like to know when they will be able to meet the new Secretary-Director, Crosbie, stated that she provided him with the names of the most important groups, and as always, the SCFAC is at the top of the list. Will be checking and see if she can make the meet and greet happen.



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<p>5.</p>	<p><b>DHB Update</b>  <b>LaCosta Parke</b>  <b>Gregg Daniels</b>  <b>Associate Director of Behavioral Health</b></p>	<p>Provided updates on TBI waiver, CAT-DA, and CAT-CA, dashboard enhancements, LTSS Department, and Mental Health Parity.</p> <p>TBI Waiver- Concept paper. we received a response to the paper, and we have formulated our response to those. At this time, that report is sitting with ELT for final review, and once that occurs, we will post it on the website. We continue to have the TBI point of contact calls, and we continue to have the TBI expansion advisory committee meetings. ( monthly meetings)</p> <p>Cap-DA - CMS has approved the waiver and effective period of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2029. Currently, there is a waiting list for Cap DA – individuals on the waiting list are provided options for counseling to link to other long-term support services.</p> <p>CAP- CA does not have a waiting list- we have some updates on the dashboard enhancements. – We are actively working on it, and it is in about the same place as the TBI dashboard. –</p>	<p>PowerPoint and a complete recording of the meeting are posted on the <a href="#">SCFAC Web</a> page --</p> <p>Question – How many are on the waitlist for CAP-DA? They will have to bring that information back.</p> <p>Training on IPV (Interpersonal Violence)          And IDD – There is supposed to be training for all staff starting in June – do you know if that training was completed for all.</p> <p>Slides from the last waiver advisory meeting, can you get those released and sent out? - Believed they had been sent but will check</p>



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		<p>Both are in the final stages. Once it clears this phase, we will take it into the governance process. We are on track to roll out the dashboard as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>PDN Dashboard- DHB is currently building an LTSS dashboard that will have PDN data incorporated, and the dashboard is expected by the end of the week.</p> <p>TPSP Key indicators dashboard – this has been created to measure Key indicators of the integrated care in both standard and tailored plans. The dashboard will be on the Medicaid quality home page. you will be able to find the 1915i utilization dashboard – actively working on the second phase – submitted the request and are working on the development or crafting of that particular dashboard.</p> <p>LTSS would like to invite you to the 2025 LTSS Forum that will be taking place June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 2-day statewide forum and is a premier opportunity to connect with the TSS providers, advocates, stakeholders, and thought leaders in NC. You can register at the 2025 Medicaid Forum</p> <p>Mental Health Parity- we have posted both the TP and SP parity reports- these reports involve the identification and analysis of limitations on all mental health, substance use, and Medical and surgical benefits to our members. After the review of the reports that have been submitted to CMS on April 1<sup>st</sup>, the state will comply with parity regulations..</p> <p>1915i- we are currently finalizing a 1915i survey that will be going to individuals and families – this is to gain understanding around individual and family satisfaction with</p>	
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		<p>1915i services.- We are planning to have a 1915i focus group to get feedback from individuals and families about their experiences, barriers they continue to have in accessing 1915i, utilizing 1915i – the whole 1015i process and services.</p> <p>Jay Ladlum – Deputy Secretary of Medicaid -dropped in to provide you with and environmental scan of whats happrrning at the national levels is also whate happening at the loval levels – so a couple of weeks ago the senate released it proposed budget the Governor released his budget about six weeks ago the house should release their budget tonight- if the budgets go through as written there would not be funds for recommendations for direct care workforce or behavioral health IDD. ( Innovations waiver) Depending on how the State budget turns out will assist us in moving forward.</p> <p>Discussed Changes to areas in Medicaid that will affect how people are approved and what they will need to do to stay qualified, ie, if they can, they will need to actively be trying to get a job or in a class to learn a trade, or they will need to be doing community services.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Nominating committee</b> Lorine Washington</p>	<p>Ms Washington provided a brief discussion of the process of how they came up with the nominations- Dr Laws for chair and Amie Brendle for co-chair. Angela Christine Rainear asks about nominating from the floor, and Ms Washington explained the process of nominating from the floor.</p>	<p>Stacey is to develop ballots for the voting at the June meeting</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>By law discussion</b> Bob Crayton</p>	<p>Discussing Bylaws: reintroducing a code of conduct, Addendum A</p>	<p>Closed session will need to be looked into and brought back to the SCFAC</p>



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Discussion of what the punitive measure could be taken if someone does not follow the code of conduct. 1 Chair and or co-chair will discuss with the person who is not following the code of conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will write a letter to the appointing authority to have a follow-up discussion and, if need be, remove from the committee. Motion made to adopt the addendum. A motion made by: 1st Crystal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms Washington - motion passed. Discussion continued, and then the committee decided to table the code of conduct until a later date.

Definition of a family member – brought up for discussion concerning the Motion made that the SCFAC adopt that a family member is defined as a family member who has direct lived experience and supports or advocates for consumers of services and should be able to represent the family perspective within the advisory and policy-making process. 1<sup>st</sup> by Crystal Foster and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Andersen. Motion-based with one nay Angela Christin Rainear

Next item is to add ( ) to section 6, line 6 ( see code of conduct), line 16 ( see addendum), line 32, add Membership committee as an ad hoc committee

Subcommittees discussed Charters of subcommittees to be standardized and adding them to the document ( for all required subcommittees), which was tabled

Annual review of the Bylaws and signing of the attestation and conflict of interest forms recommended- Changes to the Bylaws and /or Code of Conduct would trigger a re-signing of the forms.

Removal officers/members: only the appointing Authority can remove members; the committee can recommend removal for Code of Conduct violation by 2/3 vote

The committee would like to review the applications and see if there are any updates that need to be made.

Attestation will need to be developed



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The committee decided to table all the by-law changes and will readdress in the new year.

8. **Meeting Adjourned**

Ended at 3:00 pm – motion made 1<sup>st</sup> Jean Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Patty Schieffer

PowerPoint can be found on the [SCFAC Page.](#)

Links to the meeting to watch. :

SCFAC web page link: [State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee | NCDHHS](#)

**2025 Meeting Dates: Second Wednesday of Every Month**

<b>May 14, 2025</b>	<b>June 11, 2025</b>	
<b>July 9, 2025</b>	<b>August 13, 2025</b>	<b>September 10, 2025</b>

**Meeting Link:** <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdeCvqzggHjnU0fZtd1KAyUVavCmeATs>

**Participants must register for the meeting before the meeting.**