

Partner	Areas of Focus	DHHS and Partner Website links (if applicable)	Purpose of Partnership	NCDHHS Division	Assigned Lead	Contact Information	Frequency of Meeting
North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC)	County Operations; Medicaid Expansion	North Carolina Association of County Commissioners	NCACC provides information to and consults with DHHS on important issues impacting all 100 NC counties. The Association and DHHS' focus is to improve and strengthen the capacity and delivery of effective services, explore joint legislation, funding needs, etc. These are administrative meetings.	Division of Social Services	Susan Osborne	Susan.Osborne@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDS) County DSS Child Welfare Unified Leadership Team	Child and Family Well-Being	Not Available	The goal of changes to the Child welfare system in North Carolina is to create a system focused on the unique needs of children and families, which is trauma-informed, family-centered, and puts safety first. The Unified Leadership Team is made up of state and local Child Welfare staff with a purpose to consistently meet outcomes related to the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and to build and support a stable, effective child welfare workforce in North Carolina.	Division of Social Services	Lisa Cauley	Lisa.Cauley@dhhs.nc.gov	Biweekly
Strong Able Youth Speaking Out (SaySo)	Youth Engagement/ Advocacy and Behavioral Health and Resilience	SaySo Homepage	DHHS meets with this youth driven advocacy organization for youth ages 14-24 to work to improve the "substitute care system", identify needed changes, and make sure the voice of people with lived experience influences policy and operational decisions.	Division of Social Services	Shirley Williams	Shirley.Williams@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
North Carolina Association of County Departments of Social Services (NCACDSS)	Medicaid Expansion County Operations	NCACDSS – NC Association of County Departments of Social Services	Provides information to and consults with DHHS on issues that impact all 100 NC counties. The Association collaborates with DHHS to improve and strengthen the capacity and delivery of effective services. DHHS engages with county DSS directors, other DSS leaders and association leadership through 100 county calls, regional and statewide meetings. These are administrative meetings.	Division of Social Services	Susan Osborne	Susan.Osborne@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Youth Villages' LifeSet Program	Independent Living Skills & Behavioral Health	Youth Villages LifeSet Program	DHHS collaborates with Youth Villages' to ensure LifeSet, their program targeting transition age youth, is accessible to as many young adults across the state as possible. They support individuals through case management and direct independent living skill coaching.	Division of Social Services	Shirley Williams	Shirley.Williams@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Foster Care to Success	Education Training Voucher (ETV) & NC Reach Program	Foster Care to Success Homepage	Provides program and funding oversight for postsecondary education federal funding for ETV, and state funding for NC Reach program. Also, provides and maintains the online application hub for both programs; and provides case management for students.	Division of Social Services	Shirley Williams	Shirley.Williams@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Child and Family Well-Being of EBCI members	Eastern Band of Cherokee – Official Government Website (ebci.com)	Collaborative partnership with NCDHHS on policy decisions and issues to improve services and support available to EBCI members.	Division of Child and Family Well-Being, Division of Public Health, Division of Health Benefits	Madhu Vulimiri Cynthia Ervin	Madhu.Vulimiri@dhhs.nc.gov Cynthia.Ervin@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
NC Advocates	Child and Family Well-Being - FNS	Not Available	Provides information to and consults with NCDHHS on issues that impact beneficiaries in all 100 NC counties. The Advocacy Group consist of legal professionals that help every North Carolina resident, especially those in deep poverty and in need of access to government assistance such as FNS. As, the group helps to expand FNS' reach and improve delivery of effective services to the beneficiary	Division of Child and Family Well-Being (DCFV)	Cynthia Ervin	Cynthia.Ervin@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly

DSS Directors Association (includes directors who represent rural counties/perspectives)	Child and Family Well-Being	NACDSS Homepage	Provides information to and consults with NCDHHS on issues that impact all 100 NC counties. The Association collaborates with DCFW to improve and strengthen the capacity and delivery of effective services, explore joint legislation, funding needs, etc. These are administrative meetings.	Division of Child and Family Well-Being (DCFW)	Cynthia Ervin	Cynthia.Ervin@dhhs.nc.gov	Bi-Monthly
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Directors (includes directors who represent rural counties/perspectives)	Child and Family Well-Being	Not Available	A forum dedicated to offering local NC WIC Directors and staff education, guidance, collaborative opportunities, and support aimed at ensuring the well-being of low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to the age of 5.	Division of Child and Family Well-Being	Mary Anne Burghardt	Maryanne.Burghardt@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
NC System of Care (NC SOC)	Child and Family Well-Being Behavioral Health	NC System of Care	NC SOC provides technical assistance to NC's network of 92 SOC Community Collaboratives. A system of care is a comprehensive network of community-based services and supports organized to address/discuss the needs of families who are involved with multiple child service agencies, such as child welfare, mental health, schools, juvenile justice and health care. Interagency collaboration brings together child and family-serving agencies from the public, private, and faith-based sectors. Discussions focus on standardization of processes and how the system can work better to serve NC's youth.	Division of Child and Family Well-Being	Hayley Bayne	Hayley.Bayne@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly outgoing statewide call; Weekly Office Hours; Workshops; Individual TA for collaboratives
The North Carolina State Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families (grassroots community advisory group)	Child and Family Well-Being, Behavioral Health	Community Collaboratives - NC Collaborative	The North Carolina State Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families provides a forum for collaboration, advocacy and action among families, public and private child and family serving agencies and community partners to improve outcomes for all children, youth and families.	Division of Child and Family Well-Being, A Partner of NC SOC	Stacie Forrest	Stacie.Forrest@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
NC Whole Child Health Advisory Committee	Child and Family Well-Being, Behavioral Health	Not Available	State agencies and partners coordinate so that all children thrive in a nurturing environment and have the resources and supports they need, provided the way they need them, and when they need them. This group identifies and reviews the challenges of at-risk school-aged populations such as poverty, safety, health, and other nonacademic barriers. This group makes recommendations to the State Board of Education, other state agencies, and education stakeholder groups as to how best facilitate access for all public school children to receive the opportunity for a sound basic education.	Division of Child and Family Well-Being	Anne Odusanya	Anne.Odusanya@dhhs.nc.gov	Bi-monthly

NC Child Care Commission	Child Care Rulemaking	DCDEE Child Care Commission	The NC Child Care Commission is responsible for adopting rules to implement the child care laws established by the NC General Assembly.	Division of Child Development and Early Education	Ariel Ford – DCDEE Division Director	Ariel.Ford@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Yay Babies	Early Childhood - Homelessness	Not Available	Policy recommendations for children birth to five experiencing homelessness.	Division of Child Development and Early Education	Laura Hewitt	Laura.Hewitt@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Think Babies NC Alliance	Early Childhood – Infants & Toddlers	Think Babies NC Alliance	Policy recommendations for Infants and Toddlers, families and the child care workforce.	Division of Child Development and Early Education	Ariel Ford – DCDEE Division Director	Ariel.Ford@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
NC Association of Developmental Day Directors	Early Childhood – Early Intervention	Not Available	Child care rulemaking and policy recommendations for children with disabilities enrolled in licensed child care programs.	Division of Child Development and Early Education	Nicole Boone	Nicole.Boone@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly

Early Well Initiative	Early Childhood – Social and Emotional Health	Early Well Initiative	Policy recommendations around the social-emotional health and wellbeing of infants, toddlers and young children throughout NC.	Division of Child Development and Early Education	Julie Peck	Julie.Peck@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Integrating Healthy Opportunities for (HOPE)	Early Childhood – Physical Health and Nutrition	HOPE	Child care rulemaking and policy recommendations around healthy eating and physical activity	Division of Child Development and Early Education	Ariel Ford	Ariel.Ford@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
NC Pre-K State Advisory Committee	Early Childhood -	Not Available	Policy recommendations for the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program	Division of Child Development and Early Education	Janessa Nieves	Janessa.Nieves@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Subsidy Advisory Committee	Early Childhood – Child Care Subsidy	Not Available	Policy recommendations for the Child Care Subsidy Program	Division of Child Development and Early Education	Elizabeth Hayes	Elizabeth.Hayes@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly

Social Security Administration/Atlanta Regional Office	Child and Family Well-Being	Not Available	Weekly we meet to identify strengths and opportunities in our process to adjudicate Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) applications.	Division of Disability Determination Services	Jacqueline Russell	Jacqueline.Russell@ssa.gov	Biweekly
North Carolina Division of Health Benefits (DHB)	Child and Family Well-Being	Not Available	Quarterly we meet to identify strengths and opportunities in our process to adjudicate Medicaid Disability Insurance applications.	Division of Disability Determination Services	Geneva Johnson	Geneva.johnson@ssa.gov	
State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (SCFAC)	MH/SU/IDD/TBI (people with lived experience)	State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee NCDHHS	The State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (SCFAC) advises the Department and the General Assembly on the planning and management of the State's public mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use disorder, and traumatic brain injury services system. These meetings are open to the public.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Jennifer Meade	Jennifer.Meade@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Providers/Provider Associations	Behavioral Health	Not Available	This is a collaborative meeting where DMH/DD/SUS shares policy ideas with providers for their input. Plans for new investments in crisis, justice, and the BH workforce are routinely discussed with this group.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Charles Rousseau	charles.rousseau@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Brain Injury Advisory Committee (BAIC)	Behavioral Health	Not Available	The BAIC promotes interagency coordination, studies the needs of individuals with TBI, and makes recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and DHHS Secretary regarding the planning, development, funding, and implementation of a statewide service delivery system for TBI.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Scott Pokorny	Scott.Pokorny@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
North Carolina Healthcare Association (NCHA)	Behavioral Health	Home - NCHA	This is a collaborative meeting where DMH/DD/SUS shares policy ideas with the North Carolina Healthcare Association's Behavioral Health workgroup. Plans for new investments in crisis, justice, and the BH workforce are routinely discussed with this group, as well as operational issues impacting hospitals.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services Division of Health Benefits	Charles Rousseau	charles.rousseau@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly

Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCOs) Chief Executive Officers	Behavioral Health	NC DHHS: LME/MCO Directory	DHHS meets routinely with LME/MCOs CEOs and their key staff members to discuss systemic and operational issues which impact the public system, all LME/MCOs and the people they support. These are administrative meetings.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Lisa Jackson	Lisa.Jackson@dhhs.nc.gov	Bi-weekly
Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCOs) Clinical Leadership Meeting	Behavioral Health	NC DHHS: LME/MCO Directory	This is a collaborative meeting where DMH/DD/SUS shares policy ideas with LME/MCO Clinical Leadership. Plans for new investments in crisis, justice, and the BH workforce are routinely discussed with this group, as well as operational issues impacting policy and programs.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Saarah Waleed	Saarah.Waleed@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Commission on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Services (MHDDSUS)	Behavioral Health	North Carolina Commission for MH/IDD/SU Homepage	The Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (Commission) mission is to promote excellence in prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programs for persons with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders in North Carolina. The Commission has the authority to adopt, amend and repeal rules to be used in the implementation of state and local mental health, developmental disability and substance use service programs. Commission meetings are open to the public.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Denise Baker	Denise.Baker@dhhs.nc.gov	Twice Quarterly
988 Coalition	Behavioral Health, Crisis Services	Not Available	This is a collaborative meeting that includes the NC 988 Call Center, crisis providers, and community stakeholders/advocates. Discussions focus on 988 updates and coordination as well as plans for new investments and pilot projects.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Lisa DeCiantis	Lisa.Deciantis@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Side-By-Side	MH/IDD/SU/TBI	Register for Side By Side	This is an information-sharing webinar hosted by DMH/DD/SUS. We invite the broader public, including consumers, family members, advisory groups, LME/MCOs, community members, and partner organizations, to learn about policies and programs that affect the MH/IDD/SU/TBI community. Webinars are intended to keep the public informed about updates from DHHS while sharing policy/programmatic ideas, especially in areas of new investment including crisis, justice, child behavioral health, direct support professionals, and peer support specialists.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Charles Rousseau	charles.rousseau@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCOs) CIE Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)	Behavioral Health	NC DHHS: LME/MCO Directory	DHHS engages with LME/MCOs SMEs CEOs to discuss systemic, clinical, policy and operational issues which impact the public system, all LME/MCOs and the people they support. These are administrative meetings.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Ginger Yarbrough	Ginger.Yarbrough@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Local Consumer and Family Advisory Committees (CFACs)	MH/SU/IDD/TBI (people with lived experience)	Local Consumer and Family Advisory Committees NCDHHS	The Consumer and Family Advisory Committees (CFACs) make planning and management recommendations for the DMH/DD/SUS/TBI system. CFACs are required for and supported by each LME/MCO. Membership consists of adults and family members of individuals who receive our services. These meetings are open to the public.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Jennifer Meade	Jennifer.Meade@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly or Bi-Monthly

Peer Support Workforce Advisory Committee	Behavioral Health	Register for the advisory committee here	This committee discusses ways to strengthen the behavioral health workforce with a specific focus on the role of peer support specialists. Members will share ideas, provide feedback, and help DMH/DD/SUS leadership develop strategic priorities to improve our behavioral health workforce.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Ann Marie Webb	Annmarie.webb@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Direct Support Professional Workforce Advisory Committee	Behavioral Health	Register for the advisory committee here	This committee discusses ways to strengthen the behavioral health workforce with a specific focus on the role of direct support professionals. Members will share ideas, provide feedback, and help DMH/DD/SUS leadership develop strategic priorities to improve our workforce supporting people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injuries.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Tina Barrett	tina.l.barrett@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Justice System Advisory Committee	Behavioral Health	Register for the advisory committee here	This committee discusses ways to strengthen supports for justice-involved individuals specific to new behavioral health investments. Members will share ideas, provide feedback, and help DMH/DD/SUS leadership develop strategic priorities to improve services and supports, including re-entry, deflection, and diversion programs.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Stella Bailey	stella.bailey@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Crisis System Advisory Committee	Behavioral Health	Register for the advisory committee here	This committee discusses ways to strengthen the system of crisis services for North Carolinians specific to new behavioral health investments. Members will share ideas, provide feedback, and help DMH/DD/SUS leadership develop strategic priorities to improve our crisis system.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Lisa DeCiantis	Lisa.Deciantis@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Child Behavioral Health Advisory Committee	Behavioral Health	Register for the advisory committee here	This committee discusses ways to improve child behavioral health specific to new behavioral health investments. Members will share ideas, provide feedback, and help DMH/DD/SUS leadership develop strategic priorities to improve our system of services and supports for children and families.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Kelly Shusko	kelly.shusko@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Brain Injury Advisory Council	Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	Brain Injury Advisory Council NCDHHS	This council serves to advise DMH/DD/SUS on policies and programs related to Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs).	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Scott Pokorny	Scott.Pokorny@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
WorkTogether NC	Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)	WorkTogether NC	This advisory committee serves to advise DMH/DD/SUS on the development of CIE related strategic plan work, programs, and provider initiatives.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Claire Colligan	claire.colligan@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Inclusion Connects Advisory Committee (ICAC)	Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)	N/A	This advisory committee serves to advise DMH/DD/SUS on policy and programs related to transitions, housing, Direct Support Professional workforce, and access to services.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services	Tina Barrett	tina.l.barrett@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Human Rights Committee	Behavioral Health	NC DHHS: Patient's/Resident's Rights	Human Rights Committees in each facility are appointed by DHHS Secretary and work to protect the rights of the people being served by the facility. These committees consider confidential consumer information. The meeting has open and closed sessions. - The Advocates support the mission of these Human Rights Committees by providing information related to the protection of patients'/residents' rights. - The Advocates are available to follow-up on any matters that are of concern to the Human Rights Committees.	Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities	Paula Appel	Paula.Appel@dhhs.nc.gov	Varies by facility type from 6-10 annual meetings

NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Health Equity and Language Access	NC DHHS: Councils and Commissions	The North Carolina Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing advises DHHS and the Department of Public Instruction on matters pertaining to services provided to deaf and hard of hearing individuals and their families. All meetings are open to the public.	Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Jan Withers	Carolyn.Cowan@dhhs.nc.gov Executive Assistant	Quarterly
NC Medicaid Ombudsman (NCMO)	Medicaid Beneficiary support	NC Medicaid Ombudsman – Your Advocate for Quality Care	DHB collaborates with the Ombudsman to help North Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries understand the Medicaid program and changes happening related to NC Medicaid's move to Managed Care. DHB and the Ombudsman discuss trends, opportunities for system improvement and with informed consent specific follow up needed on individual matters. These are administrative meetings however the Medicaid Ombudsman may be contacted at 1-877-201-3750.	Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid)	LaQuana Palmer	Laquana.Palmer@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Advanced Medical Home (AMH) Technical Advisory Group	Advanced Medical Homes/Care Management	Advanced Medical Home (AMH) Technical Advisory Group NC Medicaid (ncdhhs.gov)	The AMH TAG advise and inform NC Medicaid on key aspects of the design and evolution of the Advanced Medical Home (AMH) program, Medicaid established a Technical Advisory Group (TAG). The AMH TAG has 15 members, including members of all the Standard Plan Prepaid Health Plans (PHPs) and a diversity of providers participating in the AMH program.	Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid)	Kristen Dubay	Kristen.Dubay@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Tailored Care Management Technical Advisory Group	Tailored Care Management	Tailored Care Management Technical Advisory Group (TAG) NC Medicaid (ncdhhs.gov)	The Tailored Care Management Technical Advisory Group (TAG) advises and informs the Department on key aspects of the design, implementation, and evolution of Tailored Care Management. The TAG is the primary venue for dialogue among providers, Tailored Plans, consumers/ families/guardians, the Department, and other key stakeholders for evolution of the Tailored Care Management program.	Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid)	Kristen Dubay	Kristen.Dubay@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)	Medicaid Policy, Administration	Medical Care Advisory Committee NC Medicaid (ncdhhs.gov)	The Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) advises about health and medical care services that may be covered by NC's Medicaid programs. The MCAC advises the state about issues such as revisions to existing policies, policy development and methods of assessing the quality of care for NC Medicaid. Note: The MCAC is advisory and does not set policy. The meeting is open to the public.	Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid)	Ericka Johnson / Pam Beatty	Ericka.Johnson@dhhs.nc.gov Pamela.beatty@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
NC Association of Local Health Directors (NCALHD)	Public/Population Health	Home Page NCALHD	DHHS collaborates with local health department directors on ways to promote health, prevent disease, protect the environment in order to ensure the public's health in North Carolina operates efficiently and addresses the needs of our citizens. These are administrative meetings.	Division of Public Health	Stacie Turpin Saunders	Stacie.Turpinsaunders@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
NC State Health Improvement Plan (NCSHIP) Community Council	Public/Population Health	NC SCHS: Local Data Analysis and Support (ncdhhs.gov)	The Community Council is comprised of partners across government, non-profit and faith-based organizations, business, community members, philanthropy, and academia. 18 multisectoral workgroups come together annually identify policies and programs that address issues identified in <i>Healthy North Carolina 2030</i> .	Division of Public Health	Ashley Rink	Ashley.Rink@dhhs.nc.gov	Annual, but workgroups meet more frequently

NC Nurses Association (NCNA)	Other	Home - North Carolina Nurses Association (incurses.org)	DPH consults with the NCNA a leading professional organization for NC's registered nurses to address opportunities to ensure nurses thrive in an ever-changing healthcare environment; and to discuss practice, policy and other shared issues of concern.	Division of Public Health	Susan Little	Susan.Little@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
NC Perinatal Health Equity Collective	Child and Family Well-Being Women, Infant, & Community Wellness	DHHS: DPH: WICWS: Perinatal Health Strategic Plan: Join the Collective and Stay Connected (ncdhhs.gov)	DPH brings together more than 100 stakeholders from across the state to develop the NC Perinatal Health Strategic Plan (PHSP) which continues to work with public, nonprofit, and private partners to implement the plan and assess progress.	Division of Public Health	Belinda Pettiford	Belinda.Pettiford@dhhs.nc.gov	Bi-Monthly
HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Advisory Committee (HPCAC)	Other	Communicable Disease Programs: HIV: NC HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Advisory Committee (HPCAC) (ncdhhs.gov)	The purpose of the HIV/STD Prevention and Care Advisory Committee is to provide advice, support and communication regarding HIV/STD prevention, care and housing issues to the HIV/STD Prevention and Care Unit and the community at large. HPCAC is made up of 33 members representing each of the Regional Networks of Care and Prevention and four at large members. All members serve two year terms.	Division of Public Health	Pete Moore	Pete.Moore@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Tuberculosis (TB) Medical Advisory Committee	Other	NC DPH: Partners in N.C. Tuberculosis Control (ncdhhs.gov)	This group provides input for state TB Control program policy development. Advisory Committee members include healthcare professionals from local health departments, medical centers, teaching institutions, clinics, and Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) from across the state, as well as physicians with a special interest in tuberculosis.	Division of Public Health	Jason Stout, MD	Jason.Stout@duke.edu	N/A
Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Program Advisory Group	Other	NC DPH: State Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Prevention Plan (ncdhhs.gov)	Stakeholders from government, healthcare institutions, infection prevention organizations, healthcare quality organizations, and the public direct the establishment of a plan for prevention of HAI and serve as consultants to DPH in the implementation of HAI activities, including surveillance, reporting, education, and outbreak response.	Division of Public Health	Megan Davies	Megan.Davies@dhhs.nc.gov	Semi-Annually
Newborn Screening Advisory Committee	Other	Not Available	The NC Newborn Screening Advisory Committee was created for the purpose of collaborating with partners in North Carolina's NBS Program to enhance and develop the newborn screening service.	Division of Public Health	Kimberly Blake, MPH	Kimberly.Blake@dhhs.nc.gov	N/A
Food Safety Advisory Committee (FSAC)	Other	Not Available	Food Safety Advisory Committee (FSAC), serves as a collaborative partner to aid the food industry in comprehending laws, regulations, and their underlying rationale. FSAC includes state and local regulators, academia, and industry food experts who meet quarterly to share updates, engage in topic discussion and work together to keep our food supply safe in North Carolina. The primary objective of the committee is to foster collaboration, engagement, and comprehension between State government and the food industry.	Division of Public Health	Shane Smith	Shane.Smith@dhhs.nc.gov	N/A

NC Environmental Public Health Tracking Program Advisory Committee	Health Equity	NCDHHS: DPH: Epidemiology: OEE: Environmental Health Data Dashboard	This group aims to empower communities by providing data and context to inform data driven policies, funding, and solutions to build a healthier and more equitable environment for all North Carolinians. This is done by providing a central hub of environmental health (EH) and climate data to the public, monitoring EH and climate indicators over time, map resources to strengthen community resilience, examine community characteristics and vulnerabilities, report findings, collaborate with community, government, and research partners, and tell NC-specific stories to promote environmental and climate justice through data visualization.	Division of Public Health	Aminah Keys	Aminah.Keys@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Commission for the Blind	Stakeholder Input	Board Details (nc.gov)	The Commission serves in an advisory capacity on issues relating to services for individuals who have disabilities served by the Division of Services for the Blind and adopts rules governing the conduct of the programs administered by the division, inclusive of the Medical Eye Care Program, Independent Living Services Program, Business Enterprises Program, and all programs funded under the Federally funded Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and subsequent amendments. There are 19 members appointed by the governor each serving a three-year term.	Division of Services for the Blind	Cynthia Speight	dsbpartnerengagement@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
North Carolina Council of the Blind	Stakeholder Input	Home - NCCB (nccbinfo.org)	DSB partners with The North Carolina Council of the Blind, whose mission is to promote the full integration and inclusion of persons who are blind or visually impaired into community life and society through its programs and services.	Division of Services for the Blind	Cynthia Speight	Sandi.Owens.MembershipChair@sandi.leisha30@gmail.com	Annually
National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina	Stakeholder Input	NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF NORTH CAROLINA - About Us. (nfbfnorthcarolina.org)	DSB collaborates with the National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina which is the leading advocate for the blind and visually impaired within North Carolina and is an affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind based in Baltimore, Maryland.	Division of Services for the Blind	Cynthia Speight	Sharon.Weddington.President@weddington.sharon@gmail.com	Annually
State Rehabilitation Council Meetings & Public Forums	Strong & Inclusive Workforce	State Rehabilitation Council Meetings NCDHHS	The NC State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) works with the NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) to increase opportunities for competitive integrated employment and community inclusion for North Carolinians with disabilities.	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Kathie Smith	Kathie.Smith@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly/As Needed
North Carolina Assistive Technology Program (NCATP) Grant Advisory Council	Strong & Inclusive Workforce	NCATP Grant Advisory Council NCDHHS	NCATP leads North Carolina's efforts to carry out the federal 21st Century Assistive Technology Act by providing device demonstration, short-term device loans, and reutilization of assistive technology. We promote independence for people with disabilities through access to technology. The Council is made up of individuals and agencies across the state who provide feedback and guidance to the Assistive Technology Act Program.	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Tammy Koger	Tammy.Koger@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
NC AgrAbility Partnership/Leadership Committee	Strong & Inclusive Workforce	NC AgrAbility - Agricultural Resources for Farmers	NC AgrAbility assists farmers or farmworkers struggling mentally or physically to remain in, or Veterans entering into, production agriculture in all 100 North Carolina counties and on tribal lands.	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Tammy Koger	Tammy.Koger@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly

Statewide No Wrong Door Project	Supporting Child & Family Well-being	A No Wrong Door Vision for North Carolina (ncdhhs.gov)	North Carolinians needing long-term services and supports have easy access to information and services that maximize independence, choice, and dignity. The mission of the No Wrong Door initiative is to unify entry into North Carolina's long-term services and supports system and ensure that every individual is on a direct path to receive meaningful assistance that meets their needs.	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Tammy Koger	Tammy.Koger@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Dept of Public Instruction Accessible Educational Material Project (AEM)	Strong & Inclusive Workforce	Accessible Educational Materials NC DPI	Accessible Educational Materials was previously referred to in the IDEA as Accessible Instructional Materials. "Educational materials and technologies are "accessible" to people with disabilities if they are able to "acquire the same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same services" as people who do not have disabilities. As a person with a disability, you must be able to achieve these three goals "in an equally integrated and equally effective manner, with substantially equivalent ease of use" (Joint Letter US Department of Justice and US Department of Education, June 29, 2010)."	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Julie Dutches	Tammy.Koger@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Strong & Inclusive Workforce	NC DHHS: Councils and Commissions	The North Carolina Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing advises the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction on matters pertaining to services provided to deaf and hard of hearing individuals and their families. All meetings are open to the public.	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Kevin Earp	Alice.Farrar@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
All Ages/All Stages Aging State Plan	Supporting Family Well-Being	MPA: All Ages, All Stages NC NCDHHS	"All Ages, All Stages NC: A Roadmap for Aging and Living Well" is North Carolina's multisector plan for aging (MPA). This initiative aims to provide a strategic framework and practical guidelines to ensure that individuals of all ages and stages of life can thrive and age gracefully within the state.	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Tammy Koger	Tammy.Koger@dhhs.nc.gov	
Local Health Department Public Information Officers (PIOs)	Public Health	Not Available	Monthly meeting with Local Health Department PIOs to share information about public health campaigns, resources, and other significant updates that could impact the health and well-being of North Carolinians.	Office of Communications	Heather Strickland	heather.strickland@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
NC Minority Health Providers	Health Equity, Community and Partner Engagement, Social Drivers of Health, Community and Clinical Linkages, Rural Health Needs, Role as Trusted Messengers, Ambassadors, Champions, Community Leadership Advisors	Not Available	Engage minority providers as a valued partner in the development of DHHS programs and services by coordinating technical and programmatic assistance, providing information and referral and soliciting input in support of a shared vision to ensure the health, safety and well-being of residents in North Carolina.	Health Equity Portfolio	Michael Leach	Michael.A.Leach@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Primary Care Advisory Committee (NCCHCA, LHDs, Free and Charitable Clinics, Rural Health Clinics, NCHA rural hospitals, NC School Based Health Centers)	Health Equity	Not Available	The Primary Care Advisory Committee develops an objective and equitable process for grading applications for grants funded under the Community Health Grant Program and development of a standardized method for grant recipients to report objectives and measurable quality health outcomes.	Office of Rural Health	Maggie Sauer	Maggie.Sauer@dhhs.nc.gov	Regular Meetings

Farmworker Health Program/Co-Governance Board	Health Equity, Policy	NC Farmworker Health Program – Working to improve the health of migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families (ncdhhs.gov)	The Farmworker Health Program/Co-Governance Board provides oversight, guidance, and support for the North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP), a statewide Migrant Health Voucher Program within the North Carolina Office of Rural Health. As opposed to a free-standing health center, NCFHP works with local agencies to provide care throughout the state with a focus on geographical areas with high densities of farmworkers. NCFHP responds to gaps in health care that would otherwise prevent farmworkers from accessing needed care. The board is made up of those who work closely with the agricultural population or have an area of expertise that contributes to the program's success. The board fills the governing requirements for the program and is not open to the public.	Office of Rural Health	Elizabeth Freeman	Elizabeth.Freeman@dhhs.nc.gov	N/A
Department of Information Technology - Digital Equity and Learning	Digital equity for patients to access care through telehealth, telehealth program and strategy	Digital Equity Plan nc broadband.gov	To increase support to NC communities re: broadband access to access health, jobs, education opportunities. Participated in the Digital Equity Plan and providing technical assistance for telehealth in rural and underserved communities.	Office of Rural Health	Eric Bell	eric.bell@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
NCHA, UNC Sheps Center, Evergreen Associates, ORH	Access to rural health, critical access hospitals and rural health clinics	NC Rural Health Research Program - Sheps Center (unc.edu)	To develop programs to support the fiscal health and management of rural hospitals and rural health clinics. The group provides quarterly meetings with the hospitals and rural health programs. The planning group meets monthly.	Office of Rural Health	Nick Galvez	nick.galvez@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Community Health Worker (CHW) Partner Group	Discuss CHW issues and opportunities across the state: currently funded programs, payment strategy, best practices	Home - NCCHWA - North Carolina Community Health Workers Association	To support CHWs statewide, review national, state and local trends for this workforce. Share best practices and provide feedback for DHHS and other partners.	Office of Rural Health	Moneka Midgette	moneka.midgette@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
Minority Health Advisory Council	Health Equity, Policy, Community and Partner Engagements, Social Drivers of Health, Cultural Competency, Communication Equity, Populations and Communities Historically Marginalized (HMPs), Rural Health Needs, Community and Clinical Linkages	NC Minority Health Advisory Council NCDHHS	The 15-member Council (consisting of legislators, community leaders, and health and human services professionals from across the state) has the following duties and responsibilities in service of racial/ethnic minority communities: - Advise and make recommendations to the Governor and Secretary of Health and Human Services - Identify limitations associated with existing laws, regulations, programs, and services - Examine the financing of and access to health services - Identify and review health promotion and disease prevention strategies - Support policies and legislation to improve accessibility and delivery of health services. The meetings are open to the public	Office of Health Equity	Ava Hardiman; Portia Pope	Ava.Hardiman@dhhs.nc.gov ; Portia.D.Pope@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly

<p>NC Minority Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)</p>	<p>Chronic Disease/Diabetes, Health Equity, Social Drivers of Health, Healthy Living, Chronic Kidney Disease, Populations Historically Marginalized (HMPs), Community and Partner Engagement, Rural Health Needs, Community and Clinical Linkages</p>	<p>NC Minority Diabetes Prevention Program</p>	<p>This is a statewide program and network that consists of local health departments and community-based groups working together to reduce diabetes incidence and mortality across North Carolina. This program and partners work to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities related to Diabetes prevention, management and healthy living. It also serves to meet communities where they are with unique needs (i.e., racial/ethnic groups, LGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities etc.) MDPP is composed of three main components: 1. Community screenings for prediabetes and region-specific targeted marketing campaigns in minority communities promoting prediabetes and diabetes awareness, 2. 12-month NC MDPP Lifestyle Class Series in minority communities, 3. Community conversations to minority communities across North Carolina.</p>	<p>Office of Health Equity</p>	<p>Portia Pope; Tatiana Moore</p>	<p>Portia.D.Pope@dhhs.nc.gov; Tatiana.Moore@dhhs.nc.gov</p>	<p>Monthly</p>
<p>HMP Connections Network</p>	<p>Health Equity, Social Drivers of Health, Populations Historically Marginalized (HMPs), Community and Partner Engagement, Medicaid Expansion, Rural Health Disparity Needs, Community and Clinical Linkages, Cultural Competency, Communication Equity, COVID, RSV, MPOX, Chronic Disease, behavioral health, children and families, violence and injury prevention, and much more.</p>	<p>Office of Health Equity NCDHHS</p>	<p>This is a statewide Network that focuses on whole person population health. Members join together and help community groups make resource connections, share a space to network, communicate needs and solution seeking ideas. A place to be informed, receive guidance and coaching. This is a community centered/driven space where it helps to advise and assist on strategic efforts focusing on advancing equity, reducing disparities, and improving health outcomes for groups who have been historically marginalized. This network comprised of and invites diverse groups representing the many NC communities wanting to help communities access services and solution seeking actions (i.e., Interfaith, community-based, Native American/American Indian tribes and groups, LGBTQIA+, persons/groups with disabilities, policy makers, academic, civic, private, county/regional government etc.)</p>	<p>Office of Health Equity</p>	<p>Ava Hardiman; Portia Pope; Lauren Benson</p>	<p>Ava.Hardiman@dhhs.nc.gov; Portia.D.Pope@dhhs.nc.gov; Lauren.Benson@dhhs.nc.gov</p>	<p>Monthly</p>
<p>AMEXCAN's NC Community Latino Task Force</p>	<p>Health Equity, Culture, Education, Leadership, Health, Advocacy, community and partner engagement</p>	<p>Latino Health Task Force - NCIOM</p>	<p>The purpose of the task force is to lift up the voice of the community, and advocate across different sectors in North Carolina. The taskforce has three goals: 1) To be a multidisciplinary task force focused on Latino and marginalized issues. 2) To intensively collaborate with local community partners, community members, and federal and state representatives to educate the communities on resources and any up-to-date news. 3) To engage in our respective role as leaders and have consistency in our work.</p>	<p>Office of Health Equity</p>	<p>Carolina SiliceoPerez</p>	<p>carolina.siliceoperez@dhhs.nc.gov</p>	<p>Monthly</p>

NC Counts Coalition and Healthier Together/Community Based Organization (CBO) Network	Health Equity, Social Determinants of Health, Populations and Communities Historically Marginalized (HMPs), Community Partner Engagement, Rural Health Disparity Needs, Community and Clinical Linkages, COVID-19, RSV, Food Deserts, Behavioral Health, COVID Response and Resilience, Mpox, Digital Equity, Census	Healthier Together - Health Equity Action Network NC COVID-19 (ncdhhs.gov)	NC Counts Coalition and their Healthier Together Network is a statewide organization and network of community-based groups/diverse organizations partnering with NCDHHS who serves as trusted messengers, community ambassadors and leaders convening outreach, education and other engagement activities that help increase the number of individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and from other historically marginalized populations connecting with healthcare services, SDOH needs i.e., transportation, food, resources receiving COVID-19 vaccinations etc., across the state of North Carolina.	Office of Health Equity	Ava Hardiman	Ava.Hardiman@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic and Latino Affairs	Health Equity, Policy	Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs	By Executive Order No. 235, The Advisory Council shall advise the Governor on issues related to the Hispanic/Latino community in North Carolina and support the State efforts to promote cooperation and understanding between the Hispanic/Latino community, the general public, the state, federal, and local governments. The Advisory Council shall provide a forum for the discussion of issues concerning the Hispanic/Latino community in NC and support efforts toward the improvement of race and ethnic relations.	Office of Health Equity	Yazmin Garcia Rico, Carolina SiliceoPerez	carolina.siliceoperez@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly council meetings and monthly subcommittee meetings
Latin-19	Latinx Health	Latin19	Latin-19 provides a critical space for leaders and allies in North Carolina to create collaborative and interdisciplinary solutions to address the health disparities in the Latina community in a trusting and committed environment.	Office of Health Equity	Carolina SiliceoPerez	viviana.martinezbianchi@duke.edu	Weekly, Wednesdays at 12pm
Hispanic Taskforce (Forsyth County)	Health Equity, COVID-19	Not Available	The Hispanic Task Force of Piedmont serves every family in the community, but especially focuses on ensuring that Hispanic families have access to healthcare related resources. Their members represent many organizations throughout the Forsyth County/Winston-Salem area in the Health and Human Services sector as well as Hispanic community groups.	Office of Health Equity	Carolina SiliceoPerez	carolina.siliceoperez@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly
Health Equity Interfaith Network	Health Disparities, Social Drivers of Health, Populations Historically Marginalized (HMPs), Community and Partner Engagement, Rural health needs, Community and Clinical Linkages, Interfaith's role as trusted messengers, ambassadors, champions, leaders and advisors	Not Available	The Health Equity Interfaith group is a statewide network of diverse faith denominations and organizations with a shared mission of fostering healthier communities. It's purpose is to improve linkages, networking and partnerships with other faith-based entities to promote health equity, solution seeking strategies and improve access to services and resources across diverse communities. This network seeks to enhance population health, health education, support comprehensive health approaches that respect cultural and religious practices, and advocate for policies and actions that reduce health disparities.	Office of Health Equity	Ava Hardiman; Portia Pope	Ava.Hardiman@dhhs.nc.gov , Portia.D.Pope@dhhs.nc.gov	Quarterly
NC Division of Purchase & Contract (P&C)	Non-IT Procurement & NC eProcurement (NCEP) System Support	NC Department of Administration Purchase & Contract	State authority for non-IT procurement.	Office of Procurement, Contracts and Grants (OPCG)	Jennifer Clifton	Jennifer.Clifton@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly, ad hoc, annual conference.

Statewide IT Procurement Office (SITP)	IT Procurement Support	NC Statewide IT Procurement NCDHHS	State authority for IT procurement.	OPCG	Jennifer Clifton	Jennifer.Clifton@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly, ad hoc, annual conference.
University of North Carolina (UNC) System	Program support through numerous contracts.	The University of North Carolina System Office	UNC system & constituent universities provide wide range of service to DHHS.	OPCG	Ken Dahlin	Ken.Dahlin@dhhs.nc.gov	Ad hoc
NC Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB)	HUB policy guidance and training.	NC Department of Administration Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses	Enhance business relationships with HUB vendors and increase HUB spend.	OPCG	Darisa Bryant	Darisa.Bryant@dhhs.nc.gov	Monthly, ad hoc
National Association of State Purchasing Officers (NASPO)	Professional development, certifications, and cooperative contracts.	National Association of State Procurement Officials	Professional development, certifications, and cooperative contracts.	OPCG	Ken Dahlin	Ken.Dahlin@dhhs.nc.gov	Ad hoc
National Grant Management Association (NGMA)	Professional development and certifications.	National Grants Management Association	Professional development and certifications.	OPCG	Kathryn Caler	Kathryn.Caler@dhhs.nc.gov	Ad hoc, annual conference.
Office of the State Controller (OSC)	Accounting and NC Financial System (NCFS) Support	NC Office of the State Controller	Provide accounting policy, training, and technical support for NCFS.	OPCG, Controller	Darisa Bryant	Darisa.Bryant@dhhs.nc.gov	Ad hoc
Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM)	Budget policy and guidance.	Office of State Budget and Management NCDHHS	Provide budget policy and training. Directed grants guidance and support.	OPCG, Budget & Analysis	Kathryn Caler	Kathryn.Caler@dhhs.nc.gov	Ad hoc