Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2016-94, Section 12C.1.(b) requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2016, a Statewide Strategic Plan for child welfare services that complements the required federal Program Improvement Plan (PIP) in addition to other key findings and considerations.

On November 23, 2016, the Department advised the Committee that, due to several factors including State and county – level ongoing response and recovery efforts regarding Hurricane Matthew, the report due on December 1, 2016, would be delayed no later than 60 days. Pursuant to that notice, the Department is pleased to submit the attached report.

Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me at 919-527-6335 or Wayne.Black@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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