

## North Carolina Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Quarterly Meeting

Friday, May 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Central Pines Regional Center

4307 Emperor Blvd., Suite 110  
Durham, NC 27703

#### 9:00 Welcome: Ethics Reminder; Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2024

*“Does any member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters listed on this agenda?”*

#### 9:10 Reports/Updates

- **Group 1 Virtual Meeting Update**
  - Jennifer Woodard, *Facilitator, Group 1*
- **Oversight of the Early Learning Sensory Support Program (ELSSP) Update**
  - Christina Armfield and Hope Turpin Turner, *NCCDHH Representatives*

#### 9:30 Impacts of Federal Cuts on DHHS Divisions/Offices and Partners

- **Tony Davis**, *Director, NC Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, DHHS*
- **Maggie Sauer**, *Director, NC Office of Rural Health, DHHS*
- **Jennifer Meade**, *Director, Advocacy and Empowerment, NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Substance Use Services, DHHS*
- **Jill Simmerman Lawrence**, *Deputy Director, NC Division of Aging, DHHS*
- **Marcia Fort**, *Unit Manager, Genetics and Newborn Screening, NC Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Coordinator, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, Whole Child Health Section*

#### 15-Minute Break

#### Impacts of Federal Cuts on DHHS Divisions/Offices and Partners (Con't)

- **LaQuana Palmer**, *Deputy Director, Communications and Engagement, Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid), DHHS*

#### Noon Break for Lunch

#### 12:45 Discussion and Vote

- **Council Bylaws**
- **Council Member Manual**

#### 1:00 Work Sessions

- **Group 1 - Central Pines Room**
- **Group 2 - Long Leaf Room**

#### 2:00 Break

#### 2:15 Debriefing Session

- **Summary of Group Session Discussions**
- **Motions**

#### 2:45 Nomination and Election of New Chair and Vice Chair

#### 3:00 Adjourn

2025 Meetings: August 1, November 7<sup>th</sup>

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