

Olmstead Plan Stakeholder Advisory

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NCDHHS Mission: In collaboration with our partners, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides essential services to improve the health, safety and well-being of all North Carolinians.

Olmstead Plan Stakeholder Advisory (OPSA) Vision Statement: North Carolina champions the right of all people with disabilities to choose to live life fully included in the community.

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- 3) **Direct Support Professional Work Group** – Annette Smith, Member, nettersmith@yahoo.com
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- 5) **NC Mental Health Planning and Advisory Committee** – Lacy Flintall, Board Chair, LFlintall@NCFamiliesUnited.org
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- 7) **State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee** – Jean Andersen, Western Region, tbiadvocate@windstream.net
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- 12) **Promise Resource Network** – Cherene Allen-Caraco, CEO, ccaraco@promiseresourcenetwork.org
- 13) **Brain Injury Advisory Council of NC** – Beth Overby, Chair, yourhealthcarepartner123@gmail.com; Tracy Hayes, Vice Chair, tracy.hayes@vayahealth.com
- 14) **Statewide Independent Living Council** – Ashley Large, Chair, ashley@adanc.org
- 15) **At Large** – Victoria Chibuogu Nneji, sibling, hi@akalaka.org
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- 1) **NC Association for Persons in Supported Employment** –Tracey Craven, Vice-President, cravent@oeenterprises.org
- 2) **NC Providers Council** – Wilson Raynor, Board Member, wraynor@lifeincorporated.com
- 3) **Benchmarks** – Karen McLeod, CEO, kmcleod@benchmarksnc.org
- 4) **National Alliance for People with Mental Illness/NC** (NAMI/NC) – Lisa Lowe-Hall (Interim Director), director@naminc.org
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- 7) **Developmental Disabilities Facilities Association** – Peyton Maynard, CEO, pmaynard@bellsouth.net
- 8) **Marketing Association of Rehabilitation Centers** – Michael Maybee, President, mmaybee@woiworks.org
- 9) **Disability Rights North Carolina** – Corye Dunn, Policy Director, corye.dunn@disabilityrightsncc.org
- 10) **NC Coalition on Aging** – Sandra Phelps, Executive Director, executivedirector@nccoalitiononaging.org; Mary Bethel, Board Chair, mmbethel72@gmail.com
- 11) **Association for Home and Hospice Care of NC** – Melody Beaty, Vice President of Medicaid Home Care and Private Pay Services, melody@ahhcncc.org
- 12) **NC Senior Living Association** – Stacy Massey, Chief Executive Officer, stacy@ncseniorliving.org

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