



Board of Commissioners

Health & Human Services Committee Agenda

Monday, August 25, 2025 – 2:00 PM
Meeting Held Remotely

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Committee Chair Cheryl Stallings

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting from April 7, 2025

2. Wake County Food Security Plan 2025 Update

Sydney Mierop and Trevor Hyde, Wake County Cooperative Extension

The Wake County Comprehensive Food Security Plan aims to strengthen the resilience of the food security network in Wake County. Most programs within the plan will continue to use federal funding (ARPA) through December 2026. This presentation will cover the funding status and outcomes achieved so far. This effort supports the Board's Strategic Plan to reduce barriers to accessing benefits and assistance programs and resources, such as food.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

3. Children and Families Specialty Plan

Antonia Pedroza, Wake County Social Services

Eligible children, youth, and families receive medical care through Medicaid. The State and all 100 counties manage enrollment for these services. In 2023, the State Legislature authorized state officials to procure a single, specialty plan to provide recipients with a broad range of physical and behavioral health services, medications, long-term supports, and other services. Blue Cross Blue Shield was selected as the vendor in 2024. Staff will brief the committee on the Wake County's role in this service area and how this state change affects county operations and residents. Staff welcome questions about the State's transition.

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1. Presentation

4. Impacts of Federal Legislation on SNAP and Medicaid

Antonia Pedroza, Wake County Social Services

With the passage of HR 1, Congress and the White House Administration have made substantial changes to two large benefit programs that Wake County administers – Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). HR 1 shifts administrative costs from the federal government to states and counties, increases state cost share of benefits provided, and reduces the number of eligible residents. In Medicaid, the law adds workload to counties with new work requirements and more eligibility determinations. HR 1 also reduces the federal cost share of Medicaid Expansion, which will force the State Legislature to consider whether or not to increase state resources for the program.

Staff will review the major service and financial impacts on Wake County and our residents. Staff will clarify what impacts are known and estimable and which impacts are not known, as we await decisions from the State Legislature.

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