

Submitted to Community Support Steering Committee (from 08/06/09 meeting) by Dan Zorn

Dear Providers:

Due to the budget cuts adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Health and Human Services shall transition Community Support Child and Adult, Individual and Group services to other defined services on or before June 30, 2010. The Division of Medical Assistance and the Division of MH/SA/DD shall take the necessary steps necessary for the Medicaid and the State-funded community support program to provide for transition and discharge planning to recipients currently receiving community support services.

The Divisions have convened a special Workgroup, made up of Division leadership, Providers and Consumer Advocates to decide how the transition will occur. The minutes of these meetings will be published every _____ to ensure transparency. Medicaid reimbursed Community Support will continue until further notice. Be advised that a transition time-line will be set to ensure that consumers move to clinically appropriate services. This date should be announced soon. State funded Community Support transition time lines will be decided by the Local Management Entities specific to the areas they serve.

This reorganization requires significant planning. Providers are encouraged to organize Child & Family Teams and/or other coordination events so that alternative services can be mitigated. Providers are also encouraged to pay careful attention to the minutes and other announcements related to this issue.