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From: Leza Wainwright *lw*

Re: **Communication Bulletin #097**
Chief of Resource and Regulatory Management



This announcement comes with mixed feelings. After over forty years of service to the people of North Carolina, Phillip Hoffman, Chief of Resource and Regulatory Management, will be retiring from the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services effective October 31, 2008. Phillip’s knowledge and understanding of the public mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services system is unsurpassed and will be sorely missed. Fortunately for the Division and the system, Jim Jarrard, currently the Division’s Accountability Team Leader, has agreed to accept the challenge of serving in this key leadership role.

Jim’s promotion will be effective September 1, 2008. He and Phillip will work closely together during September and October as they both transition into new roles.

Phillip and Jim share a true commitment to serving people with disabilities and they are both widely respected throughout the system. Please join me in congratulating Phillip on his retirement and long years of outstanding service and Jim on his promotion to this new position.

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