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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION
TEAM CHAIRPERSONS**

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND
COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM CHAIRPERSONS**

SUBJECT: THE STATE RESPONSE TO THE 2019 CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

PURPOSE: This letter distributes the North Carolina Division of Social Services' (DSS) response to the 2019 Citizen Review Panel Recommendations in the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) End of Year Report.

North Carolina complies with the federal requirement to maintain citizen review panels using Community Child Protection Teams (CCPT) established by North Carolina General Statute §7B-1406 in each North Carolina county. The purpose of interdisciplinary CCPT teams includes identifying gaps in the child protection system, increasing public awareness of child protection in the community, advocating for system changes and improvements, and developing strategies to decrease child abuse and to promote child well-being at a local and state level.

In addition, a state CCPT Advisory Board meets regularly to examine child protection policies, procedures, and practices. One of the responsibilities of the CCPT Advisory Board is to help draft an annual survey of the local CCPTs, analyze the data, and develop recommendations for child welfare systems improvements to DSS. In turn, DSS reviews the recommendations and replies in writing. This process supports the CAPTA requirement for recommendations from Citizen Review Panels.

The attached document is DSS's written response to the 2019 Citizen Review Panel Recommendations in the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) End of Year Report. Please review the attached DSS Response and if you have questions, please contact the CCPT Consultant at dss.ccpt@dhhs.nc.gov or Deborah Day at deborah.day@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy P. Stone".

Kathy Stone, Section Chief for CPS and Prevention

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Attachment: DSS Response to 2019 Citizen Review Panel Recommendations in the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) End of Year Report.

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