

# North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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November 23, 2009

County Department of Social Services  
Attention: County Director  
Address

Re: Social Services Commission Members

Dear County Director:

With a new administration come many changes in faces. We are pleased to inform you that the Social Services Commission is nearly fully appointed. These new members are anxious and committed to fulfilling their new role. At their first meeting, several members expressed an interest in learning more about the various programs and services offered through county departments of social services. Below is information about the commission and their role.

The state Social Services Commission consists of thirteen members (one from each of the state's congressional districts) who are appointed by the governor for four-year terms. Staff support for the commission is provided by the DHHS Division of Social Services.

The Social Services Commission has the authority to adopt rules and regulation governing social services programs (other than the state Medicaid program) that are administered under Chapter 108A of the North Carolina General Statutes [hereinafter G.S.] The commission's rules must be adopted in accordance with the state's Administrative Procedure Act (G.S. 150B, Article 2A) and may not be inconsistent with applicable federal or state law.

The commission also has the power to

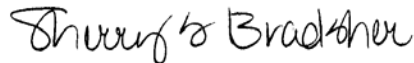
- adopt rules governing the payment of state funds to private child-placing agencies and residential child care facilities for care of children who are in the custody or placement responsibility of county departments of social services;

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- adopt standards for the inspection and licensing of maternity homes and child-care institutions;
- adopt standards for the inspection and operation of jails and local confinement facilities;
- adopt standards for the regulation and licensing of charitable organizations, professional fund-raising counsel, and professional solicitors;
- investigate social problems in the state and conduct hearings and subpoena witnesses and documents in connection with such investigations; and
- adopt rules establishing rates and fees for the state's child support enforcement program.

Over the next several months, you may be contacted by one of these members and a request may be made to visit your agency. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Please feel free to contact your representative and welcome them to the Commission.

Sincerely,



Sherry S. Bradsher

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