



**Mental Health Task Force**  
**September 13, 2016**

**Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Rick Brajer, Secretary**



# Achievements to Date

- \$20 million committed to implementing three pilots to demonstrate Governor's task force recommendations
- \$20 million for increased rural crisis bed capacity for adults (\$18 million) and children (\$2 million)
- Partnership with DPI on Mental Health First Aid
- Additional \$658k in additional Substance Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Block Grant receipts were budgeted
- Naloxone state-wide order signed into law
- Needle exchange programs authorized and signed into law
- New Cherry Hospital facility adds Medical Psych unit and 116 new inpatient beds at full capacity
- Improvements to the Controlled Substance Reporting System



# Behavioral Health Services

- **Establishment of Behavioral Health Services Subcommittees** – The most recent budget law, the 2016 Appropriations Act, provides that the HHS JLOC and the Medicaid JLOC shall each establish a subcommittee on Behavioral Health Services.
- These subcommittees shall meet jointly to do the following:
  - Oversee DHHS’ development of the strategic statewide plan to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state-funded behavioral health services (the development of this plan was required by the budget law);
  - Review this strategic plan, including reviewing the performance-related goals and measures for the delivery of mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, and traumatic brain injury services.
  - Review consolidated monthly, quarterly, and annual reports and analyses of behavioral health services funded by Medicaid and State-only appropriations.
- The subcommittees shall jointly make recommendations about these areas of oversight and review and report their findings/recommendations to their respective JLOCs.



# Upcoming HHS Related Legislative Oversight Committee Meetings

- **Justice and Public Safety JLOC (Thu, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM)**
  - “Prison Mental Health Update” is on the agenda for this meeting. This that matter is the authority of DPS’ Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, but some attendees at today’s Task Force meeting may be interested in this meeting.
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- **North Carolina Courts Commission (Fri, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM)**
  - DHHS is presenting with AOC on the MHSU Task Force.
- **HHS JLOC (Tue, September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM)**
- **HHS JLOC (Tue, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM)**
- **Medicaid & NC Health Choice JLOC (Tue, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM)**
- **Commencement of Long Session**
  - Long session will convene on January 11, 2017. Following that day, according to statute the GA will adjourn until January 25<sup>th</sup> to begin substantive legislative action.

