



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

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Dear Legislators:

The North Carolina State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (State CFAC) is a self-governing and self-directed organization that advises the Secretary, the Director of DMH/DD/SAS and the General Assembly on the planning and management of the State's mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services system (G.S.122c-171).

In a May 20, 2013, article in the News Observer, it was reported that "Major changes in the two-year budget include closing the state's three treatment centers for drug abusers and alcoholics." The article goes on to indicate that some of the money spent on the state addiction treatment centers will be sent to communities to do work there.

While closing the state's three Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Centers will save about \$38 million and cuts about 550 state jobs, we are concerned the \$10 million earmarked to go back into the communities will not be enough to replace what would be lost to these communities with the closings.

The State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee is opposed to this portion of the budget which would limit resources for those individuals in need of treatment for substance abuse.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter regarding this severe funding cut and loss of resources.

Sincerely,

Sue Guy

Sue Guy, State CFAC Chair

Cc: Secretary Aldona Z. Wos
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