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Organization Changes within NC DHHS

Kody Kinsley has begun a new position as the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Mr. Kinsley started with NC DHHS as the Deputy Director of the Division of MH/IDD/SUD Services and served as the Interim Senior Director of the Division. Now, he oversees the Division of MH/IDD/SUD Services, the Division of State-Operated Healthcare Facilities and the office overseeing the Americans with Disabilities Act. In his recent discussion with The Coalition, Mr. Kinsley indicated that a BH/IDD work team led by Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Dave Richard and internal to NC DHHS, has been established to provide additional detail on the BH/IDD Tailored Plan. *Mr. Kinsley will be presenting at the i2i Center conference in Pinehurst his vision for the public BH/I-DD system on December 6th.*

The functions within NC DHHS related to the administration of Medicaid and Health Choice are now called “[NC Medicaid, Division of Health Benefits](#)”. This change merges the functions that were previously under both the Division of Health Benefits and the Division of Medical Assistance. Dave Richard, Deputy Secretary for Medicaid, oversees the organization. *Mr. Richard will be presenting the latest information on BH/IDD Tailored Plans at the i2i Center conference in Pinehurst on December 7th.*

Jacki Russell has been appointed as the Director of the Division of Disability Determination Services. Disability Determination Services was previously conducted under the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.