Health and Human Services and Resources: Structure and Background

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Plan

Context

 What is "health and human services?"

Structure

 How are health and human services programs funded and delivered in North Carolina?



"Health and Human Services"

Mission is to enhance and protect the health and well-being of all Americans.

Focusing on prevention as well as remediation of problems

Meeting human needs through an interdisciplinary knowledge base

Maintaining a commitment to improving the overall quality of life of service populations





Public and Private

What are examples of HHS functions that are done by:

- Both the public and private sectors?
- Only the public sector?
- Only the private sector?
- Together?



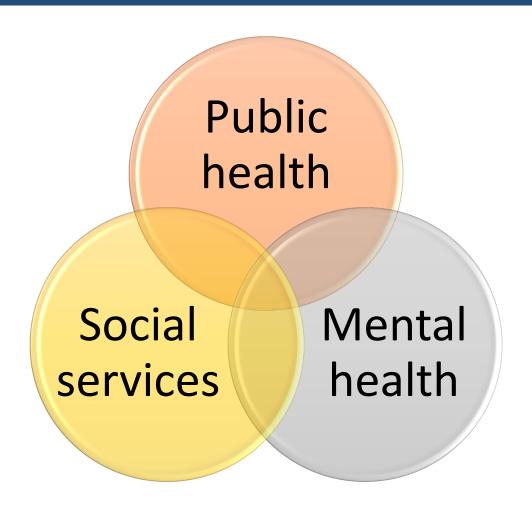
Historical Perspective

Local government and charitable/religious organizations

Growing role for state

Growing role for federal (SSA)

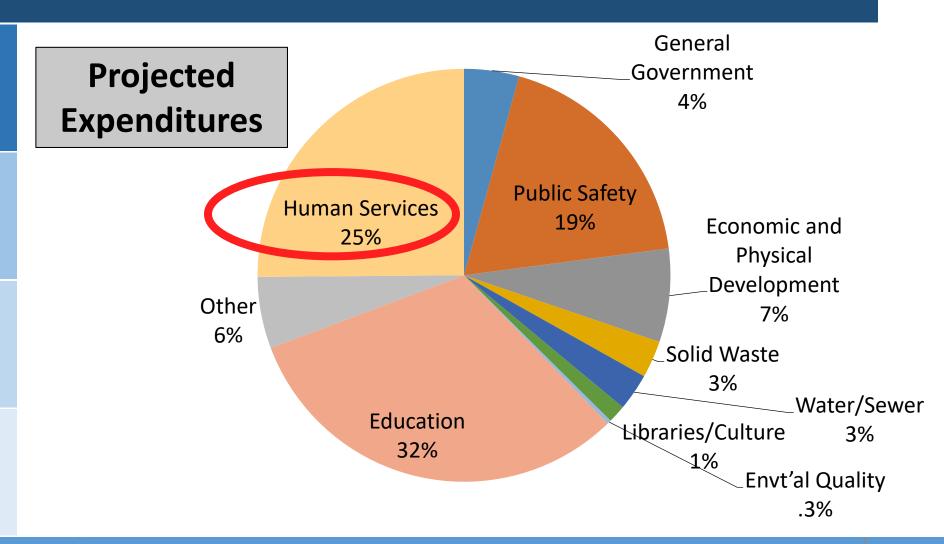
Focus on North Carolina: The Big Three





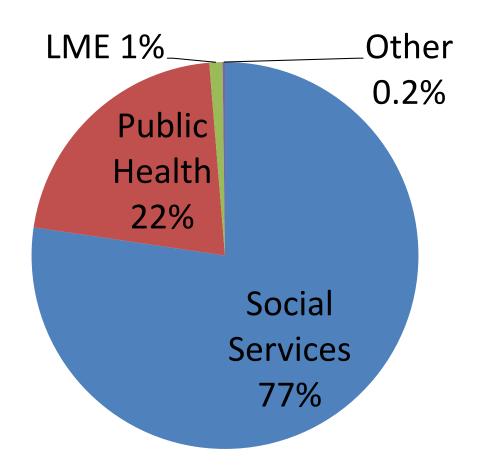


Sample County Budget

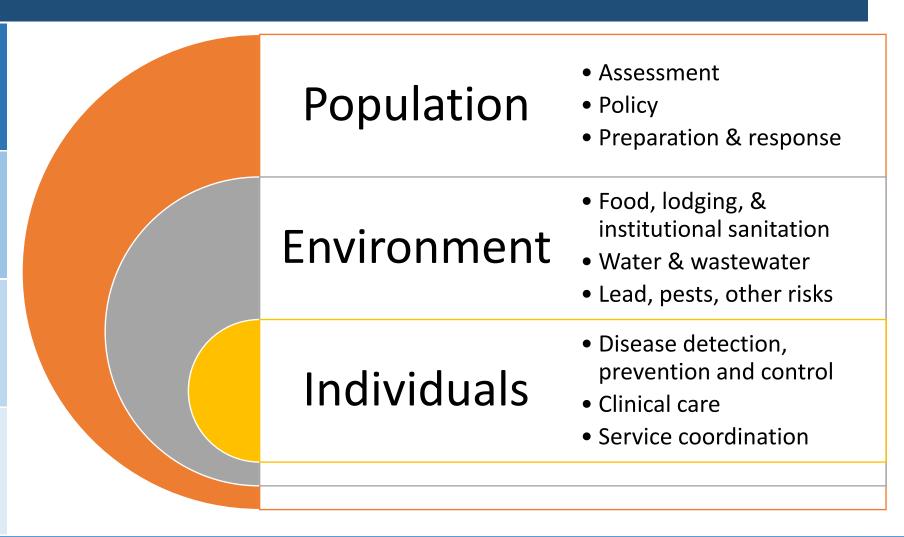




Sample County – Human Services



What does public health do?



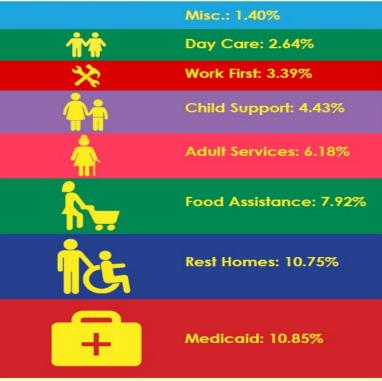
What does social services do?

Our Budget

How Our Money Is Spent



Children and Family Services: 52.43%



Catawba County Annual Report 2014

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What does an LME do?

Local management entities are responsible for the management and oversight of the public system of MH/DD/SA services at the community level.

An LME shall plan, develop, implement, and monitor services within a specified geographic area to ensure expected outcomes for consumers within available resources.

THE STRUCTURE



Intergovernmental Roles

Federal State Local





Example of Roles – APS

	Federal	State	County
Funding	Limited – some block grant funds	Very limited	Significant
Policy	Limited – tied to grant funding	Significant – legislation, regulations, policy, oversight	Limited
Implement	None	Limited to supervision	Significant



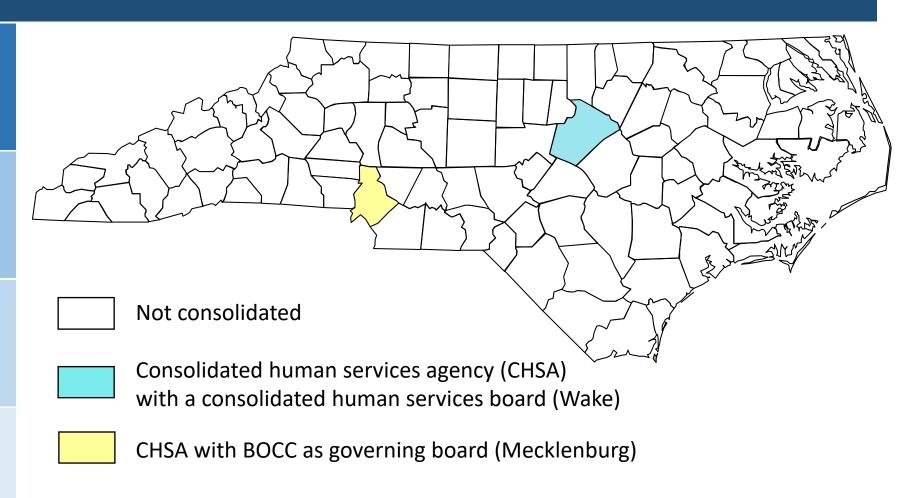


Local Government Structure

- Funding varies program to program
- Different types of government entities
 - County departments
 - Regional departments
 - Public authorities
- Different types of governance structures
- Different types of connections with private sector

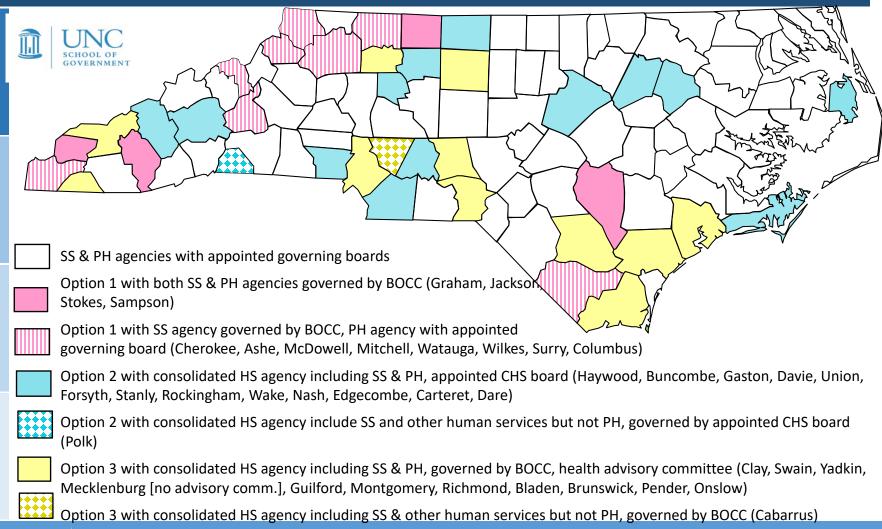


PH and SS Organization and Governance June 2012





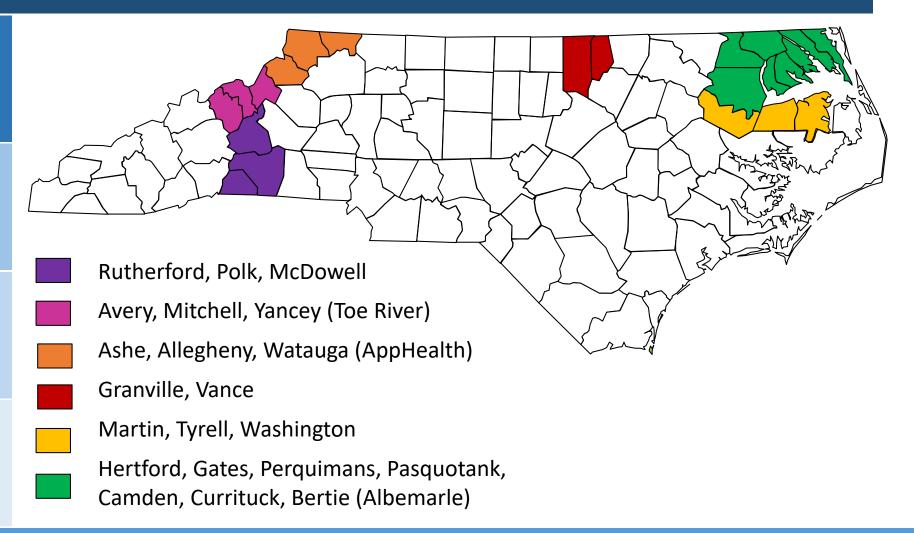
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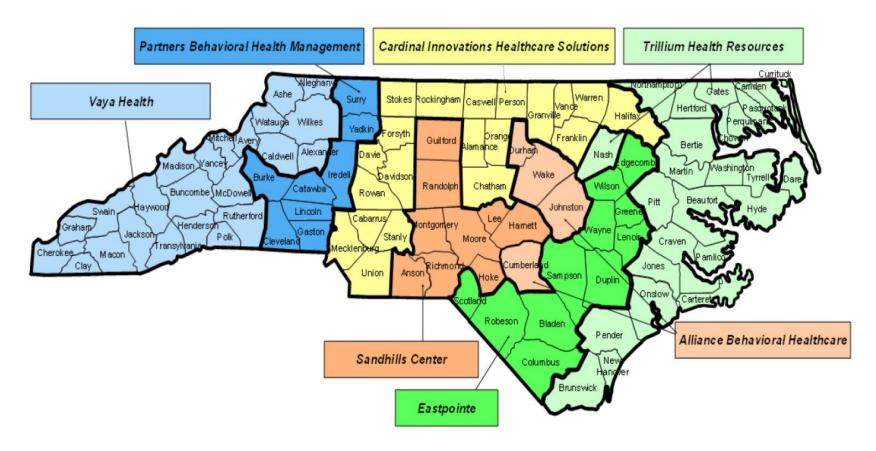


Regional Public Health (Districts)





LME/MCO Catchment Areas As of 7/1/17



LME-MCOs Operate Under the 1915 (b)(c) Waiver



Regional Social Services?

Optional

- Counties may join together to create regional social services agencies
 - Legal framework similar to public health
- Separate legal entities (public authorities)
- Key differences
 - May be limited programs or services
 - County financial contribution to be specified by Social Services Commission regulation
- Option available beginning in March 2019



Motivations for Change



- Improve service delivery for citizens
- Create a new vision for human services programs
- Create a unified personnel system for all county personnel
- Change the relationship between board of county commissioners and the departments
- Identify efficiencies and reduce human services spending



Questions?

