



Final Report to the Barbara McDowell & Gerald S. Hartman Foundation

Progress Since Interim Report in March 2017

On April 3, 2017, the Department's Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities began operation of one outpatient clinic dedicated to serve children with complex needs, staffed by clinicians experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of individuals with the dual diagnosis of intellectual disability and mental illness. In June 2017, the Department began providing training in EPSDT to Case Managers, provider organizations, and LME/MCO staff members involved in the authorization or delivery of services to children with complex needs, including instruction on processing requests for services made in accordance with EPSDT. The North Carolina General Assembly awarded the Department \$6.2 million to fund the Settlement Agreement, including funding for an Administrator position within the Department to oversee the implementation of the terms of the Settlement Agreement. In late August 2017, the Department will offer National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) training, accreditation, and certification to providers dedicated to serving children with complex needs in an effort to promote a provider network qualified to provide residential and other services to this population.

Disability Rights NC meets quarterly with the Department to monitor implementation of the terms of the agreement, identify barriers to implementation, and ensure continued progress on implementation. We will continue to consult with our experts throughout this implementation and monitoring phase until the Department meets all of the intended goals of the agreement. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the court will maintain jurisdiction through June 30, 2018, unless either party petitions for a change in duration of the agreement or Disability Rights NC disputes that the Department is making substantial progress toward implementation of the agreement. Our goal is to make sure that every child and adolescent with complex needs in North Carolina has access to the full scope of services required by the Medicaid Act, specifically medically necessary treatment by qualified providers, and prompt provision of services and supports designed to correct or ameliorate the child's condition in the right setting and at the right time.

Disability Rights NC appreciates the support provided by the Barbara McDowell and Gerald S. Hartman Foundation to support our advocacy and litigation efforts to address the needs of children with complex needs. This grant funding allowed us to ensure that the Department successfully implemented the substantive provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

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