



Agenda

Social Services Working Group

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The UNC School of Government, Room 2402

Meeting Objectives:

To decide on two products to be included in Stage One final report:

- Regional supervision map, and
- Options for boards of county commissioners to intervene in urgent situations prior to the State assuming control of service delivery.

Preparation:

Complete the exercise regarding options for board of county commissioner interventions prior to meeting. Make notes to share in our group discussion, if needed.

9:30 Convene

- Welcome by the Co-Chairs (Sen. Barringer and Rep. Stevens)
- Introductions (Facilitators/All attendees)
- Review and clarify the plan for today's meeting (Facilitators/SSWG)
- Check-in: What has occurred to you since our last meetings about the work of this group? (SSWG)

10:00 Options for Early Intervention

- Presentation (Aimee Wall)
- Consideration of homework assignments (Facilitators)
 - Small table discussion (SSWG)
 - Identify strategies that should be considered by the full group
 - Post those strategies on the timeline
 - Full group discussion (Facilitators/SSWG)
 - Clarify as needed
 - Identify those strategies that:
 - BOCCs already have the authority to implement
 - Would require legislative action
 - Would be applicable to all counties
 - If any strategies remain, identify the special circumstances for which they would be useful

- Small groups reconvene to evaluate all the strategies. Be prepared to express the reasoning for support or edits of the top choices.
- Full group discussion on the “votes” of the tables
 - Identify preferred strategies to present in final report
 - Consider whether to include all strategies in report, with distinguishing labels for consensus/majority support/minority support

12:00 Break; boxed lunches available

12:30 Finalizing Regional Supervision Map

- Presentation (Aimee Wall)
- Large group discussion (Facilitator/SSWG)
 - How has public comment informed your continued consideration of preferred criteria for defining the number and content of regions?
- Small table discussion
 - Which map (or new criteria) should be considered further?

1:45 Break

2:00 Finalizing Regional Supervision Map, continued

- Full group discussion:
 - Tables present their preferred options and/or criteria
 - Decide on the map to recommend in final report

4:15 Wrap Up

- Review next steps (Aimee Wall)
- Last thoughts on today’s meeting (Facilitator/SSWG)

4:30 Adjourn

GUIDELINES FOR PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS

The following ground rules were discussed and adopted by the Work Group at its first meeting:

- **Participate fully.** It is acceptable to disagree. Everyone should have the opportunity to state his or her own views, regardless of rank or other differences.
- **Work on the problem.** Put other issues aside, including personalities, offices, or other differences. Show respect for each other.
- **Focus on interests, not positions.** Explain why you favor a particular course of action. Invite questions so you can explain your reasons fully. Balance advocacy and inquiry.
- **Share all relevant information.** Be specific. Agree on what important words mean. Discuss “undiscussable” issues.
- **Stay focused.** Discuss a topic long enough for everybody to be clear about it.
- **Decide how the group will make decisions.** Strive for consensus.

Adapted from The Skilled Facilitator: Practical Wisdom for Developing Effective Groups by Roger Schwarz

