



## Social Services Working Group

Thursday, November 8, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The UNC School of Government, Room 2401

### Meeting Objectives:

- Finalize recommendations related to inter-county collaboration
- Outline vision for regional administration

### Preparation:

- Review revised recommendations related to inter-county collaboration
- Review supplemental materials on “materials” page (state profiles, NC demographics)

## Agenda

### 10:00 Convene

- Welcome by the Co-Chairs (Sen. Barringer and Rep. Stevens)
- Review and clarify the plan for today’s meeting (Henderson/SSWG)
- Adopt/revise minutes from 10/16 meeting (SSWG)

### 10:10 Finalize Inter-County Collaboration Recommendations

- Provide updates and review changes (Wall)
- Final edits or additions (SSWG)

### 11:00 Regional Administration

- Review and confirm plan regarding vision/report (Wall/SSWG)
  - Key question: “What does the SSWG want the NCGA to know about the potential benefits and challenges related to a mandatory system of regional administration?”
  - Explain the forthcoming option to voluntarily form regional departments
  - Identify the potential benefits and challenges of a regionally administered system
  - Compare how the potential benefits and challenges would balance in a regionally-administered system vs. the regionally-supervised system SSWG proposed in Stage One
- Share information from other states (Wall)

## 11:45 Break for Lunch

## 12:15 Regional Administration

(Henderson/SSWG)

- Large group discussion
  - How should SSWG organize and/or prioritize the survey results about benefits/challenges?
  - What criteria should SSWG apply when selecting ideas to highlight in the report?
- Small group discussion
  - Review the survey results and apply criteria.
  - Make recommendations for inclusion.
- Large group discussion
  - Report out on small group recommendations
  - Develop draft outline of benefits and challenges to include in report
  - Compare each included benefit/challenge
    - Regional supervision vs. Regional administration
    - More/less/equal benefit or challenge?

## 3:45 Closing comments

(Facilitators/SSWG)

- The next in-person SSWG meeting will be November 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Review and revise draft report

## 4:00 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