

Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"

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An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
from the County Manager

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General Assembly Update

The General Assembly marked another week in Raleigh with a flurry of activity and a trace of progress as legislators continue to work on a biennial spending plan.

On Tuesday, House and Senate leaders agreed that the total budget for next year will be \$21.735 billion. While agreeing to the bottom line on the budget, appropriators are still negotiating how the money will be spent. Simultaneously, substantive changes to the administration of Medicaid and an economic development and sales tax redistribution proposals are being considered in separate bills from the budget.

The Senate passed a plan that would have either Managed Care Organizations (MCO) or Provider Led Entities (PLE) operate a full risk-capitated health plan for Medicaid recipients. The House had previously passed reform focused solely on PLE managed plans. The Medicaid reform is now being negotiated in conference committee.

The House also voted overwhelmingly against the Senate version of H117 which would redistribute sales taxes from commercial centers to rural areas. The House vote followed an education session hosted by Senior Finance Chairmen Bill Brawley and Jason Saine to allow affected communities share their concerns with House members. Assistant County Manager Mark Foster represented the County and we continue to work closely with allies across the state to have our voice heard.

Ryan White Grant Announcement

Mecklenburg County will officially be named as a recipient of the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act federal grant during a media event on Sept. 2 at the Neil C. Cooksey Sr. Public Health Center, 249 Billingsley Road. The event will begin at 1 p.m.

Rep. Alma Adams, 12th district, along with Chairman Trevor M. Fuller, Dr. Marcus Plescia and other dignitaries will be there to make the announcement. I would like to invite you to attend this important news conference to learn about this program which provides HIV-related health and support services to a seven county region.

For additional information, [click here](#) or contact Dr. Plescia at 980-314-9020 or

Park and Rec Receives High Marks on Aquatics Safety Audit

At the last Board meeting, the Park and Recreation Department received the Carolina Public Sector Star Re-Certification Award for its leadership in operating an effective safety and health management program and providing a safe work environment.

Now, I would like to congratulate the department's aquatics division for receiving an exemplary audit review from the Starfish Aquatics Institute, a nationally known aquatic training and safety services organization.

The audit, which was recently performed unannounced, examined staff performance and skill level as well as the condition of aquatic facilities. Several staff members received five star ratings and Ray's Splash Planet received a four star rating.

This achievement once again shows Park and Recreation's commitment to providing first class recreational facilities and opportunities that are safe for residents and visitors.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Friday, Aug. 28, 8:30 a.m. County Manager speaking to executive team and staff at Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, 5815 Westpark Dr., Charlotte, NC
- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 5-6 – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14
- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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