

Legislative Breakfast on Mental Health

*Addressing Challenging Transitions:
Why We Need Legislation and Policy that Effectively Supports Comprehensive,
Community-Based Care*



Saturday, February 4th, 2023 - 9:00 am-1:00 pm

UNC Friday Center in Chapel Hill

Welcome to the Breakfast

- Welcome - Max Shafir, LCSW, Chair, Legislative Breakfast on Mental Health, and Senator Mike Woodard, Emcee
- Special Guest Speaker - The State of Mental Health Services in NC with Kody H. Kinsley, NC DHHS Secretary
- Representative Paul Luebke Legislative Champion on Mental Health Award - Presentation to Senator Mike Woodard by Senator Jim Burgin

Pillar I: Early Intervention and Prevention

- Nora M. Dennis, MD, Adjunct Professor, Duke University Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Lead Medical Director, Behavioral Health, and Health Equity BCBS
- J. Nathan Copeland, MD, MPH, Duke University Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Department
- Lived Experience - Cindy Ehlers, LCMHC, Foster Mother, and Chief Operations Officer for Trillium Health Resources
- Senator Sydney Batch, MSW, JD, (D-District 17) Wake
- Senator Graig Meyer, MSW, (D-District 23) Orange, Caswell, Person
- Panel Q&A Moderated by Rose Hoban of NC Health News

Pillar II: Transitions and Continuity of Care

- Samantha Meltzer-Brody, MD, MPH, Assad Meymandi Distinguished Professor and Chair, UNC Department of Psychiatry, UNC School of Medicine
- Austin Hall, MD, UNC Department of Psychiatry and Psychology, Assertive Community Treatment Team, Step Clinic
- Lived Experience - Jonah Sharkey, CPSS, M.Ed, Recovery Educator II
- Senator Jim Burgin, (R-District 12) Harnett, Lee, Sampson
- Representative Carla Cunningham, RN, (D-District 106) Mecklenburg
- Representative Wayne Sasser, RPh, (R-District 67) Cabarrus, Rowan, Stanly
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Closing Remarks

Senator Mike Woodard, (D-District 22) Durham, Granville, Person

Thank you for attending the 45th Legislative Breakfast on Mental Health!