Health and Human Services Board Annual Update

Dan Frayne, MD
HHS Board Chair

About Us

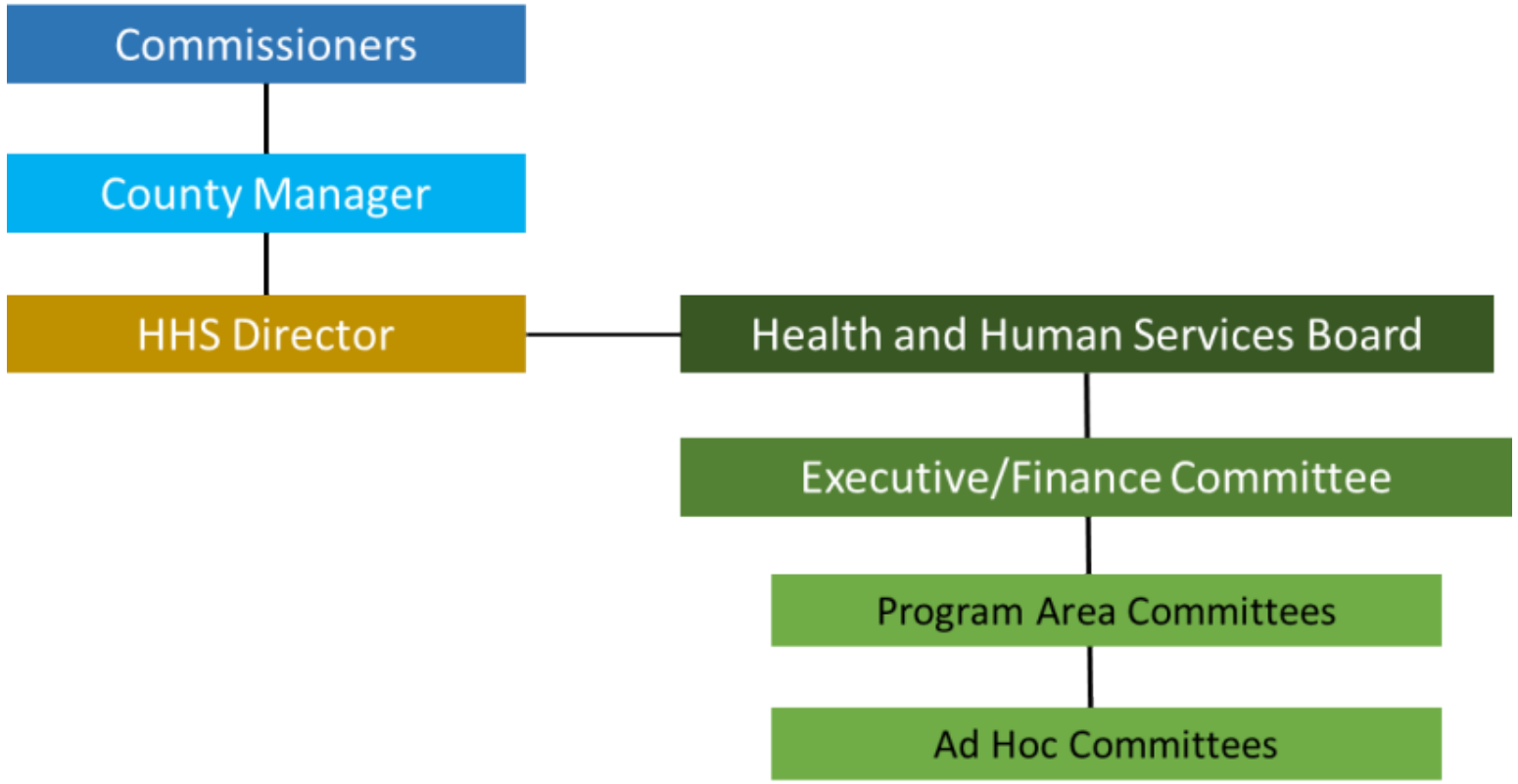
Members

Name	Title	Name	Title
Jennifer Horton, **Vice-Chair**	County Commissioner	LeeAnne Tucker	Public/Consumer Advocate
Amy Lenell	Pharmacist	Johnnie Grant	Public/Consumer Advocate
Donna Mann	Social Worker	Martha Salyers	Public/Consumer Advocate
Steve Valeika	Veterinarian		
Elizabeth Lima	Psychologist		
Greg Narron	Psychiatrist		
Dan Frayne, **Chair**	Physician		
Linda Weldon	Registered Nurse		
Savannah Lamb	Optometrist		
Kasee Metcalf	Dentist		

Purpose

A consolidated health and human services board created pursuant to NCGS §153A-77(b) shall have the responsibility and authority to carry out the programs established in this Chapter in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Social Work Services Commission and under the supervision of the Department of Health & Human Services in the same manner as a county Social Work Services board.

Buncombe County Health and Human Services Board



Community Committees

Safety Committee

Focused primarily on Child and Adult Protective Services and the issues that affect overall community safety, such as gun and community violence, youth suicide prevention, and systemic racism.

Economic Benefits Committee:

Focused on public assistance programs as well as other community resources that impact the wellbeing of residents of Buncombe County, such as food assistance, Medicaid, childcare, energy assistance, child support and housing to ensure that these programs are available and promoted to all residents in the county.

Health Committee:

Focused on the Public Health of the community and promoting and protecting the public's health including access to care, chronic disease and injury, maternal and child health, communicable disease, and environmental public health.

Advocacy/Accomplishments

- **October 2024**
  - **HHS Board members assisted HHS Staff in coordinating client traffic flow in delivering DSNAP benefits**

- **November 2024**
  - Harm Reduction Smoking Supplies Pilot Reviewed
    - HHS Board supported efforts to continue this program after pilot completion

Challenges

September 2024

- TS Helene

July 2025

- One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)
- Federal Government Shutdown

HHS Board Priorities

Support HHS staff and programs as they continue:

- Uninterrupted Operations
- Preparedness Activities
- Recovery Projects

Thank you!