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October 3, 2011

The Honorable Justin Burr, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina House of Representatives
Room 538, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Nelson Dollar, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina House of Representatives
Room 307B1, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Louis Pate, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina Senate
Room 406, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Representative Burr, Representative Dollar and Senator Pate:

Session Law 2011-264, Section 1.(k), requires the Department of Health and Human Services in coordination with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, the Division of Medical Assistance, local management entities, Piedmont Behavioral Health (PBH), and with stakeholders input, to submit a strategic plan delineating specific strategies and agency responsibilities for the achievement of the objectives and deadlines set forth in the act. The strategic plan will describe the desirable actions to support progress in the implementation of the 1915 (b)/(c) Medicaid Waiver and mark steps with timeframes to achieve the objectives in specific areas. This plan is due to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by October 1, 2011.

In order to address this objective, there will be a delay in the submission of the plan until November 1, 2011, as stakeholder input is still being compiled and additional time is needed in order to complete the strategic implementation plan. Our goal is to provide a comprehensive plan and we believe that this additional time will permit us to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

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Lanier M. Cansler

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