



# Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

**Meeting Date: 05/06/2025**

### Consent Agenda

**Department:** Health & Human Services      **Presenter(s):** n/a

**Contact(s):** Jennifer Mullendore or David Sweat

**Subject:** Designation of the future Buncombe County "Local Team" that will complete child fatality reviews as a single county team (rather than a multi-county team)

#### **Brief Summary:**

N.C.G.S. 7B-1406 mandated the establishment of a Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) and a Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) in each county as part of the NC Child Fatality Prevention System. The duties of these teams are to review the records of child deaths from birth to age 18 that occurred in their county; identify any gaps or deficiencies in the delivery of services to children and their families; and make recommendations for changes to laws, rules, and policies that will prevent future child abuse, neglect, and death.

NC Session Law 2023-134 (the Appropriations Act of 2023) revised this statute, changing it to read, "each county in the state shall have its own Local Team or participate in a multi-county Local Team, as determined" by the county's local board of county commissioners after consultation with the local Health Director and the local HHS Director. This reorganization into either a single county or multi-county Local Team is to take effect on 05/31/2025.

The Buncombe County Health Director and HHS Director, as well as the BCHHS Board, recommend that Buncombe County continue as a single county "Local Team" for child fatality reviews and request that the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners confirm this operational model.

#### **Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners confirm that the Buncombe County "Local Team" for child fatality reviews shall remain a single county team.

#### **County Manager's Comments & Recommendations:**

Approve as presented.