

NC COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
SHORT SESSION 2008

ADD AREA AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES TO STATE HEALTH PLAN

Reason for Priority:

- Area authorities will be a part of a larger group so rates will be more favorable and risk will be lower thereby lowering costs to the organization.
- Advantageous to offer to prospective employees a secure health benefit that is affiliated with State employment.

Next Steps:

- Gather data on the number of area authorities' employees in multi-counties.
- Contact State Health Plan to discuss further.

REPLACE JUVENILE JUSTICE PREVENTION FUNDS

Reason for Priority:

- LMEs are providing a significant amount of treatment to juveniles who are currently or at risk of being in the corrections system.
- A loss in funding would result in a net loss to all services since State funds would have to be expended to treat these children.

Next Steps:

- Work with Secretary of DHHS and Secretary of DJJ
- Work with LOC