

November 15, 2011

Dear Employee,

As you know, at its regular meeting on July 12, 2011, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners authorized County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr. to end its contract with Carolinas HealthCare System (CHS) no later than June 30, 2013.

Throughout this time of transition, both Mecklenburg County and CHS will continue to provide high quality healthcare services to the residents of Mecklenburg County. Our commitment to working together to plan for the future provision of the County's public health services remains steadfast.

Although no firm plans have yet been established, I wanted to inform you about the start of this important collaborative process. As the planning process proceeds, I will continue to share information about our approach to transitioning services including key benchmark dates. In addition, a variety of communications channels, including email, memos, employee forums, and websites, will be used to ensure important information reaches you. Background and other information about this transition is available on the Public Health Transition web page.

I recognize that you may have questions and concerns during this time. I request your patience as we work through the process and make the commitment to communicate with you often about our progress.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Public Health.

Sincerely,

Bobby Cobb

Deputy Director, Mecklenburg County Health Department

Public Health Transition Team Co-Leader