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JOHN ELLER TO LEAD STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

HICKORY -- John Eller, director of Catawba County Social Services, has been elected president of the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services. He will assume this role on July 1.

The NCACDSS works with its members, policy makers, partners and the general public to improve public policy and strengthen the capacity of local departments of social services and human services agencies. The group is involved in recommending and implementing public policy that achieves important qualitative differences in the lives of children, young people, individuals and families.

Eller has served as director of the Catawba County department since 2008. "I am honored to be elected to his position by my fellow directors," he said. "I will work to help achieve the vision of our association, which is to help shape a future in which all North Carolina citizens reach their potential to live self-sufficient and productive lives."



Eller earned his bachelor of social work degree from Appalachian State University and his master's in business administration from the McColl School of Business at Queens University in Charlotte. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. This intensive program is for senior local government managers to hone skills and test strategies to build high performance organizations.

Eller received the 2005 Outstanding New Director of the Year Award from the NCACDSS and the National Presidential Volunteer Service Award in 2007 for his work in underprivileged neighborhoods. He was appointed by the General Assembly to serve on the NC Joint Study Commission on Aging in 2008-2009. In 2013, Eller was appointed by the governor to serve on the State Human Resource Commission and was also honored as one of the Top 10 Under 40 in Catawba County.