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SW Guidance Center director talks about state's new mental health plan

By KIMBERLY HARRIS
The new mental health plan for North Carolina, which was unveiled last week, is a landmark document that will help guide the state's efforts to improve mental health care for all residents, according to the director of the Southwest Guidance Center.

Dr. Deborah L. Berman, director of the Southwest Guidance Center, said the new plan is a significant step forward in addressing the needs of the state's diverse population. She noted that the plan emphasizes early intervention and community-based care, which are key to improving outcomes for individuals with mental health conditions.

The plan also calls for increased collaboration between mental health providers, law enforcement, and the judicial system. Berman stressed that the goal is to create a more integrated and effective system of care that supports the well-being of all North Carolinians.

She highlighted the importance of workforce development and training for mental health professionals. The plan includes provisions for expanding the number of licensed therapists and counselors, particularly in underserved areas of the state.

Berman concluded by expressing her confidence in the state's ability to implement these changes successfully. She encouraged the public to stay engaged and provide feedback on the plan as it moves forward. The plan is expected to be fully implemented by the end of the year.



Grain truck swerves to miss camper
A grain truck swerved to avoid a white camper parked on a dirt area. The truck was traveling at a high speed and the driver was unable to stop in time. The incident occurred on a dirt road near a construction site.



Anticipating growth
Demographer gives school board data on what lies ahead. The map shows the number of students ready to enter kindergarten in each planning area. The data indicates a significant increase in enrollment across most districts, reflecting the city's rapid population growth.