
Hefner Award - Jenny Hobbs documentation

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On my nomination form I shared why Jenny Hobbs is so important. But when I realized I needed to provide a list of her volunteer experience I knew I couldn't know it all. One of the friends I called said, "Jenny does so much for so many of us that I cannot even keep up with her advocacy work!" I think that sums it up for all of us. Even though she's handling multiple medical conditions herself and helping her children manage multiple medical conditions too, she makes time to serve in a wide variety of roles to help make things better for others facing similar situations. Instead of complaining about a lack of resources, she meets with the decision makers within those systems and serves on their panels so she can be a strong voice sharing both what's working within those systems and where there is often (lots) of room for improvements. To be clear, these are life saving interventions that medically fragile children need to be able to stay safe at home with their families in their community. Here's a bit of what she does currently:

- NC Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee and Co-Chair of Beneficiary Engagement Subcommittee
- NCDHHS Olmstead Plan Stakeholder Advisory
- NCDHHS CYSHCN Home Nursing Workgroup
- NC Child Parent Advisory Committee
- Earlywell Coalition
- UMDP Patient Advisory Council

Previous Committees she has served on include;

- NC Medicaid CAP/C Advisory Committee
- 12i Cross-System Navigation Advisory Group
- NC Stakeholder Engagement Group

In addition to this volunteer work she also cofounded Advocates for Medically Fragile Kids, NC. She continues to serve as the board chair in a fully volunteer position. She also is passionate in her work as a Guardian ad Litem working directly with children.

She is active on many FaceBook groups for families of medically fragile children and is always THE person everyone tags when someone reports their child was denied for services. She talks with families for hours to help them understand the support systems in place in NC, and helps them file an appeal too if necessary. She's attended many mediations with families and even hearings in front of an administrative judge when necessary. She has been the reason so many of us still have our children at home with us, receiving the services and supports they need. When the system doesn't work as it was designed, she helps families find additional resources. She is a wealth of information and a bright encouraging voice every step of the way. I'm over my word count and therefore must stop. Just know that there is no way possible to sum up all that Jenny Hobbs does. We treasure her and her service so much. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to try to convey how thankful we are to have her as our advocate!

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