



**TASK FORCE ON RURAL HEALTH  
NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE  
630 DAVIS DRIVE, MORRISVILLE, NC 27560  
FEBRUARY 5, 2014  
10:00-3:00**

**10:00-10:15 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

**Chris Collins, MSW**

Acting Director

Office of Rural Health and Community Care

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

*Co-chair*

**Paul Cunningham, MD**

Dean, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs

Brody School of Medicine

East Carolina University

*Co-chair*

**Donna Tipton-Rogers, EdD**

President

Tri-County Community College

*Co-chair*

**10:15 - 10:45 SUPPORT AND CULTIVATE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RURAL  
AREAS: OVERVIEW OF EVIDENCE-BASED & PROMISING  
PRACTICES**

**Chris Collins, MSW**

Acting Director, Office of Rural Health and Community Care

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

**10:45-11:45 SUPPORT AND CULTIVATE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RURAL  
AREAS: PANEL & DISCUSSION**

**RIBN & OTHER 2+2 OPPORTUNITIES**

**Katie Gaul**

Research Associate

Health Professions Data System

Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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**YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE CORPS – LOUISBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**Elaine Owens, MPA**  
Director  
Wake Area Health Education Center

**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

**Robert Ford, PhD**  
Executive Director  
Hot Springs Health Program

**11:45-12:15 DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ACTION STEPS**

**12:15-12:45 LUNCH**

**12:45 – 1:15 OVERVIEW**

**Iheoma U. Iruka, PhD**  
Scientist and Associate Director  
Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute (FPG)  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (will focus on what FPG has learned about early care and education, ABCDerian project)

**1:15 – 2:15 QUALITY CARE & EDUCATION BIRTH TO 5 PANEL & DISCUSSION**

**Anna Carter**  
President  
Child Care Services Association  
(will teacher quality, training, and investment in teachers)

**Jennifer Johnson**  
Section Chief, Quality and Education Section  
Division of Child Development and Early Education  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
(will focus on division is doing to improve each childcare and education in rural NC, Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge)

**Susan Nixon**  
Executive Director  
Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership

**2:15 – 3:00 DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ACTION STEPS**

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