NCIOM Task Force: Essentials for Childhood

Overview of the Task Force Process

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• • Overview

- Background on the North Carolina Institute of Medicine
- Task Force Process
- Charge to the Task Force



• • NC Institute of Medicine

- Quasi-state agency chartered in 1983 by the NC General Assembly to:
 - Be concerned with the health of the people of North Carolina
 - Monitor and study health matters
 - Respond authoritatively when found advisable
 - Respond to requests from outside sources for analysis and advice when this will aid in forming a basis for health policy decisions

NCGS §90-470



• • NCIOM Membership

- Members appointed the Board of Directors
 - Includes leaders from the major health professions, the hospital industry, the health insurance industry, State and county government and other political units, education, business and industry, the universities, and the university medical centers.
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• • NCIOM Studies

- NCIOM studies issues at the request of:
 - North Carolina General Assembly
 - North Carolina state agencies
 - Health professional organizations
 - NCIOM Board of Directors
- Often work in partnership with other organizations to study health issues



Task Force Process

- NCIOM creates broad-based task forces to study health issues facing the state
 - Task Forces generally comprised of between 30-60 people
 - Task Forces are guided by co-chairs who run the meetings
 - Task Force members typically include representatives of state and local policy makers and agency officials, health professionals, insurers, business and community leaders, consumers and other interested individuals
 - Meetings are open to the public



Task Force Process (cont'd)

- Task Force work guided by a smaller steering committee
 - People with expertise or knowledge of the issue
 - Help shape the agenda and identify potential speakers
- Presentations
 - May include research summaries and/or statistics, descriptions of programs, challenges or barriers to best practices, national developments
 - Presenters may include task force members, researchers, national or state leaders, state health care professionals, consumers, or NCIOM staff



Task Force Process (cont'd)

NCIOM staff

- NCIOM staff will prepare agendas, invite speakers, gather information, and identify evidence-based studies (when available) to inform the Task Force's work
- Staff write first draft of the report, and seek input from the Task Force and Steering Committee members



Task Force Process (cont'd)

- Task Force report
 - Report is circulated several times before being finalized
 - Task Force members may be asked to prioritize recommendations
 - Task Force members will take final vote on the recommendations and report
- NCIOM Board of Directors
 - Board members must review and approve the report before finalized
- Reports distributed widely
 - Shorter 4-6 page Issue Brief



• • Recent NCIOM Studies

Some recent studies include:

- Promoting Healthy Weight for Young Children: A Blueprint for Preventing Early Childhood Obesity in North Carolina (2013)
- The North Carolina Oral Health Action Plan for Children Enrolled in Medicaid and NC Health Choice (2013)
- Examining the Impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in North Carolina (2013)
- Improving North Carolina's Health: Applying Evidence for Success (2012)
- Growing Up Well: Supporting Young Children's Social-Emotional Development and Mental Health in North Carolina (2012)
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention Plan: A Report of the NCIOM Task Force on Suicide Prevention and Intervention (2012)



• • • NCMJ

- NCIOM also publishes the NCMJ
 - Each issue contains a special focus area with articles and commentaries discussing specific health issues
 - One of the issues of the NCMJ will include an issue brief (7-10 pages) about the Task Force's work and recommendations
 - NC Medical Journal circulated to more than 30,000 people across the state



NCIOM Task Force Essentials for Childhood

 Process: to develop a 5-year strategic plan to coordinate and prioritize the services, programs and/or policies of a number of state agencies that will build on New Directions for NC by incorporating the four goals of the CDC's Essentials for Childhood and applying a collective impact framework.

Goals:

- Raise Awareness and Commitment to Promote SSNRs and Prevent Child Maltreatment
- Use Data to Inform Actions
- Create the Context for Healthy Children and Families through Norms Change and Programs
- Create the Context for Healthy Children and Families through Policies



NCIOM Task Force on Rural Health

- Goal: to develop a North Carolina Rural Health Action Plan to provide policy makers, funders, and stakeholder organizations with a common vision and action steps to improve rural health
- 1. Examine the health of rural North Carolinians
- 2. Identify potential strategies that are critical to improve rural health outcomes and actionable over the next three to five years.
- 3. Gather input from eight rural communities across North Carolina.
- 4. Consider the feedback from the local community forums and make adjustments to priority strategies as necessary.



Meeting Schedule

- Upcoming meeting dates include:
 - February 21
 - March 28
 - April 25
 - May 23
- Plan total of 9-10 meetings through end of 2014



Meeting Materials on NCIOM Website

- We know that Task Force members may have conflicts for some of the meetings
 - We host webinars and conference calls for each meeting so that you can follow online or participate over the phone
 - We post meeting summaries and all meeting presentations on our website: www.nciom.org
 - Calendar and directions also available on the NCIOM website



• • For More Information

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