

NCIOM Task Force on Serious Illness Care

Scope of Task Force

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Task Force Charge (cont.)

The Task Force will examine:

1. Delivery of person-centered, family-oriented care, including palliative, hospice, and other types of care – including assessment of gaps in hospital-based palliative care teams; opportunities to extend palliative care services in community settings including ambulatory settings, home health, and long-term care.
2. Communication and advance care planning - consideration of technical and legal issues around completion and utilization of advanced care planning documents including Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment, do-not-resuscitate orders, Power of Attorney, and living wills.
3. Professional education and development - examine training issues for physicians, nurses, gerontologists, and chaplains.
4. Policies and payment systems - examine models in other states to develop recommendations around best practices for financing; impact of costs of care on individuals, families, health systems, and the state.
5. Public education and engagement- assess opportunities to engage in health care provider and community dialogs about cultural norms around caring for individuals with serious illness, palliative care, long-term supports and services, and other caregiver issues.



Calendar (rough draft)

- May 17 Health equity, communication, advance care planning
- June 7 Care delivery
- July Engagement, Stigma
- August Payment Models
- Sept Workforce, including education, supply, rural

How broad? Narrow?

- We need to limit the scope of the Task Force to keep us on the right track so we finish our work.
- Who is the patient we are talking about? A health care provider would not be surprised if s/he dies in the next year.
- We are not talking about prevention of serious diseases.

Lessons from previous work

- We are at our best when we identify areas for compromise and consensus.
- Avoid political poison pills. (apologies for mixed metaphor).
- Legislation is just one solution. State government is just one funder.
- We typically have little influence over federal law and policy.

What should be on our list?



For More Information

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