North Carolina Institute of Medicine 2019 Annual Meeting Medicaid Transformation

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- The NCIOM was chartered by the NC General Assembly in 1983 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

The NCIOM is a separate quasi-state agency that is housed within the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Sheps Center)



Implementation of Task Force Recommendations

- Task Force recommendations aimed at:
 - Policy makers (legislature, state and local agencies)
 - Health care professionals

– Others, including: educational institutions, businesses, and the faith community

• Between 50-100% of task force recommendations are implemented, in whole or in part, within 3-5 years of release of the report



Highlights from updates

- 3-5 years after a Task Force is complete, we review progress on implementation of recommendations
- Early Childhood Obesity Prevention
- 15 recommendations. 12 implemented, 3 partially implemented!
- Increased pre-service and in-service training of health professionals •
- Coordination and cataloging of intervention services
- Increased investment in evidence-based programs (BCBS NC Foundation, NCPC and others)---completed work in Onslow, Randolph, Buncombe, Nash, and Edgecombe child care centers (213 sites, 10,000 children, significant improvements in BMI score. Phase 3 ongoing (Wilson, Wake, Randolph, Durham)







Early Childhood Obesity (cont)

- Education for Childcare provides, DPH child care consultants, home visitors.
- Expanded effort in Eat Smart Move More to focus on young children.
- Expanded public communication strategies (especially Be Active Blue campaign by BCBS NC)
- Voluntary recognition program for child care centers---done around breast feeding (Carolina Global Breast Feeding Initiative), outdoor time Healthy Out-of-School Time)

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- Improved collection of BMI data for young children
- Increased attention to breast feeding—state recognition program (ENRICH) awarded to 45% of hospitals



Children's Preventive Oral Health Services (Medicaid and CHIP)

- 14 recommendations, 2 fully implemented, 10 partially
- DMA outreach and education to beneficiaries
- Outreach to dentists to increase Medicaid participation
- Streamlined process and requirements for dentist enrollment
- Study of reimbursement rates for sealants
- Use of EPSDT to cover re-application of sealants
- Increased education of primary care and collaboration between primary care and dentistry
- Increased funding to oral health section
- Pilot private practice school-based sealant program





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