

TASK FORCE ON MATERNAL HEALTH
MEETING SIX SUMMARY
January 22, 2021
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Virtual Meeting Conducted Over Zoom

Attendees:

Alison Miller, Amanda Brickhouse Murphy, Amy Santin, Ana Cabello-De la Garza, Ashley Belton, Ashley Rodriguez, Ashley Stewart, Belinda Pettiford, Brittney Sala, Brushell Solorzano, Cheyenne Blickenstaff, Chris Westveer, Dana Mangum, Donna Moses, Doris Robinson, Dorothy Cilenti, Drea Mora, Ebony Tate Emily Hooks, Erin McClain, Heather Wilman, Jamilla Walker, Janice Freedman, Jessica Noble, Julie Lovingood, Karen Burns, Kate Menard, Kathleen Jones-Vessey, Kathy Colville, Katlyn Tanner, Kay Mitchell, Kristin Resnik, LaToshia Rouse, Lindsay Guge Cozon, Mary Anne Burghardt, Mary Kimmel, Michael Sylvia, Michaela Penix, Michelle Bucknor, Michelle Ries, Renee Clark, Sarah McCracken, Sarah Murther, Sarah Verbiest, Sarahn Wheeler, Shelby Weeks, Sherika HiSmith George, Starleen Scott Robbins, Ste'Keira Shepperson, Suzanne Dixon, Tara Owens Shuler, Thalia Rivero, Tina Feir, Tina Sherman, Tomeka Isaac, Tyonna Howard, Velma Taormina

Welcome and General Housekeeping

James Coleman, MPH, Research Specialist, North Carolina Institute of Medicine

Mr. Coleman thanked task members for joining. On behalf of the steering committee, Ms. Shepperson thanked the task force and provided an overview of the agenda. Ms. Kathy Colville, new President & CEO of NCIOM, introduced herself.

Changes to NC Medicaid's Be Smart Coverage (FP coverage) and BCCCP Program

Velma V. Taormina, MD, MSE, Women's Health Consultant, NC Medicaid, NC Department of Health and Human Services

"Be Smart", also called Family Planning Medicaid is designed to reduce unintended pregnancies and is meant for individuals whose income is at or below 195% of the federal poverty level and who don't have coverage through other programs. It covers a preventative annual exam (well visit or postpartum exam) and six inter-periodic office visits, as well as lab procedures, Medicaid-covered birth control, STI screening, voluntary sterilization, and non-emergency medical transportation.

Adolescent and Young Adult Preconception Health Education and Outreach

Dana Magnum, MA, Chief Executive Officer and Ashley Stewart, MS, CHES, Director of Clinic Improvement Services, SHIFT NC

SHIFT NC is focused on adolescents, as they are the most at need for preventing unintended pregnancies and STIs. SHIFT NC seeks to build capacity of adults who work with young people to address sexual health, and they serve people and agencies including community focused initiatives, clinic improvement, and foster care and juvenile justice. Most of SHIFT NC's current work is focused on increasing the availability of reproductive services and increasing capacity of foster care, juvenile justice, and schools that educate young people. SHIFT NC provides support for quality improvement/data monitoring, community engagement, and social marketing strategies.

Panel on Statewide Preconception and Interconception Work

Moderated by Tara Owens Shuler, M.Ed., LCCE, FACCE, Perinatal Health Unit Manager, Division of Public Health, Women's Health Branch, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Panelists shared the work being done at the national and state level that supports and informs preconception and interconception health for North Carolinians. The programs that panelists discussed work with people across their lifetime, support improved health, and include peer education.

Small Group Discussion: Review Draft Task Force Recommendations

Facilitated by the Maternal Health Task Force Steering Committee and NCIOM staff

Next Steps

James Coleman, MPH, Research Specialist, North Carolina Institute of Medicine

Mr. Coleman thanked task force members for attending the meeting and reminded them of the next meeting date on Friday, March 26 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.