

Overview of Plan for Year 3 of the Maternal Health Task Force

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Recap: Maternal Health Task Force – Background and Purpose

- In the fall of 2019, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) was awarded funding through the State Maternal Health Innovation Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration
 - Program funded for five years starting in 2019
 - NCIOM Maternal Health Task Force is a component of the NC Maternal Health Innovations Program
- Maternal Health Task Force Original Timeline and Scope
 - Task Force meeting held bi-monthly for 18 months (June 2020-December 2021)
 - Task Force purpose is to develop policy recommendations to include in Maternal Health Strategic Plan to submit to HRSA and broadly distribute the plan to maternal health stakeholders.
 - So far, 20 draft recommendations have been developed



Updated Guidance from HRSA

- Over the past few weeks, HRSA has provided updated guidance on the development and submission of the Maternal Health Strategic Plan
 - Must submit a maternal health strategic plan to HRSA by the end of September 2021
 - Maternal Health Strategic Plan should be no more than 10 pages
 - HRSA will share program plans and initiatives with Congressional leadership, and maternal health stakeholders
 - Recommendations included in the plan should be actionable and feasible to implement by 2024.
 - However, in year three of the task force (2022), we will be building on the strategic plan and move the work of the task force forward



Overview of Plan and Strategies for Year

- During November 2021 , Task Force members will be asked if they would like to continue to serve on the Task Force in 2022
- In 2022, Task Force will meet a minimum of three times
- Will convene 2-3 workgroups to meet regularly in-between task force meetings to refine and develop recommendations within action areas identified by the task force
- NCIOM will publish 3-4 policy issue briefs, which will include task force recommendations
- Issue briefs will be widely distributed to a broad group of stakeholders



Questions?



Next Steps

- All meeting materials (including meeting minutes/summary) will be posted online at <http://nciom.org/task-force-on-maternal-health/> next week.
- The Next Meeting is on Monday, September 13th ,1 pm – 4 pm.
 - Meeting will be focused on prioritizing task force recommendations to include in the MHSP
 - Responses to the prioritization survey will be used to inform the discussion
 - I will reshare the survey when I send out the meeting summary