

Carolinas Pandemic Preparedness Task Force

Meeting 5 | November 15, 2021 | 12:00 – 2:30 pm

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83092531246?pwd=WlgrTUdNTEtpSkZHS0lZT2tEdTZuQT09>

Meeting Context and Goals: The Carolinas Pandemic Preparedness Task Force met jointly in July and August 2021. Beginning in September, South Carolina paused its task force meeting participation due to the surge of COVID infections, deaths and hospitalizations in the state. During this time, IMPH staff conducted one-on-one interviews with most SC task force members and North Carolina members continued to meet monthly. Now in November we are in partnership again for another joint task force meeting. This meeting is dedicated to recommendation brainstorming, moving us closer to the final reports and recommendations that will be the product of this task force. Broad themes and recommendation ideas will be discussed in small groups by state and will then be shared with the full group.

12:00 - 12:10 pm

Fostering Connections

Attendees will go into small groups to meet and connect

- Please introduce yourself by sharing your name, organization and state
- What is your favorite holiday?
- What is your favorite thing in/about your home?

12:10 - 12:20 pm

Welcome

- Dr. Harris Pastides, Interim President, University of South Carolina

12:20 - 12:30 pm

Bringing the States Back Together, Task Force Timeline, Final Products

- Maya H. Pack, MS, MPA, Executive Director, IMPH
- Michelle G. Ries, MPH, Associate Director, NCIOM

12:30 – 1:10 pm

Recommendation Development Discussion & Practice

- Michelle G. Ries, MPH, Associate Director, NCIOM
- Brie Hunt, MEd, Project Director, IMPH

1:10 -1:15 pm

Break

1:15 – 2:15 pm

Breakout Groups by State

- South Carolina Themes: Data & Communications
- North Carolina Themes: Building Workforce Capacity & Increasing Access to and Utilization of Care

2:15 - 2:30 pm

Large Group Discussion

- Brie Hunt, MEd, Project Director, IMPH

Meeting Goals:

- Learn about each state's September and October developments
- Understand today's strategy for developing recommendations
- Develop a set of recommendations for each theme identified by your state
- Share each state's recommendations for large group discussion

Upcoming Meeting Dates: January 24th, 2022 | February 28th, 2022 | March 21st, 2022 | April 25th, 2022

About the South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health (IMPH)

The South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health (IMPH) is an independent entity serving as an informed nonpartisan convener around the important health issues in our state, providing evidence-based information to inform health policy decisions.

Read more: <https://imph.org/about/>

About the North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM)

The North Carolina Institute of Medicine, NCIOM, is an independent organization focused on improving the health and well-being of North Carolinians by providing analysis on the health and well-being of North Carolinians, identifying solutions to the health issues facing our state, building consensus toward evidence-based solutions, and informing health policy at the state and local level.

Read more: <https://nciom.org/about-us/>

About the Carolinas Pandemic Preparedness (CPP) Task Force

There is a clear need within the Carolinas to develop a consensus on recommendations for responding to future pandemics in a more coordinated and timely fashion. The degree of devastation wrought by these pandemics will be determined by factors like a strong health and public health infrastructure, a well-prepared workforce, strong disaster response infrastructure, a robust social services safety net, and adequate access to personal protective equipment, medicine, and vaccines. The CPP task force will develop consensus recommendations using evidence-based research, policies and practices as a guide.

Timeline

Taskforce meetings: July 2021 – April 2022

Final Report: June 2022

Pillars of the Task Force

Health

Education

Equity

Economic and Social Stability

Guiding Principles

Consensus means that, even though the decision may not be the first choice of everyone, everyone can live with and will support the decision. Consensus does not mean unanimous agreement.

Inclusivity: Effective collaboration requires transparency and inclusiveness, equality among all participants and active participation from all partners.

Impact: Effective collaboration requires acknowledging capacity and scaling interventions to realistic goals.

Strategic Alignment: Effective collaboration requires all participants to disclose when our own interests are in conflict with those of the task force.

Respect: Effective collaboration requires mutual trust and respect for organizational boundaries, continuity in communication and interaction and a distinction between policy analysis and political commentary.