



Carolinas Pandemic Preparedness Task Force – North Carolina

Meeting 3 – September 20, 2021 at 12:00 pm

Agenda

Zoom link: <https://unc.zoom.us/j/96758662260>

Meeting Context and Goals: This meeting will build on content covered during the first two task force meetings, which focused on (1) the pre-disease social and structural factors that have ultimately shaped the COVID-19 response and (2) the identification of the initial disease outbreak. Attendees will hear from key perspectives about the challenges faced by historically marginalized and vulnerable populations during a six-month period of the COVID-19 response (May – November/December 2020) and discuss preventable challenges in small synthesis groups. Attendees will also have the opportunity to discuss the surge in cases related to the Delta variant and reflect on ongoing and emerging issues in the “fourth wave” of the response with the goal of illuminating areas in need of actionable recommendations.

12:00 – 12:10 pm	Welcome North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Machel Baker Sanders
12:10 – 12:20 pm	Fostering Connections <i>Attendees will go into small groups to meet and connect</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please introduce yourself by sharing your name and organization.• What about the current surge in cases worries you the most? What gives you the most hope?
12:20 – 12:35 pm	Updates – Task Force Process and Structure, Framing the Discussion Kathy Colville, President and CEO, NCIOM
12:35 – 1:20 pm	Historically Marginalized and Vulnerable Populations – Key Perspectives Norma Martí, Shannon Pointer, Drew Stanley, Cornell Wright <u>Discussion Moderator:</u> Rev. Jennifer Copeland
1:20 – 1:50 pm	Synthesis Groups <i>Attendees will go into small discussion groups to answer 3 – 4 targeted questions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What problems were raised during the key perspective discussion?• Which problems may have been preventable in hindsight?• What are some potential solutions to address the identified problems?



1:50 – 1:55 pm	Break
1:55 – 2:25 pm	Discussion – The Fourth Wave <i>In this section, we will have a large group discussion about the current landscape of the COVID-19 response and impacts of the Delta variant, including emerging issues.</i>
2:25 – 2:30 pm	Next Steps and Closing

Discussion Moderator and Key Perspectives

Jennifer Copeland, PhD, MDiv

Executive Director
North Carolina Council of Churches

Norma Martí

North Carolina Hispanic/Latinx Community Response Team Community Lead
North Carolina Community Engagement Alliance

Shannon Pointer, MSN, RN, CHPN

Vice President of Hospice & Palliative Care
Association for Home & Hospice Care of North Carolina

Drew Stanley

Warden, Nash Correctional Institution
North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Cornell Wright, MPA

Executive Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities
Division of Public Health
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services



Task Force Meetings

- July 19, 2021
- August 18, 2021
- September 20, 2021 (NC TF Only)
- October 18, 2021 (NC TF Only)
- November 15, 2021
- January 24, 2022
- February 28, 2022
- March 21, 2022
- April 25, 2022

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 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 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

- Steering Committee Meetings: March 2021 – April 2022
- Task Force Meetings: July – April 2022
- Final Report: June 2022

Pillars of the Task Force

- Health
- Education
- Economic and Social Stability
- Equity



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.