

Health Reform: Safety Net Workgroup
Wednesday, September 15, 2010
North Carolina Institute of Medicine, Morrisville
9:00 – 12:00
Agenda

9:00-9:15

Welcome and Introductions

Chris Collins, MSW
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9:15-10:00

Safety Net Organization Overview

Kimberly Alexander-Bratcher, MPH
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10:00-10:30

Areas in State of Greatest Needs

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10:30-11:45

Workgroup Discussion

- What are the areas of the state of greatest unmet need and how can we work together to strengthen the safety net in these communities?
- What role will safety net organizations play in helping to enroll the uninsured into health insurance products (Medicaid, NC Health Choice, private insurance)?
- Will there be sufficient provider capacity (private providers, safety net providers) to meet the health care needs of the uninsured as they gain insurance coverage?
- What role will safety net organizations play in continuing to serve people without insurance coverage?

11:45-12:00

Public comment period