

# North Carolina Institute of Medicine: Task Force Overview

NC Institute of Medicine  
Task Force on Adolescent Health

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# NC Institute of Medicine

- Quasi-state agency chartered in 1983 by the NC General Assembly to:
  - Be concerned with the health of the people of North Carolina
  - Monitor and study health matters
  - Respond authoritatively when found advisable
  - Respond to requests from outside sources for analysis and advice when this will aid in forming a basis for health policy decisions

*NCGS §90-470*



# NC IOM Membership

- Members appointed by the Governor for 5-year terms
  - Includes representatives from government; the health professions; business and industry; the hospital, nursing facility, and insurance industries; the voluntary sector; faith communities; and the public at large
- Governed by 27 member board
  - Includes representatives from the health professions; academic health centers; NC AHEC Program; NC Hospital Association; NC Medical Society; NC Health Care Facilities Association; BCBSNC; NC Department of Health and Human Services; and other community and business organizations



# NC IOM Studies

- NC IOM studies issues at the request of:
  - North Carolina General Assembly
  - North Carolina State Agencies
  - Health professional organizations
  - NC IOM Board
- Often work in collaboration with other organizations to study health issues



# Recent NC IOM Studies

- Some recent studies include:
  - Chronic Kidney Disease (2008)
  - Health Literacy (2007)
  - Ethical Issues in Pandemic Influenza Planning (2007)
  - Examining trends in Primary Care and Specialty Supply (2007)
  - Covering the Uninsured (2006)
  - Healthcare Safety Net (2005)



# NC Medical Journal

- NC IOM also publishes the *NC Medical Journal*
  - Each issue contains a special focus area with articles and commentaries discussing specific health issues
  - Typically, one issue of the *NC Medical Journal* will focus on a Task Force's work
    - Issue brief describes the Task Force's work and recommendations
    - *NC Medical Journal* circulated to more than 30,000 people across the state



# Task Force Process

- NC IOM creates broad-based task forces to study health issues facing the state
  - Task Forces generally comprised of between 30-60 people
  - Task Forces are guided by co-chairs who run the meetings
  - Task Force members typically include representatives of state and local policy makers and agency officials, health professionals, insurers, business and community leaders, consumers and other interested individuals
  - Meetings are open to the public



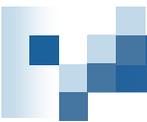
# Task Force Process

- Task Force work guided by a smaller steering committee
  - People with expertise or knowledge of the issue
  - Help shape the agenda and identify potential speakers
- Adolescent Health Task Force will also be steered by science and data committee
  - Will help identify evidence-based strategies or promising practices to address adolescent health problems



# Task Force Process

- Staffing of the Adolescent Health Task Force
  - Carol Ford, Amy Davenport and NC IOM staff will:
    - Prepare agendas, invite speakers, gather information, and identify evidence-based studies (when available) to inform the Task Force's work
    - Write first draft of the report
- Task Force will run approximately 15 months
  - Task Force members will hear presentations, review recommended evidence-based or promising practices



# Charge to NC IOM Task Force on Adolescent Health

- Examine the most serious health and safety issues facing adolescents and young adults in North Carolina.
- Review data, evidence-based programs and practices, and existing services in NC in key health areas
- Develop a comprehensive approach to adolescent health that includes strategies to address the high-priority needs of adolescents and young adults.
- Prioritize strategies to improve adolescent health using evidence-based or promising interventions



# Task Force Work

- Approximately first two-thirds of meetings are for fact-finding, to identify the problem and identify potential solutions
- Last third of meetings are to discuss and refine recommendations, review draft copies of the report
- ***Task Force and Steering Committee members are encouraged to comment on written materials and recommendations throughout the process***



# Task Force Report

- Task Force report
  - Report is circulated several times before being finalized
  - Task Force members will take final vote on the recommendations and report
- NC IOM Board of Directors
  - Board members review the report before finalized
- Reports distributed widely



# Adolescent Health Task Force Report

- The Adolescent Health Task Force Report will be part of the Adolescent Health Summit in the Fall of 2009
- Carol Ford, NC MARCH and other partners will continue to work to implement recommendations after the Task Force completes its work
- NC IOM typically reviews the progress on Task Force recommendations approximately 18-24 months after the release of a report

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