



**TASK FORCE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS  
OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES  
Thursday, May 10, 2012  
North Carolina Institute of Medicine, Morrisville  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Meeting Summary**

**Attendees**

*Members:* Marian Earls (co-chair), Beth Melcher (co-chair), Patti Beardsley, Karen Appleyard Carmody, John Ellis, Catharine Goldsmith, Mary Lloyd, Toby McCoy, Judy McKay, Laura Muse, Susan Perry-Manning, Janice Petersen, William Purcell, Kevin Ryan, Terri Shelton

*Steering Committee and NCIOM Staff:* Melissa Johnson, Marcia Mandel, Susan Robinson, Adele Spitz-Roth, Pam Silberman, Anne Williams, Berkeley Yorkery

**WELCOME**

*Marian Earls, MD, FAAP  
Medical Director  
Guilford Child Health, Inc.*

*Beth Melcher, PhD  
Assistant Secretary for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse  
Services Development  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services*

**GROUP DISCUSSION**

The Task Force reviewed and commented on the report and recommendations. The Task Force reviewed the following chapters:

- Overview Chapter
- Vision and Infrastructure
- Promotion
- Prevention

In addition, the task force was asked to review the descriptions of current North Carolina Systems serving the mental health, social, and emotional needs of young children and their families and offer comments on additional programs to be included or the accuracy of the descriptions.

Drafts were emailed to all Task Force members.

*Selected discussion:*

- The task force discussed several of the definitions used for the terms “care management,” “care coordination,” and “case management” depending on the population or organization in question, and suggested simply defining how the task force is using the terms for the purposes of the report.
- Prevention
  - The task force discussed incorporating discussion of domestic violence prevention and services in the prevention chapter. Members argued that family violence services should be sensitive to the needs of pregnant women.
- Intervention
  - The task force discussed the difficulty of adequately identifying gaps and problems when describing the system without data. The task force was requested to provide concrete examples to help tease apart where the system does not work and where the system is too difficult to understand or there is a lack of trained providers. Task force members were also invited to share examples of things that are good or working in the system or should be added.
- The task force reviewed and revised the Recommendation I.2: Enhance Prevention, Promotion, Treatment, and Care Management for Young Children with Mental Health Needs

**NEXT STEPS**

An executive summary will be written for the report and the task force will be emailed revised drafts of the chapters as well as requests for further information or system examples. The report will be published in July.

The next meeting is will be Thursday, June 14, from 10am-3pm and will focus on communication and implementation strategies.