

NCIOM Task Force on Rural Health

Overview of the Task Force Process

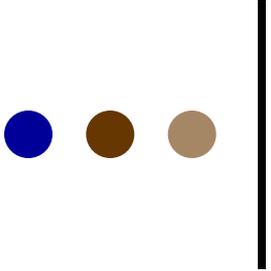
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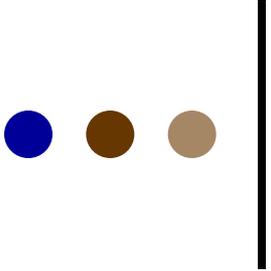
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Overview

- Background on the North Carolina Institute of Medicine
- Task Force Process
- Charge to the Task Force

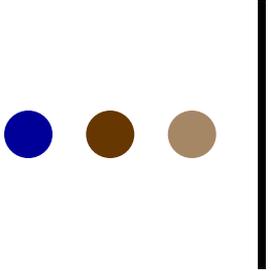


NC Institute of Medicine

- 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

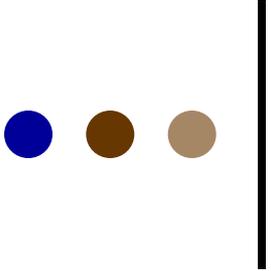




NCIOM Membership

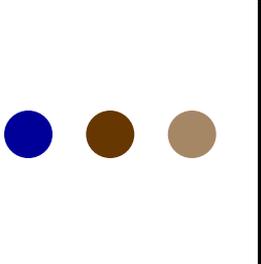
- Members appointed by the Governor for 5-year terms
 - Includes representatives from government; the health professions; business and industry; the hospital, nursing facility, and insurance industries; the voluntary sector; faith communities; and the public at-large
- Governed by 28 member board
 - 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





NCIOM Studies

- NCIOM studies issues at the request of:
 - North Carolina General Assembly
 - North Carolina state agencies
 - Health professional organizations
 - NCIOM Board of Directors
- Often work in partnership with other organizations to study health issues



Task Force Process

- NCIOM 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 (cont'd)

- 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
- Presentations
 - May include research summaries and/or statistics, descriptions of programs, challenges or barriers to best practices, national developments
 - Presenters may include task force members, researchers, national or state leaders, state health care professionals, consumers, or NCIOM staff

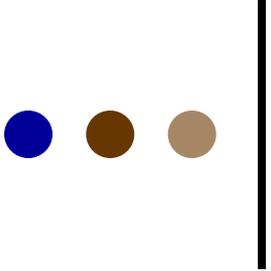
Task Force Process (cont'd)

- NCIOM staff

- NCIOM staff will prepare agendas, invite speakers, gather information, and identify evidence-based studies (when available) to inform the Task Force's work
- Staff write first draft of the report, and seek input from the Task Force and Steering Committee members

Task Force Process (cont'd)

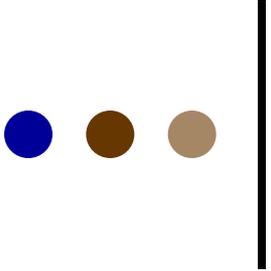
- Task Force report
 - Report is circulated several times before being finalized
 - Task Force members may be asked to prioritize recommendations
 - Task Force members will take final vote on the recommendations and report
- NCIOM Board of Directors
 - Board members must review and approve the report before finalized
- Reports distributed widely
 - Generally also produce shorter 2-4 page Issue Brief



Recent NCIOM Studies

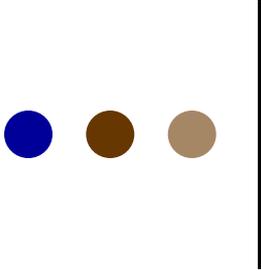
○ Some recent studies include:

- Examining the Impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in North Carolina (2013)
- Improving North Carolina's Health: Applying Evidence for Success (2012)
- Growing Up Well: Supporting Young Children's Social-Emotional Development and Mental Health in North Carolina (2012)
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention Plan: A Report of the NCIOM Task Force on Suicide Prevention and Intervention (2012)
- Honoring Their Service: A Report of the NCIOM Task Force on Behavioral Health Services for the Military and Their Families (2011)
- Healthy North Carolina 2020: A Better State of Health (2011)



NCMJ

- NCIOM also publishes the *NCMJ*
 - Each issue contains a special focus area with articles and commentaries discussing specific health issues
 - One of the issues of the *NCMJ* will include an issue brief (7-10 pages) about the Task Force's work and recommendations
 - *NC Medical Journal* circulated to more than 30,000 people across the state

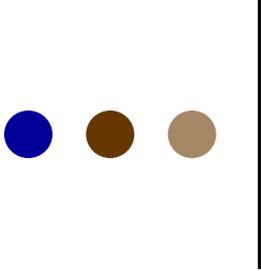


NCIOM Task Force on Rural Health

- The Office of Rural Health and Community Care within the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Kate B Reynolds Charitable Trust asked the NCIOM to convene this Task Force
- Funding for the Task Force comes from

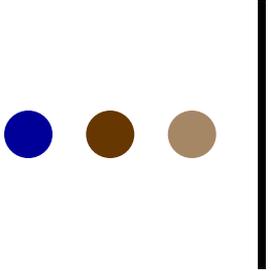


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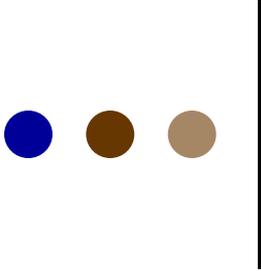
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- Goal: to develop a North Carolina Rural Health Action Plan to provide policy makers, funders, and stakeholder organizations with a common vision and action steps to improve rural health
 1. Examine the health of rural North Carolinians
 2. Identify potential strategies that are critical to improve rural health outcomes and actionable over the next three to five years.
 3. Gather input from eight rural communities across North Carolina.
 4. Consider the feedback from the local community forums and make adjustments to priority strategies as necessary.



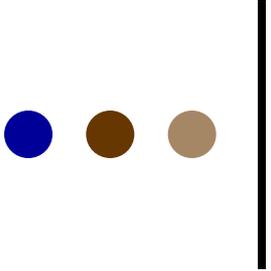
Meeting Schedule

- Upcoming meeting dates include:
 - May 14th at the Guilford County Department of Public Health
 - June 25th at the Guilford County Department of Public Health
 - One more in late July/early August
- Community meetings will be held in September
- Task Force meetings will resume in October



Meeting Materials on NCIOM Website

- We know that Task Force members may have conflicts for some of the meetings
 - We host webinars and conference calls for each meeting so that you can follow online or participate over the phone
 - We post meeting summaries and all meeting presentations on our website: www.nciom.org
 - Calendar and directions also available on the NCIOM website



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