

NCIOM Task Force on Rural Health

Update on Priorities

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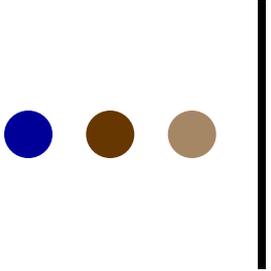
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Recommendations from Community Meetings

- The steering committee recommended to the Task Force that we accept the three priorities that received the most votes at the most community forums. This recommendation was accepted.
- 1) Educate communities about insurance options available in the marketplace, the possibility of Medicaid expansion, and available safety net options. (access)

Community (cont)

- 2) Work with the formal or informal education systems (including faith communities and other community based organizations) to promote healthy eating and active living. (health behavior)
- 3) Ensure adequate incentives to recruit health professionals to underserved areas of the state.(access)



Additional Priorities

- Increase support for quality childcare and education (birth-age five) and parenting supports to improve school readiness.
(community/environment)
- Develop regional industries and local resources.
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- Use primary care and public health settings to screen for and treat people with mental health and substance abuse problems.(health behaviors).