



2016-2017 Action Agenda Report Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force

The Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force (Task Force) was established in 1995 to advise the Governor and the General Assembly on the prevention and management of heart disease and stroke in North Carolina.

The Task Force adopted its **Action Agenda** for the 2016-2017 biennium on January 9, 2017. The Action Agenda outlines recommendations for legislative action on issues of particular interest to the Task Force. Task Force members review current heart disease and stroke data and examine evidence-based strategies for the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease as they consider the feasibility of pursuing each recommendation on the Action Agenda.

The Task Force designates four categories of support for its priorities:

Level of Support	Description
Support	The Task Force takes leadership on the issue
Endorse	The Task Force endorses an action that is important to preventing heart disease and stroke that is being advanced by another group
Administrative	The Task Force seeks to advance issues which may not require legislation
Track and Monitor	The Task Force monitors certain issues that may require action at a later time

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Level of Support	Recommendation	Status as of June 30, 2017*
Endorse	\$3 million funding request to expand tobacco cessation and prevention services including funding for QuitlineNC	\$500,000 (recurring) in additional funding was appropriated for tobacco cessation services
Endorse	\$7 million funding request for youth tobacco prevention	\$500,000 was appropriated for teen tobacco use prevention
Endorse	\$1 million recurring funding request to expand the Healthy Food Small Retailer Program	\$250,000 in continued funding was appropriated for Healthy Corner Stores
Track and Monitor	Track and monitor Care4Carolina's efforts to close the health insurance gap	The Task Force monitored efforts to close the health insurance gap

**The regular legislative session adjourned June 30, 2017. The legislature has also scheduled three special sessions to begin on August 3, September 6, and at a time yet to be determined between September 6 and November 15, 2017. The short legislative session begins May 18, 2018.*