



**Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force  
Minutes for January 8, 2019 meeting**

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Meeting Attendees	<p><b>Members:</b> Representative Becky Carney, Co-Chair; Helen Brann, (Hospital Administrator); Chris Dobbins, (Gaston Co. Health Dir.); Carolyn Dunn (NC State); Mary Edwards (Program Manager, Consumer Affairs, DHHS Division of Aging and Adult Services); Kimberly Moore (Consultant, Marketing &amp; External Relations, NC Mutual Life Insurance); Ruth Gilliam Phillips (Director, NCCU Student Health &amp; Counseling); Joey Propst (Stroke Survivor); Eric Sanchez, (AHA Volunteer); Ryan Swanson, (Clinical Review Pharmacist BlueCrossBlueShieldNC); Sherée Vodicka (Licensed Dietician, Eat Smart, Move More NC); Representative Larry Yarborough.</p> <p><b>Partners:</b> Tony Adams (Adams and Associates), Anna Bess Brown (Task Force Exec. Dir.), Alicia Clark (DPH CCCPH), Sylvia Coleman (COMPASS Study), Ron Cromartie (Innovative Health Care Consulting), Pamela Duncan (WFBH), Ashley Elks (Vidant Medical Center), Morgan Gramann (NC Alliance for Health), Michelle Horvath (VMC), Sally Herndon (Speaker, DPH TPCB), Sarah Jacobson (Speaker, AHA), Lorelei Jones (Speaker, EFNEP), Sean Kaye (EMS Performance Improvement Center), Susan Kansagra (DPH CDI), Hervy Kornegay (NCAREMS), Sanga Krupakar (DPH CCCPH), Monique Mackey (NC AHEC), Josephine Malfitano (Onslow Memorial Hospital), Shewana McSwain (Speaker, NC A&amp;T University), Jessica Meed (NCGA Fiscal Research Division), Peg O'Connell (Speaker, Stroke Advisory Council Chair), Sharon Rhyne (DPH CDI), Penny Shelton (Speaker, NC Assoc. of Pharmacists), Denise Spaugh (Minority Women's Health Alliance), Samantha Styron (VMC), Joyce Swetlick (CPH TPCB), Cathy Thomas (DPH CCCPH), Denise Thomas (NCGA FRD), Martina Wagner (Harnett Health), Representative Harry Warren (District 76-Rowan Co), Larry Wu (BCBSNC).</p>	List of members posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Justus-Warren/Members">startwithyourheart.com/Justus-Warren/Members</a>
Welcome and Introductions Representative Becky Carney, Co-Chair; Anna Bess Brown, Executive Director	Anna Bess called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and thanked the House and Senate Sergeant-At-Arms members for their assistance with the meeting. Task Force members and guests introduced themselves. Representative Carney welcomed and introduced Rep. Harry Warren. She thanked all for coming and brought greetings from Senator Kathy Harrington, Co-Chair, who was not able to attend.	Minutes posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com">startwithyourheart.com</a>
Approval of April 11, 2018 Minutes Representative Becky Carney, Co-Chair	Representative Carney called for review of the April 11, 2018 minutes. Chris Dobbins motioned to accept the minutes as submitted, and the motion passed unanimously.	April 11, 2018 minutes posted to <a href="https://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings/JWTF_Meetings.php">https://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings/JWTF_Meetings.php</a>

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Stroke Advisory Council Report Election of New SAC Members Peg O'Connell, SAC Chair	<p>Peg presented an update from the Stroke Advisory Council. Work groups will meet quarterly in 2019. The Integrating &amp; Accessing Care work group is working with UNC Dept. of Emergency Medicine to develop a hospital survey which will go out this month (January 2019). SAC will collect information from each hospital in NC on their stroke services so that we can identify hospitals that need technical assistance and training on stroke diagnosis and treatment. The Prevention work group and an ad hoc committee have worked with the DPH CCCPH branch to develop a Stroke Prevention Campaign which will run in the northeast region of the state beginning in March. The committee is working to identify local resources for those who see the campaign ads and are moved to get more physical activity, eat healthy food, monitor blood pressure, etc. We are updating the Start With Your Heart website with additional resources. See Peg's presentation on the website for additional activities by work group.</p> <p>SAC will develop a Stroke Systems of Care Plan in 2019 to guide us as we align and act on our work. The goal is to link communities and health systems with prevention, sustainability and increased capacity in stroke care. This Plan will guide efforts to increase access to care; to increase quality and coordinated care; to enhance post-stroke care; and to prevent strokes. Work groups will provide input on priorities and strategies, and SAC members and partners will review and provide feedback at quarterly SAC meetings. Each work group has recommended two members to serve to the Plan Development Team. This Plan will reside on the website and will link to the Joint Commission for stroke certification, to protocols and guidance, and to resources.</p> <p>SAC submitted a proposal to NC HealthConnex, North Carolina's Health Information Exchange, to develop a Stroke Registry. NC HealthConnex will notify us in February if they agree to work with us on developing a Stroke Registry.</p> <p>2019 SAC meetings: February 28, May 1 (at Vidant Health) , August 8 and November 14. All meetings will be held at DPH (5605 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh) except the May 1 meeting which will be held at Vidant Health in Greenville.</p> <p>Peg presented a slate of proposed new SAC members: Ed Jauch, MD, specialist in stroke treatment; Janie Jaberg, RN FACHE, hospital administrator; Hervy Kornegay, MD, NC, Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services (NCAREMS); Ben Gill, stroke survivor; Wally Ainsworth, NC Office of Emergency Medical Services; and Ron Cromartie, FAHA, Member Ex-officio. Ryan Swanson motioned for approval of the slate of members, Christ Dobbins seconded, and all new SAC members were approved unanimously and welcomed.</p>	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>
Proposal for Task Force Consideration Representative Becky Carney, Co-Chair	Representative Carney explained that the Task Force issued a call for applications in August 2018 and received two. Both applications were reviewed, and one will be presented today for discussion and consideration for the 2019 Action Agenda. Previously, the Task Force voted to endorse Care4Carolina's efforts to close the health insurance gap. The Care4Carolina coalition has grown	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>

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Closing the Insurance Gap Proposal Sarah Jacobson, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association	<p>and has applied to ask the Task Force to consider endorsing their work by signing the C4C resolution.</p> <p>Sarah Jacobson presented Care4Carolina’s proposal outlining the impact of the lack of health insurance and explained that the problem is even greater for those with health conditions who don’t receive regular treatment and care. She stated that Care4Carolina supports the development of a North Carolina strategy to provide health insurance to the hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians in the gap. She explained that there is momentum building to close the gap See the full presentation on the Start With Your Heart website. Care4Carolina requested the Task Force sign their resolution.</p> <p>After discussing the value of closing the gap including providing healthcare coverage for veterans and enticing businesses to come to the state, Representative Carney called for a motion for the Task Force to sign the resolution. Eric Sanchez motioned in favor of signing the resolution, and Chris Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Representative Carney added that everyone can also sign the resolution as individuals.</p>	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>
Status of Action Agenda Peg O’Connell	<p>Peg thanked the legislators for their leadership and reviewed the 2017-2018 Action Agenda Report which was included as a handout at the meeting and is posted on the <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>She then invited presenters for Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Tobacco Prevention and Cessation programs to provide an update on their activities.</p>	
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Expansion Lorelei Jones, EFNEP Coordinator, and Shewana McSwain, Nutrition Programs Coordinator	<p>Lorelei Jones, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Coordinator, NC State; and Shewana McSwain, Nutrition Programs Coordinator, NC A&amp;T University, thanked the Task Force for its support of EFNEP. They presented EFNEP accomplishments in 2018, described their current work to provide preventative care through nutrition education, and explained how the program is expanding. Check the EFNEP site <a href="#">map</a> for program locations. On May 22, 2019 EFNEP will celebrate 50 years of service.</p>	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>
Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Sally Herndon, Head, Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch, NCDPH	<p>Sally Herndon, Head, Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch, NC Division of Public Health, thanked the Task Force for endorsing two funding requests in 2018 and provided updated information on the statistics of tobacco use in NC. Review the full presentation on the website. Chris Dobbins requested the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch educate the Task Force on e-cigarette use in the school system and with large tobacco company marketing efforts. Representative Yarborough added that it may be useful to hear the perspectives of the other side and from physicians and patients. Jo Malfitano stated that she sees e-cigarette smoking in bars and restaurants and that managers are not aware of the laws banning e-cigarette use in bars and restaurants. Sally noted that there is a Health Advisory on the TPC website: <a href="https://tobaccopreventionandcontrol.ncdhhs.gov/smokefreenc/">https://tobaccopreventionandcontrol.ncdhhs.gov/smokefreenc/</a></p>	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>

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<p>Expanding the Role of the Pharmacist Penny Shelton, Executive Director, NC Association of Pharmacists</p>	<p>Penny Shelton presented information on how pharmacists, practicing to the full extent of their degrees, can collaborate with other licensed health care providers to address the shortage of physicians and nurses across the state. Reducing the burden of disease, especially those related to the leading causes of death, ties closely to Task Force work. She noted that the Association is not focusing on scope of practice but on collaborative care as there is much evidence to support pharmacists working with doctors. One member requested additional information on the Asheville Project. See this <a href="#">site</a> for information on the Asheville Project. Also, a search of “Asheville Project Pharmaceutical Care” will bring a host of information including publications. See Penny Shelton’s full presentation on the website.</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a></p>
<p>Closing Remarks Representative Carney</p>	<p>Representative Carney thanked members and partners for coming to the meeting and participating in the work of the Task Force to prevent heart disease and stroke. She stated that there was much valuable information from the presenters and that she and Senator Harrington are discussing getting back to more meetings and to meeting during session as it is crucial we educate the General Assembly. The next Task Force meeting date will be scheduled following the close of the 2019 legislative session. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a></p>