



**Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force  
Minutes for October 25, 2017 meeting**

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action Items
Meeting Attendees	<p><b>Members:</b> Representative Becky Carney, Co-Chair; Stephanie Dorko Austin (Fundraiser; daughter born with heart defect); Helen Brann (Hospital Administrator); Heather Breedlove (Heart Event Survivor); Commissioner Sherry Butler (Catawba County Commissioner); Shonda Corbett (NC Association of Area Agencies on Aging); Beth Daniel (Associate Director of Medical Policy, DHHS Division of Medical Assistance); Chris Dobbins (Gaston County Health Director); Carolyn Dunn (NCSU); Mary Edwards (Program Manager, Consumer Affairs, DHHS Division of Aging and Adult Services); Nevill Gates (Internist); Ashley Honeycutt (Licensed Dietician/Nutritionist, UNC Rex Health); Representative Frank Iler; Allen Mask (News Director of a Newspaper, Television or Radio); Wanda Moore (RN); Kimberly Moore (VP, Marketing &amp; External Relations, NC Mutual Life Insurance); Ruth Gilliam Phillips (Director, NCCU Student Health &amp; Counseling); Joey Propst (Stroke Survivor); Eric Sanchez (Volunteer, American Heart Association); Ryan Swanson (Clinical Review Pharmacist, BCBSNC); Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson (State Health Director and Chief Medical Officer, NC DHHS); Note: Chase Freeman, Legislative Assistant, attended from Senator Harrington's office; and Regan Waits attended from Senator Barefoot's office.</p> <p><b>Partners:</b> Juanita Akinleye (DPH CCCPH), Anna Bess Brown (Task Force Exec. Dir.), Alicia Clark (DPH CCCPH), Kat Combs (AHA), Debra Farrington (Sr. Prog. Mgr., DHHS), Ivy Ferrell (NC Alliance for Health), Stephanie Gans (DPH TPCB), Greg Griggs (NCAFP), Sally Herndon (DPH TPCB), Shamika Howell (NCDPH), Julia Hu (AHA), Sarah Jacobson (speaker, AHA), Lorelei Jones (speaker, EFNEP Coord., NCSU), Susan Kansagra, DPH CDI), Sanga Krupakar (DPH CCCPH), Jim Martin (DPH TPCB), Karen McCall (Stroke Advisory Council), Shewana McSwain (speaker, Nutrition Prog. Coord., NC A&amp;T), Carol Obiol (speaker, Exec Dir., Care4Carolina), April Reese (DPH CCCPH), Victoria Revelle (DPH CDI), Sharon Rhyne (DPH CDI), Joyce Swetlick (DPH TPCB), Cathy Thomas (DPH CCCPH), Chris Thompson (Intern, UNC Rex), Betsy Vetter (speaker, AHA).</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	Representative Carney called the meeting to order at 1:57 pm and welcomed everyone. She introduced and thanked the members of the Sergeant-at- Arms. She invited Task Force members and guests to introduce themselves.	Minutes posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com">startwithyourheart.com</a>
Approval of January 9, 2017 Minutes	Chris Dobbins motioned for approval of the January 9, 2017 minutes as submitted. Carolyn Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes or abstentions.	January 9, 2017 minutes posted to <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings/JWTF_Meetings.php">http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings/JWTF_Meetings.php</a>
Medicaid Transformation Debra Farrington, Senior Program Manager, DHHS	Debra Farrington provided an overview of the proposed design for NC Medicaid Managed Care. Discussion and questions followed. Presentation slides are posted on the JWTF website. In response to questions about why North Carolina Medicaid is moving to managed care, Representative Carney responded that the Department is doing what they were instructed to do by legislation and that they will continue to take feedback. Dr. Mask noted that there is a need to consult with the people who do this for a living. Karen McCall asked and Ms. Farrington confirmed that there is a provision for provider-led managed care groups. Dr. Gates asked if the transformation will increase access to those who need it. Ms. Farrington responded that Medicaid eligibility criteria will not change. She stated that it is the intent of DMA that individuals will benefit from this plan. Shonda Corbett asked how the plan fits with HIE (Health Information Exchange). Ms. Farrington replied that DMA is working with the IT Dept. to align technical strategy with clinical strategy. State Health Director Betsey Tilson added that Medicaid is ensuring providers have a say, is building on successes, and is thinking about this transformation from a patient perspective.	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>
Stroke Advisory Council Report Karen McCall, Chair Stroke Advisory Council	Karen McCall announced that upon her retirement in December, Peg O'Connell will become Stroke Advisory Council (SAC) chair, and Dr. Charles Tegeler will become vice- chair. She reported on the activities of the three work groups: Prevention and Public Awareness, Integrating and Accessing Care, and Post-Stroke Health. SAC meeting minutes and presentations are posted on the website. The next SAC meeting will be held November 1, 2017 from 1:00 - 3:00 in the Cardinal room in building 3 on the Public Health Campus, 5605 Six Forks Road. Robin Jones from Mission Health will share the process of earning Comprehensive Stroke Center certification, Maura Silverman from the Triangle Aphasia Project will share how aphasia programming is expanding around the state, and there will be a reception honoring Karen. Representative Carney thanked Karen for her years of service as a Task Force member and chair of the Stroke Advisory Council.	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>
Proposals for Task Force Consideration Representative Becky Carney, Co-Chair	Representative Carney shared the <a href="#">status</a> of the 2017 Action Agenda and reported that the August call for Action Agenda applications yielded 6 proposals, two of which came from the Stroke Advisory Council. Five proposals will be presented for consideration by the Task Force at today's meeting.	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>

<p>Tobacco Cessation Services including QuitlineNC Betsy Vetter, Regional Vice-President of Government Relations, American Heart Association</p>	<p>Betsy Vetter presented the Stroke Advisory Council application for Task Force endorsement of the request for an additional \$3 million in recurring funding in the 2018 expansion budget. The funding will increase tobacco cessation services including QuitlineNC. The 2017 budget includes \$500,000 in recurring funds to be split between QuitlineNC and the You Quit/Two Quit cessation program for pregnant women.</p> <p>The NC Alliance for Health is leading this effort. Rep. Carney asked if the \$1.35 million that is currently in the budget includes the \$500,000 increase; Ms. Vetter confirmed that it does. In response to questions about how people hear about Quitline services, Sally Herndon explained that when the CDC is not running ads, the way most people hear about the Quitline is from their primary care providers. Currently there is no money to promote this program.</p> <p>Mary Edwards motioned to <b>endorse the request for \$3 million in recurring funding for tobacco cessation including QuitlineNC</b> and Nevill Gates seconded. The motion passed with no opposing votes or abstentions.</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a></p>
<p>Tobacco Use Prevention Funding Sarah Jacobson, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association</p>	<p>Sarah Jacobson presented on the need for an increase in tobacco use prevention funding. NC Alliance for Health, with support from American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and others, is seeking a total of \$7 million in recurring funding and asked the Task Force to endorse the request. Ms. Jacobson noted that the CDC recently released a report that shows that although the number of Americans who smoke is at a historic low, people who live in rural areas, have disabilities, are less educated, or unemployed are more likely to smoke. Kimberly Moore asked for additional details on how the prevention money would be used. Sally Herndon explained that the state Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch (TPCB) works with 10 public health regions and that regional funding would engage young people through groups that are adult-led and youth-empowered through resources to local health departments. Commissioner Butler added that research show that tobacco use leads to use of other drugs. Jim Martin explained that 30% of high school students currently use tobacco products including emerging products such as e-cigarettes. Shonda Corbett asked and the TPCB confirmed that that hookah use is included in prevention education. Eric Sanchez summarized: the state has set up the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch and we are asking for money from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to fund youth tobacco use prevention programs. Wanda Moore shared that her husband, a former high school principal, saw youth tobacco prevention programs with school board support work well locally before funding for tobacco use prevention programs ended. The CDC recommends North Carolina spend \$99 million each year on tobacco prevention.</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a></p> <p>Request from Representative Iler for history of Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement money including where money has gone.</p> <p>For more information on state Tobacco Prevention and Control efforts: <a href="#">Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch</a></p>

	<p>Representative Iler stated that he, “would love to see the history of the Tobacco Maser Settlement Agreement money by year with where that money has gone. The Health and Human Services Committee needs to see that.”</p> <p>Chris Dobbins motioned to <b>endorse the request for \$7 million in recurring funding for tobacco use prevention</b> and Nevil Gates seconded. The motion passed with no opposing votes or abstentions.</p>	
<p>Closing the Insurance Gap Carol Obiol, Executive Director, Care4Carolina</p>	<p>Carla Obiol presented Care4Carolina’s proposal requesting Task Force endorsement of efforts to close the insurance gap by signing C4C’s resolution. The resolution has no particular solution but states that we need to have a discussion on how to close the health insurance gap. Kimberly Moore motioned that the Task Force <b>endorse Care4Carolina’s efforts to close the health insurance gap and recommend that Task Force members sign the C4C resolution</b>. The motion was seconded by Chris Dobbins and passed with no opposing votes or abstentions.</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a></p> <p>For more information and to sign the resolution: <a href="http://Care4Carolina">Care4Carolina</a></p>
<p>USPSTF Preventive Services Betsy Vetter, Regional Vice-President of Government Relations, American Heart Association</p>	<p>Betsy Vetter presented the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association call for Task Force support to assure coverage of all evidence-based, cardiovascular-related US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) A and B preventive services for all NC Medicaid enrollees with no or minimal cost sharing. Ms. Vetter urged the Division of Medical Assistance to “transform to health” while they’re transforming Medicaid. She further explained that many physicians do not realize these tests would be covered; this request includes education for providers. In response to questions, Ms. Vetter explained that we would ask Medicaid to cover all these cardiovascular-related preventive benefits and that there are two that are currently not covered: aspirin therapy and nutrition counseling. Ryan Swanson motioned that the Task Force <b>support AHA/ASA efforts to assure coverage of all cardiovascular-related USPSTF A and B preventive services for all Medicaid enrollees with no or minimal cost sharing</b> and Beth Daniel seconded. The motion passed with no opposing votes or abstentions.</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a></p>
<p>Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Lorelei Jones, EFNEP Coordinator, NC State; Shewana McSwain, Nutrition Programs Coordinator, NC A&amp;T University</p>	<p>Ms. McSwain and Ms. Jones provided background on the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and the need for expansion statewide. A cost-benefit analysis showed \$10 saved for each dollar invested. North Carolina Cooperative Extension is requesting Task Force support for \$3,180,887 million to deliver EFNEP statewide. In response to questions, Ms. Jones confirmed that current state funding goes to Cooperative Extension and not to EFNEP, that EFNEP receives \$2.7 million from the federal government, and that \$3,180,887 would enable EFNEP to serve all 100 counties. EFNEP Shonda Corbett made a motion to support the expansion of ENFEP and Wanda Moore seconded. Discussion brought an amended motion adding the term, “recurring.” The Task Force voted to <b>support a request for \$3,180,887 in recurring funds to expand EFNEP nutrition education program outreach</b>. Commissioner</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a></p>

	Sherry Butler made the motion and Wanda Moore seconded. The amended motion passed with no opposing votes or abstentions.	
Closing Remarks Representative Becky Carney, Co-Chair	Representative Carney recapped the Action Agenda items that were passed during the meeting. She stated that Sen. Harrington, Sen. Rabin, Sen. Barefoot and Rep. Yarborough had meetings outside of Raleigh and were not able to attend the meeting. She also noted that she would like to see sub-committees to the Task Force be reinstated as the Task Force currently is allowed to meet only twice each year. Representative Carney thanked all for participating and adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM.	Speaker presentations posted at <a href="http://startwithyourheart.com/Meetings">startwithyourheart.com/Meetings</a>