



Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force Duties

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1. **Examine** the incidence of and causes of heart disease and stroke deaths and risks, including identification of subpopulations at highest risk; establish a **profile of the heart disease and stroke burden** in NC.
2. **Publicize the profile** of heart disease and stroke burden and its preventability in NC.
3. **Identify priority strategies** which are effective in preventing and controlling risks for heart disease and stroke.
4. **Recommend** to the Governor and the General Assembly **changes to existing laws, regulations, programs, services, and policies** to enhance heart disease and stroke prevention by and for the people of NC.
5. **Recommend** to the Governor and the General Assembly the **funding and strategies** needed to **enact new or to modify existing laws, regulations, programs, services, and policies** to enhance heart disease and stroke prevention by and for the people of NC.
6. **Adopt and promote** a statewide comprehensive Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention **Plan**.
7. **Facilitate specific commitments** to help implement the Plan.
8. **Facilitate coordination of and communication** among state and local agencies and organizations regarding current or future involvement in achieving the aims of the Plan.
9. **Consider reports and testimony** from individuals, local health departments and community-based organizations, etc. to learn more about their contributions to heart disease and stroke prevention and about their ideas.
10. **Establish and maintain a Stroke Advisory Council** which shall advise the Task Force regarding the development of a statewide system of stroke care that shall include a system for identifying the location of primary stroke centers.