Carolinas Pandemic Preparedness Task Force

Meeting 6 – January 24, 2022 at 12:00 pm

Agenda

Zoom link: https://unc.zoom.us/j/97684428606

12:00 – 12:10 pm	**Fostering Connections** *Attendees will go into small groups to meet and connect* • Please introduce yourself by sharing your name and organization. • When you hear the term "digital equity," what does it mean to you? What digital equity issues have been exacerbated or emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic in your state?
12:10 – 12:20 pm	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** Dr. Harris Pastides, Interim President, University of South Carolina North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Machelle Baker Sanders
12:20 – 12:30 pm	**Framing the Discussion** Michelle Ries, Associate Director, NCIOM
12:30 – 1:15 pm	**Data-Driven Decision-Making in the Carolinas** Presentation: Hayley Young, Data Office Director, NCDHHS Presentation: Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist, SCDHEC
1:15 – 1:20 pm	**Break**
1:20 – 2:30 pm	**Breakout Sessions** *Task force members will move into rooms by state to address state-specific topic areas.*

Breakout Sessions

North Carolina Task Force

1:20 – 2:25 pm	**Achieving Digital Equity in North Carolina** Nate Denny, Deputy Secretary, North Carolina Department of Information Technology Dr. Shannon Dowler, Chief Medical Officer, NC Medicaid Discussion Moderator: Tracy Doaks, President & CEO, MCNC
2:25 – 2:30 pm	**Next Steps and Closing** Alison Miller, Project Director, NCIOM

South Carolina Task Force

1:25 – 2:25 pm	**Data, Communications and Digital Equity in South Carolina's COVID Response** Major General Brad Owens, Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, SC National Guard Ivan Segura, Program Manager, Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division, SC Commission on Minority Affairs Jim Stritzinger, Director, South Carolina Broadband Office
2:25 – 2:30 pm	**Next Steps and Closing** Brie Hunt, Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives, IMPH

Task Force Meetings

July 19, 2021

August 18, 2021

September 20, 2021 (NC TF Only)

October 18, 2021 (NC TF Only)

November 15, 2021

January 24, 2022

February 28, 2022

March 21, 2022

April 25, 2022

About the North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM)

The North Carolina Institute of Medicine, NCIOM, is an independent organization focused on improving the health and well-being of North Carolinians by providing analysis on the health and well-being of North Carolinians, identifying solutions to the health issues facing our state, building consensus toward evidence-based solutions, and informing health policy at the state and local level. Read more: https://nciom.org/about-us/

About the South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health (IMPH)

The South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health (IMPH) is an independent entity serving as an informed nonpartisan convener around the important health issues in our state, providing evidence-based information to inform health policy decisions. Read more: https://imph.org/about/

About the Carolinas Pandemic Preparedness (CPP) Task Force

There is a clear need within the Carolinas to develop a consensus on recommendations for responding to future pandemics in a more coordinated and timely fashion. The degree of devastation wrought by these pandemics will be determined by factors like a strong health and public health infrastructure, a well-prepared workforce, strong disaster response infrastructure, a robust social services safety net, and adequate access to personal protective equipment, medicine, and vaccines. The CPP task force will develop consensus recommendations using evidence-based research, policies and practices as a guide.

Timeline	**Pillars of the Task Force**
Steering Committee Meetings: March 2021 – April 2022	Health
Task Force Meetings: July – April 2022	Education
Final Report: June 2022	Economic and Social Stability
	Equity

Guiding Principles

Consensus: Even though the decision may not be the first choice, everyone can live with and support the decision. Consensus does not mean unanimous agreement.

Inclusivity: Effective collaboration requires transparency and inclusiveness, equality among all participants and active participation from all partners.

Impact: Effective collaboration requires acknowledging capacity and scaling interventions to realistic goals.

Strategic Alignment: Effective collaboration requires all participants to disclose when our own interests are in conflict with those of the task force.

Respect: Effective collaboration requires mutual trust and respect for organizational boundaries, continuity in communication and interaction and a distinction between policy analysis and political commentary.