



2020 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 2018 session on October 25, 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 December 10, 2021*
Support	\$3,180,887 in recurring funding to expand EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program)	No progress
Endorse	\$3 million in recurring funding to expand tobacco cessation services including funding for Quitline NC	\$19 million over two years for tobacco cessation services and prevention programs; funds come from settlement with JUUL, Inc.
Endorse	\$7 million in recurring funding for tobacco use prevention	
Endorse	Care4Carolina's efforts to close the health insurance gap by signing the C4C resolution	Medicaid Expansion not in budget; Joint Legislative Committee on Access to Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion formed

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*The legislature passed the budget November 18, 2021; and the Governor signed it a few days later.

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