

Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force

Issue Application for 2016-17

The **Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force (Task Force)** is a legislatively appointed Task Force that makes recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly regarding changes to laws and regulations in order to prevent and manage heart disease and stroke in North Carolina [N.C. G.S. 143B-216.60].

Through this application process, the Task Force receives requests from groups that seek to propose an evidence-driven issue for Task Force consideration during the 2016-17 meeting cycle. This application will be reviewed by the Task Force which may request additional information. If the issue is accepted for Task Force consideration, it will then be examined by appropriate Task Force work groups that will determine which issues to bring to the full Task Force in the form of proposed recommendations. Recommendations approved by the full Task Force become part of the **Task Force Action Agenda**.

The goal of the application is to provide broad access to the Task Force process, assuring compliance with the Task Force mandate to receive and consider reports for improving heart disease and stroke prevention and to identify priority strategies which are effective in preventing and controlling risks for heart disease and stroke; that issues coming before the Task Force are evidence-driven, reflect an appropriate fit, are ripe for consideration, and are of a manageable number.

Please complete this application in one to three pages with or without an additional fact sheet of 1-2 pages (maximum of 5 pages). Email your application **in the form of one PDF document** to anna.brown@dhhs.nc.gov **by date**.

For questions, call or email Anna Bess Brown, Task Force Executive Director: 919-707-5361, anna.brown@dhhs.nc.gov More information about the Task Force can be found on the Start with Your Heart website: <http://www.startwithyourheart.com>

Action Agenda levels of Task Force involvement:

- **Support:** The highest level, “support,” means that the Task Force takes leadership on the issue.
- **Endorse:** The Task Force may “endorse” an action that is important to reducing heart disease and stroke that is being advanced by another group. This level is generally less active than “support.”
- **Administrative:** “Administrative” concerns are those that may not require legislation but that the Task Force seeks to advance.
- **Monitor:** The Task Force may “monitor” certain issues of concern that are not currently ripe for intervention or involvement but may require action at a later time.

Please address all of the following questions for your application to be considered complete.

Your name:

Organization name and web address:

1. Briefly state the issue and/or proposal you are requesting Task Force to consider.
2. Briefly describe the direct relationship between this issue/proposal and the goal of the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Task Force of identifying priority strategies effective in preventing and controlling risks for heart disease and stroke. What is the evidence that this issue/proposal would positively impact heart disease and stroke? (For example, point to a study that supports the effectiveness of this proposal.) You may provide a fact sheet to help answer this question.
3. Explain why this issue/proposal requires state-level attention and identify which of the following types of state-level action your issue/proposal would involve: new or revised legislation; funding; agency collaboration; agency policy change; other (if so, state what you propose).
4. Explain the specifics of the type of action(s) you identified above including cost, if any, and agency involvement.
5. If your proposal involves seeking funding, explain why state funding (as opposed to other funding sources) is being sought.
6. Is the existing infrastructure of agencies/organizations sufficient to support your proposal? If not, what would be needed?
7. Who else actively supports your issue/proposal? Please indicate which groups would be willing to help advance this issue if it were to become an action agenda item of the Task Force. Who would be the lead agency/organization advancing this solution? (Do not include contact information here; see #9 below.)
8. Please identify the key stakeholders interested in this issue/proposal, *including* people or organizations likely to raise concerns about it. (Do not include contact information here; see #9 below.)
9. Please include as the last page of your application a *separate* "contact information" page that contains the following:
 - a) Your name, organization, phone number, email address, and web address of your organization
 - b) Contact information for the persons and organizations you identified in questions #7 and #8
 - c) The names and contact information of those individuals with a level of expertise in this issue/proposal who could: 1) educate the Task Force on this issue/proposal by way of providing an in-person presentation to the Task Force, and/or 2) answer questions in person from Task Force members about this issue/proposal.

The contact page (#9) is not part of the 5-page maximum for this application.