



**Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force  
Minutes for December 1, 2022 meeting**

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action Items
Meeting Attendees	<p><b><u>Members:</u></b> Stephanie Dorko Austin, daughter born with heart defect; Senator Jim Burgin, Co-Chair; Commissioner Sherry Butler, Catawba County; Adrienne Calhoun, NC Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Representative Becky Carney, Co-Chair; Beth Daniel, NC Medicaid; Lindsey Haynes-Maslow, UNC; Ashley Honeycutt, Licensed Dietician, UNC Rex; Margaret Murchison, Media News Director; Ruth Gilliam Phillips, Director, Community Health Coalition; Joey Propst, Stroke Survivor; Sherée Vodicka, Licensed Dietician; Eat Smart, Move More NC</p> <p><b><u>Partners:</u></b> Wally Ainsworth, NC Office of EMS; Pat Aysse, American Heart Association (AHA); Sharon Biby, Cone Health; Phyllis Bridgeman, DHHS Division of Aging and Adult Services; Aleasia Brown, DPH Cancer Branch; Anna Bess Brown, Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force; Katie Buck, CarolinaEast Health; Evan Carroll, Yancey County EMS; Novant; Michael Clay, ECU Health; Arnett Coleman, Old North State Medical Society; Sylvia Coleman, RN; Danika Davis, Granville Medical; Carissa Dehlin, Novant Health; Meghan Dornan, Cape Fear Valley Medical; Chelsea Dunston, Atrium Health; Abby Fairbank (AHA); Diane Galati, Iredell Health; Abby Emanuelson, Care4Carolina; Morgan Wittman Gramann, NC Alliance for Health (NCAH); Frederick Hayton, Rob Lamme &amp; Assoc.; Katie Herndon, NCAH; Sally Herndon, DPH Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch (TPCB); Allie Hittinger, Mission HCA; Erick Holguin, DPH Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch (CCCPH); Michele Horvath, ECU Health; Ed Jauch, Mountain Area Health Education Center; Joanna Keeter, ECU Health; Meghan Kissell, Tobacco Free Kids; Erin Lewis, UNC Rex; Clarissa Lowery, Novant; Sandra Maney, Genentec; Jim Martin, TPCB; Jennifer McConnell, Atrium Health; Kimberly McDonald, DPH Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Section (CDI); Davin McGinnis, Novant Health; Barb McGrath, FirstHealth; Desiree Metzger-Cihelka, Mission HCA; Lisa Monk, Duke; Terri Moore, Coverdell Program, CCCPH; Kathy Nadareski, WakeMed Cary; Sharon Nelson, DPH CDI; Peg O'Connell, Stroke Advisory Council Chair; Amanda Orfitelli, Coverdell Program, CCCPH; Juli Pankow, UNC Rex; Harita Patel, NC Medicaid; William Pertet, DPH CCCPH; Renee Potter, UNC Health; Jeremy Rhoten, Atrium Health; Ray Riordan, TPCB; Ciara Rukse, DPH WISEWOMAN; Alecia Sanders, NCAH; Birtha Shaw, Diabetics Supply; Tish Singletary, DPH CCCPH; Cara Smith, Mission HCA; Carrie Stokes, UNC Health Wayne; Bridgette Story, ECU Health; John Toler, Johnson &amp; Johnson; Andrea Ward (Atrium Health High Point); Marianne Weant, NCAH; Julie Webb, Duke; Marie Welch, RN; Gwen Wise-Blackman, Minority Women Health Project; Larry Wu, Blue Cross Blue Shield.</p>	List of members posted under <a href="#">Task Force Members</a>

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<p>Welcome Representative Becky Carney, Task Force co-chair</p>	<p>Representative Carney opened the meeting by welcoming all. The minutes from the April 5, 2022 meeting were approved by acclamation. The meeting recording and slides are posted on StartWithYourHeart.com</p>	<p>April 5, 2022 minutes posted at <a href="#">Task Force meeting minutes 4.5.22</a></p>
<p>Stroke Advisory Council Report Peg O'Connell, Chair</p>	<p><b>Paul Coverdell National Stroke Program</b> Since the Task Force last met in April, the Stroke Advisory Council has been busy with work on the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Program and hosted experts in post-discharge stroke care who served on Resource Panels for two SAC meetings.</p> <p>NC is now in Year 2 of a 3-year cooperative agreement with the CDC to participate in the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Program, and the work includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reduce disparities for those at risk of stroke and for stroke patients</li> <li>➤ Strengthen the stroke system of care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Build a Stroke Registry within the Health Information Exchange (HIE)</li> <li>-Fund hospitals, EMS agencies, and community organizations to improve the stroke system of care</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Support Quality Improvement and educational projects across the state</li> </ul> <p>We have completed Phase 1 of the HIE Stroke Registry and are working on improvements and additional functionality in Phase 2. We will showcase the Registry at our first SAC meeting of the new year at an in-person meeting at SAS Institute. SAS partners with the HIE on the development and use of the Registry. The meeting will be held February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, and we hope you'll join us.</p> <p>The NC Coverdell Stroke Program awarded four Year 2 projects that began August 1, 2022. The four projects are being implemented in 29 of NC's 100 counties; 58% of those counties are considered rural.</p> <p>All projects will implement a protocol for monitoring healthcare disparities for individuals at risk for stroke.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECU Health will develop and implement the Stroke Awareness and Management (SAM) Initiative to provide stroke education to school children grades 3-5.</li> <li>• Mission Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Will expand its blood pressure measurement study to Cone Health</li> <li>➤ Will partner with Yancey County Community Paramedicine for follow-up care</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Northern Regional Hospital will implement a Quality Improvement Process with Surry County EMS to improve transitions of care.</li> <li>• Novant Health will implement Quality Improvement through Advanced Stroke Life Support (ASLS) training for EMS in the Greater Charlotte and Coastal Markets.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Representative Carney thanked Peg and noted that the report represents a great deal of important work across the state to understand and strengthen stroke system of care and to address disparities.</p>	
<p>Medication Therapy Management (MTM) William Pertet NC DPH</p>	<p>William Pertet presented on Medication Therapy Management (MTM) and on the MTM program in North Carolina. After the presentation, Dr. Coleman asked how medical groups can get involved in the MTM program. The response is to contact William Pertet <a href="mailto:william.pertet@dhhs.nc.gov">william.pertet@dhhs.nc.gov</a> who manages the NC program. See the Pharmacy Outreach video and the Public Awareness video posted under Resources on the CCCPH <a href="#">website</a>.</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="#">Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force meetings</a></p>
<p>Action Agenda Update Peg O'Connell, SAC Chair</p>	<p>Representative Carney stated that updates on the current Action Agenda will be presented by Abby Emanuelson with Care4Carolina who will provide the update on Medicaid Expansion efforts in our state, and Peg will share updates on the other items.</p>	<p><a href="#">Action Agenda</a></p>
<p>Medicaid Expansion Abby Emanuelson, ED Care4Carolina</p>	<p>Abby Emanuelson stated that the Care4Carolina coalition has grown to nearly 160 organizations. Currently parents with dependent children make up more than one quarter of those in the coverage gap. More than 400,000 children in NC have at least one uninsured parent. 75% of people in the coverage gap are working. 39 states have expanded Medicaid. The NC legislature has been studying access to care. In 2021 the Joint Committee on Access to Health Care and Medicaid Expansion examined expansion and made a strong case for Medicaid Expansion in their report. Contact Abby at <a href="mailto:abby@care4carolina.com">abby@care4carolina.com</a> For more information and to sign the resolution go to <a href="http://care4carolina.com">care4carolina.com</a></p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="#">Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force meetings</a></p>
<p>Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Funding -Tobacco 21 -Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program</p>	<p>Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Funding- For several years the Task Force has endorsed increasing funding for tobacco cessation and prevention; we know that tobacco use is a major causes of illness and death, and we know the evidence-based strategies that work. We need steady funding for cessation services for those who want to quit, and we need sustained prevention funding to educate about the harms of tobacco use. These items remain on our Agenda.  Tobacco 21- At our last meeting in April, the Task Force voted to endorse recommendations from a multidisciplinary committee on implementing Tobacco 21 in NC. The committee recommends a permitting system to enforce an effective Tobacco 21 law, and this item remains on our Agenda. We are talking to partners about addressing T21 in the upcoming regular session.  Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program This item for additional funding to EFNEP to all counties remains on our agenda.</p>	<p><a href="#">Status of Action Agenda</a></p>
<p>Representative Carney</p>	<p>Representative Carney explained that there are two proposals to consider being added to our Action Agenda. One is for Medication Therapy Management, and the other is for School Meals for All.</p>	
<p>Action Agenda Proposal Medication Therapy Management Abby Fairbank, American Heart Association</p>	<p>Abby Fairbank presented American Heart Association's proposal to fund evidenced-based community blood pressure management program MTM. Seeing no questions posted, Representative Carney stated that Sherée Vodicka made a motion to endorse American Heart Association's proposal to fund MTM with an annual investment of \$600,000 in FY2023-2024 and an additional \$600,000 in the second year of the biennium. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted at <a href="#">Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force meetings</a></p>
<p>Action Agenda Proposal</p>	<p>Morgan Wittman Gramann presented North Carolina Alliance for Health's proposal to fund</p>	<p>Speaker presentations posted</p>

<p>School Meals for All Morgan Wittman Gramann NC Alliance for Health</p>	<p>School Meals for All. Q: Representative Burgin asked about the cost of administering the school meals program vs. the cost of paying for it for everyone. What would the new cost to the state be? A: Morgan replied that NCAH is now working with the Fiscal Research Division and with national partners on the estimate and that the rough estimate is around \$75 per student or \$100 million. Senator Burgin noted that new money is needed to fund School Meals for All. During the discussion Morgan noted that the public school meal program is not administered by the state, that each school district has its own account. Q: Senator Burgin asked, “What happens over the summers?” A: Morgan responded that there are summer feeding programs. Q: Dr. Coleman asked if there is a nutrition education component included in this funding. A: Morgan replied that nutrition education is not part of this request; although, NCAH supports nutrition education. She added that nutrition education is part of the standard course of study. Q: Gwen Wise-Blackman asked about adopting a school short term while the longer term solution is being put in place. A: Morgan responded that there are projects in which individuals or entities “adopt a school” and pay off student meal debt. Although helpful, this short-term approach does not address shame and stigma.</p> <p>Senator Burgin noted that he wants to do everything to care for children, the elderly, and the disabled in the state; he added he is interested in speaking to Morgan further about this issue. Lindsey Haynes-Maslow noted SNAP and EFNEP through Cooperative Extension offer nutrition education programs throughout NC.</p> <p>Representative Carney stated that Sherée Vodicka made a motion to endorse North Carolina Alliance for Health’s proposal to fund School Meals for All. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>at <a href="#">Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force meetings</a></p>
<p>Closing Remarks Representative Becky Carney</p>	<p>Representative Carney thanked the presenters and thanked all for attending the meeting. She wished everyone a healthy and peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year.</p>	<p><a href="#">Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force meetings</a></p>