



## Mississippi Task Force on Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

Mississippi State Department of Health

Osborne Building

Cobb Auditorium

Friday, February 7, 2014

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Xavier Johnson, Augusta Bilbro, Katherine Bryant, Clinton Smith, Deniece Ponder, Wendy Barrilleaux, Norman Miller, Caroline Newkirk, Clay Hays, Cassandra Dove, Jackie Hawkins, Courtlandt Fouche, Evelyn Walker, David Neal Kiihnl, Jacquilyn German, Earl Coleman

Dr. Clay Hays announced that he and Dr. Sharon Wyatt resigned as co-chairs of the Task Force on Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention. By a unanimous decision Dr. Clinton Smith of the Mississippi State Medical Association and Katherine Bryant, with the American Heart Association were elected as the new co-chairs.

Katherine Bryant  
Government Relations  
American Heart Association

#### **Policy Updates :**

1. House Bill 432 – Required that proper administration of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and use and use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) be included as an instructional component of the physical education curriculum for grades 9-12. The instructional component will provide the proper administration of cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) as part of the physical education curriculum. The school has the option to use an instructional program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
2. The Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) supports projects that increase access to healthy, affordable food in communities that currently lack these options. Through a range of programs at the U.S. Departments of Agriculture (USDA), Treasury, and Health and Human Services (HHS), HFFI will expand the availability of nutritious food, including developing and equipping grocery stores, small retailers, corner stores, and farmers markets selling healthy food. Residents of these communities, which are sometimes called “food deserts,” typically rely on fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer little or no fresh food. Healthy food options are hard to find in these communities or are unaffordable. Food deserts are communities, particularly low-income

areas, in which residents do not live in close proximity to affordable and healthy food retailers. Healthy food options in these communities are hard to find or are unaffordable.

#### Task Force on Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention – Action Items

1. Update current membership roster – Contact all agencies in House Bill 1184 to ensure there is representation for each organization/agency listed in the bill.
2. Discuss what each organization can bring to the task force, what direction they would like to see the task go and how can the task force benefit their organization.
3. Provide annual updates to the governor of the task force accomplishments for the year.
4. Update the current state plan.
5. *Understanding how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) could change the direction of the task force*
6. Presentation of new guidelines to provide guidance to the task force for decision making.
7. Stroke and Telemedicine

#### Interest and concerns of task force members

1. Discussed focusing on how to educate the public about the signs and symptoms of stroke and calling 911
2. Prevention techniques
3. Leveraging resources with similar organization reduce duplication of efforts.
4. Emphasize public health events
5. Public policy changes
6. Dial Don't Drive Campaign
7. Stroke System of Care Plan

Next Meeting Friday, May 9, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Partnership Assessment

#### **Announcements:**

Mississippi Hypertension Specialist Initiative March 28-29, 2014