



Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force

Recommendations:

Executive Order No. 143 states that, “By December 1, 2020, and every six (6) months thereafter, the Task Force shall provide to the Office of the Governor a status report on the progress and recommendations made in the focus areas determined by Section 1 of this Executive Order.”

The initiatives highlighted below are not official recommendations made by the Task Force. In an attempt to remain transparent in its scope of work, the Task Force invites members of the public to comment on the potential areas for action highlighted below:

Access to Healthcare:

- Increase access to broadband and telemedicine in North Carolina, particularly, in rural counties and communities of color.
- Utilize the medical home approach in providing comprehensive family centered and culturally competent care that meets the social, cultural, and linguistic needs of all North Carolinians.

Economic Opportunity and Business Development:

- Increase utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) for goods and services.
- Support workforce development programs and initiatives in the public and private sector.

Educational Opportunity:

- Host public virtual roundtables with physical medical professionals, mental health professionals, higher education leaders, and other relevant professionals.

Environmental Justice and Inclusion:

- Evaluate the feasibility and/or designate a permanent full-time position on Environmental Justice, Equity and Inclusion in the Department of Commerce, Department of Transportation, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and at the Office of Emergency Management.
- Conduct an inventory on aging infrastructure and buildings (schools, senior centers, etc) that have exposure to radon, asbestos, mildew, mold, etc. and consider remediation projects of impacted facilities for job creation initiatives.
- Develop a legislative strategy: Additions/changes to statutes and rules to incorporate environmental Justice criteria into regulatory actions.



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Patient Engagement:

- Identify the best cultural competency practices in health agencies across North Carolina via survey and implement a uniform training across the state.
- Create or sponsor an initiative (or policies) that requires data collection to cover all demographics (race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, etc.).