



Two Types of State Coalitions: Examples and Lessons Learned

2005 Heart Disease and Stroke
Prevention Practitioners Institute

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IL Stroke Task Force

Legislatively Mandated



- Nineteen members appointed by the Director of Public Health
- Five members appointed by the Governor
- Ex-officio
- The Director of Public Health serves as the chairperson of the task force
- Task force advises the Department of Public Health on setting priorities for improvements in stroke prevention and treatment.
- Adopt bylaws; meets at least 3 times each year;
- Open Meetings Act

Advantages and Disadvantages

- Advantages

- Press Releases
- Departmental Priority and Support
- 24 voices from 24 organizations/groups
- Prestigious for Members
- Annual Report to General Assembly

- Disadvantages

- Need to allow time to appoint members (1yr)
- Making changes to legislation is difficult and timely



Partners

- American Stroke Association; National Stroke Association; Illinois State Medical Society; Illinois Neurological Society; Illinois Academy of Family Physicians; Illinois Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians; Illinois Chapter of the American College of Cardiology; Illinois Nurses Association; Illinois Hospital and Health Systems Association; Illinois Physical Therapy Association; Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association; Illinois Rural Health Association; Illinois Chapter of AARP; Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities; Illinois Life Insurance Council; Illinois Public Health Association; Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Association; American Association of Neurological Surgeons; Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Council;
- Stroke survivor; one licensed emergency medical technician; one individual who (i) holds the degree of Medical Doctor or Doctor of Philosophy and (ii) is a teacher or researcher at a teaching or research university located in Illinois; individual who is a minority person as defined in the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act; one member of the general public;
- Ex officio members: chairperson of the Senate Public Health Committee; minority spokesperson of the Senate Public Health Committee; chairperson of the House Health Care Committee; and minority spokesperson of the House Health Care Committee.



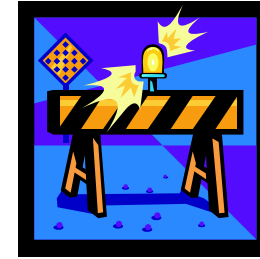
Communication and Operational Strategies

- Letter one month prior to meeting
- Letter two weeks prior to meeting
- Fax back attendance form
- Email one week prior to meeting
- Powerpoint slides at meeting
- cc on all correspondence to Executive Director of the organizations represented.
- Follow-up meeting minutes; date of next meeting.
- Always offer conference call-in capability
- Satellite Conference – Computer/Conference call





Barriers



- Members represent organizations. Need to know/share the voice they are representing.
- Large groups can be difficult to coordinate meeting dates, times and locations.
- No funding attached

IL Atherosclerosis Advisory Committee

- Category/American Heart Association – David Cooke, M.D.
- Category/Cardiology Representative – Edward Winslow, M.D.
- Category/Research – Kiang Liu, Ph.D.
- Category/Fitness Industry – Charles Baum, M.D., M.S.
- Category/IL Assoc. for Health, Physical Education, Recreation – Jennie Gilbert, PhD., FASCM
- Category/IL General Assembly – Sarah Feigenholtz
- Category/IL Dietetic Assoc. – Lana Shepek, R.D.
- Category/Prairie State Medical Society – Paul Carryon, M.D.
- Category/Health Care Industry – Ralph Velazquez, M.D.
- Category/Public Member – Noel Nequin, M.D.
- Category/Local Health Department Administrator – Nancy Bluhm, R.N.C., M.S.



Techniques for working effectively with committees and partnerships “Group Discussion”

