

Certificate of Need Task Force Work Plan

Purpose of Task Force: Undertake a comprehensive review and analysis of the state’s CON process and programs and determine if changes are necessary to ensure quality of care and access for all state residents and the preservation of an open and competitive market.

Goal: To deliver recommendations to the Governor on how to improve the existing CON programs and address any identified challenges or gaps in the state’s regulation of health care services and facilities by no later than December 1, 2016.

Objective	Tasks	Responsible Party	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec 1 st
1. Establish & convene a CON Task Force		Task Force Chair, Lieutenant Governor Wyman	X								
2. Ensure Task Force understanding of current CON processes and application status	a. Present to the Task Force on the current CON scope and process.	Kim Martone, DPH/OHCA Chris Lavigne, DSS	X								
	b. Provide the Task Force with a briefing on the pending applications currently before it.	Kim Martone, DPH/OHCA	X								
	c. Provide Task Force with data and materials related to (1) Hospital market share & revenue; (2) Current status of provider choice for consumers; (3) Potential effects of hospital mergers and affiliations on health care service availability, choice and cost.	Appropriate state staff	X								
	d. Work with Task Force members to identify other data and materials they need to accomplish objectives 3-5 of the work plan.	Task Force Chair, Lieutenant Governor Wyman and Appropriate State Staff	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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3. Perform a comprehensive review of the state’s CON programs	a. Analyze the scope, existing authority and structure of the current agencies having oversight of CON process	Task Force ¹	X	X							
	b. Determine if any changes should be made to improve efficiency, effectiveness and alignment with federal and state health care reform efforts (i.e. location of oversight entities, policy and procedure, items subject to CON).	Task Force	X	X	X						
4. Identify challenges and gaps in state efforts to regulate health care services and facilities and maintain fair, open and competitive market conditions.	a. Identify challenges and gaps in the state’s efforts to regulate health care services and facilities to promote affordability	Task Force			X	X	X				
	b. Identify challenges and gaps in the state’s efforts to regulate health care services and facilities to promote equitable access	Task Force			X	X	X				
	c. Identify challenges and gaps in the state’s efforts to regulate health care services and facilities to promote high quality care	Task Force			X	X	X				
	d. Identify challenges and gaps in the state’s efforts to maintain fair, open and competitive market conditions .	Task Force			X	X	X				

¹ Any time the Task Force is listed as the responsible party it is understood that state staff will always be involved providing technical and administrative assistance.

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5. Develop recommendations on how to improve the existing CON programs and address any identified challenges or gaps in the state’s regulation of health care services and facilities	a. Draft initial recommendations	Task Force						X			
	b. Draft Recommendations shared with the Task Force for a vote to accept or revise for inclusion in report to Governor.	Task Force							X		
	c. Draft report to the Governor shared with the Task Force for review and comment prior to November meeting.	Task Force								X	
	d. Draft report with Task Force member revisions incorporated circulated and put to a vote along with a draft cover letter.	Task Force								X	
	e. Task Force votes to accept final for Governor Malloy	Task Force								X	
	f. Final report submitted to Governor Malloy	Task Force Chair, Lieutenant Governor Wyman and Appropriate state staff									