

**Item Title:** Accept Report of Wake County Population Health Task Force

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners receive and accept the Wake County Population Health Task Force Report and Recommendations.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** In February 2017, the Board of Commissioners created the Population Health Task Force (PHTF) and it with planning community health strategies. The purpose of this Board action is to accept the Task Force's report and recommendations.

**Background:** On February 20, 2017 the Wake County Board of Commissioners appointed a Population Health Task Force to develop a plan to improve the health and wellbeing of Wake County residents by focusing on policies that support healthy communities, active life styles, and thriving residents. The Task Force was charged with developing a plan focused on improving the overall health of the community. Using three focused work groups, the Task Force has developed broad recommendations to improve community health.

The last meeting of the PHTF was March 22, 2018. Staff presented the report to the Wake County Human Services Board on September 27, 2018 and the Board of Commissioners' Human Services Committee on October 11, 2018. The full Board of Commissions was briefed during the November 13, 2018 work session. County staff will bring an implementation plan to the Board in February 2019 that articulates outcomes and metrics to track our progress toward those outcomes. The work of the Task Force concludes with the acceptance of this report.

**Board Goals:** This action supports multiple Board goals in the Community Health, Education, Great Government, Social and Economic Vitality, and Public Safety areas.

**Fiscal Impact:** The resources needed to implement the report's recommendations are not estimated at this time. Resources will be considered as staff develop the implementation plan and during the FY2020 budget process.

**Additional Information:**

While the Task Force endorses some strategic recommendations, the work focused primarily on building upon Wake County's excellent assets, as well as the work of existing partners and collaboratives, to develop more comprehensive collective outcomes regarding population health. Through closer coordination and a smarter approach to data,

Wake County can improve health outcomes across all county agencies and partners. When speaking of “health” in the context of this report, it is inclusive of physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

The PHTF efforts build upon prior work associated with the Community Health Needs Assessment Process, the Social and Economic Vitality Model, the Affordable Housing Plan, the Transportation Plan, the Land Use Plan, the Comprehensive Food Security Plan, the Behavioral Health Supportive Housing Plan, and many other successful community partner plans, programs and partnerships, with an emphasis on aligning countywide efforts towards common goals.

The Population Health Task Force consisted of three distinct working groups: 1) Healthy Wake Work Group, 2) Vulnerable Populations Work Group, and 3) Familiar Faces Work Group. Each Work Group provided detailed recommendations which are incorporated into the following three overarching recommendations:

1. Sustain and expand the scope of the CHNA and increase the accountability with the focus on implementation
2. Ensure the alignment of population health initiatives with cross-county efforts, statewide efforts, and appropriate data metrics
3. Designate a public/private partnership implementation team comprised of Wake County businesses, philanthropic organizations, and county government to operationalize, coordinate, and evaluate population health initiatives

The Report also outlines recommendations from the three Work Groups.

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation
2. 2018 Wake County Population Health Task Force Report
3. Summary Notes from the Human Services Board, and Human Services Committee of the Board of Commissioners meetings