

**Task Force to Strengthen the
Health and Promote the
Environment of South Carolina**

**Inaugural Task Force Meeting
June 3, 2021**



Agenda

- Welcome
- Opening remarks
- Introduction and ice breaker
- Overview
- Facilitated discussion
- Questions and answers
- Next steps and closing remarks

Welcome

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Opening Remarks

Larry A. Martin

Task Force Chair

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Meet the Facilitator

Bernie Hawkins

Task Force Facilitator

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Member Introductions

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- **In addition to your name, title and organization, please include in your response one of the following:**
 - Something about yourself (past or present) that would surprise most people
 - What you are looking forward to most this summer

Ice Breaker

Current Model: Health and Environmental Services

Our environment is a critical determinant of our health

- **Policy decisions on environmental matters can have a profound impact on the health of our people. Currently health and environmental services in South Carolina are provided by the departments of:**
 - Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services
 - Agriculture
 - Health and Environmental Control
 - Mental Health
 - Natural Resources

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- Brings together a cross-section of diverse stakeholders from across the state to **review and provide strategic guidance on the future of health and environmental services.**
- **The task force is charged with:**
 - Evaluating current and potential structure and responsibilities
 - Making recommendations to the Board, Legislature and Governor based on their evaluation
 - **Our goal:** Improving the quality of life for all South Carolinians by promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment

Subcommittees

- **There will be three (3) subcommittees, one focused on each primary role related to health and environmental protection services:**
 1. Environmental Protection
 2. Health
 3. Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Facilitated Discussion

Key Takeaways

- **Subcommittees to report out on key takeaways from their breakout session:**
 1. Environmental Protection
 2. Health
 3. Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Questions

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Next Steps and Estimated Timeline

Approved by the Board in April 2021

- Task force members to include healthcare services, industry representatives, advocacy groups, state and local officials, and community stakeholders.
- **Estimated Timeline:**
 - Initial subcommittee meetings to begin in two weeks
 - Next full task force meeting scheduled by the end of the month
 - Presentation and report to the Board, Legislature and Governor by late fall 2021

Stakeholder & Public Engagement

- Members of the public interested in providing feedback to the task force can submit their comments to shapesc@dhec.sc.gov.
- All comments will be made available to committee members and will be published online.
- For more information, visit shapesouthcarolina.gov.

Closing Remarks

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