Health and Long-Term Care Access Technical Advisory Council
Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles

Mission:

The Council will

- assist the Iowa Department of Public Health to develop, update and monitor a strategic plan for implementation of health care delivery infrastructure and health care workforce resources; and
- inform and advise the department and policymakers regarding issues relevant to health care access for Iowans.

Vision:

Assure a diverse, sustainable, and well-qualified workforce that provides access to quality health care for all Iowans.

Focus:

Year 1: Workforce
Year 2: To be determined –
- workforce ongoing
- health care infrastructure

Year 3: To be determined --
- workforce ongoing
- health care infrastructure ongoing

Future ongoing: To be determined

Annually review and prioritize tasks and issues related to the strategic plan.

Guiding Principles:

1. Promoting and maintaining the health of all Iowans.
2. Providing accessible health care services through the maintenance of an adequate supply of health facilities and an adequate workforce.
3. Controlling excessive increases in costs.
4. Applying specific quality criteria and population health indicators.
5. Recognizing prevention and wellness as priorities in health care programs.
6. Addressing periodic priority issues including disaster planning, public health threats, and public safety dilemmas.
7. Coordinating health care delivery and resource development efforts among state agencies including those tasked with facility, services, and professional provider licensure; state and federal reimbursement; health service utilization data systems; and others.
8. Recognizing long-term care as an integral component of the health care delivery infrastructure and as an essential service provided by the health care workforce.
9. Assessing the availability of health resources in rural and urban areas of the state, assessing the unmet needs of these communities, and evaluating how federal and state reimbursement policies can be modified, if necessary, to more efficiently and effectively meet the health care needs of rural and urban communities.
10. Addressing underserved populations and resources.
11. Assuring affordable health care.
12. Assuring optimal coordination between primary and specialty care.

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