

## Texas Team Rural Taskforce: Function and Scope

### **Article I: Purpose and Function**

#### A. Purpose

The Texas Team Rural Task Force is responsible to support the dissemination and implementation of selected IOM recommendations within the Rural Setting in accordance with the Triple Aim by supporting rural CNOs and hospitals to achieve selected IOM recommendations through education and support frameworks. Selected recommendations consistent with the purpose of the Task Force are:

[Recommendation 2: Expand opportunities for nurses to lead and diffuse collaborative improvement efforts.](#) (Primary Lead: Texas Team Practice Committee)

2.2: Collaborate to create new models of care that reduce costs and maintain/improve quality and safety of care delivery.

2.5: Create and deploy a tool box for use by practicing nurses and executive leaders to assist in actualizing the IOM Future of Nursing Goals via establishment of development plans as part of individual and/or organizational professional frameworks.

[Recommendation 7: Prepare and enable nurses to lead change to advance health.](#) (Primary Lead: Texas Team Leadership Committee)

7.2: Identify nurse leaders and advocate for appointment to various boards, commissions, task forces at state and community levels.

7.4: Identify resources that enable nurses to identify, mentor and coach current and aspiring leaders.

#### B. Function

1. Discuss and provide collective input regarding initiatives to further the functionality and operationalization of the recommendations in the rural setting.
2. Recommending targeted interventions to Primary Lead for discussion, feedback and approval.
3. Initiating implementation of approved initiatives, monitoring outcomes, successes, failures and barriers.
4. Providing rural outreach, education and support to approved rural implementations as needed.

### **Article II: Membership and Officers**

#### A. Members

1. The Chair and Co-Chair of the Rural Task Force are designated by the Texas Team Leader or Co-Leader for a (3) year term.
2. A maximum of 15 members may be recruited to serve on the Task Force. Member referrals may be received from current Texas Team members. Member candidates must: (1) be a Texas resident, (2) hold a valid, unencumbered Texas Nursing License, (3) have knowledge or experience pertinent to the work of the committee, and (4) be capable of committing the time necessary to contribute to the work of the group.
3. Candidates for membership will submit a resume and letter of interest to be considered by a majority vote of acceptance by the Rural Task Force. Final approval of the candidate rests with the Primary Lead.

4. Content Experts/Advisors may be consulted on an as needed basis to supplement the knowledge of the group regarding particular issues by the Chair or Co-Chair.
- B. Terms
1. All members shall hold office for (3) consecutive years with an optional second term.
  2. As circumstances alter time commitments, members may resign prior to the end of the three year term.

### **Article III: Meetings and Attendance**

A. Meetings

1. All meetings will be designated by the Chair and/or Co-Chair.
  2. Meetings shall be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 2pm to 3pm by conference call. This schedule may be altered secondary to holidays and scheduling conflicts.
  3. The presence of a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.
- B. Attendance
1. The Texas team Rural Taskforce requires the full commitment and involvement of each member to succeed. In order to ensure our success no member may miss more than three (3) meetings within in any 6-month period.
  2. Any member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings must meet with the Taskforce co-chairs to address the member's commitment and/or existing barriers to attendance.