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MISION AND VISION

A recommendation was made at the February 2017 Texas Interprofessional Education (IPE) Task Force meeting to develop mission and vision statements to drive task force strategic planning and goal setting. The following statements were developed:

Mission: The mission of the Texas Interprofessional Practice and Education (IPE) Task Force is to create a Texas Community of Practice (CoP) specializing in interprofessional practice and education in order to share best practices, facilitate the successful implementation of team-based collaborative care in a variety of practice settings, and develop collaborative, innovative, and interprofessional pedagogies that will transform healthcare education across the state of Texas.

Vision: The Texas Interprofessional Practice and Education (IPE) Task Force aspires to become a state and national model of inter-institutional collaboration around interprofessional practice and education to innovate healthcare education, enhance the patient experience, and improve individual and population health outcomes, accessibility, and affordability.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

Since its founding in 2015, the Texas IPE Task Force has seen rapid growth in membership from the eight original institutions to the current 21 institutions and one healthcare agency. This represents an astounding member growth rate of 162% across a two-year period. Due to the rapid growth rate of the task force over such a short amount of time, sustainable maintenance and operation (M&O) funding is necessary to continue the mission and vision of the task force. An estimated budget of $13,000 per year would be necessary to sustain day-to-day functions.

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<th>Maintenance &amp; Operation (M&amp;O) Budget Itemization</th>
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During the task force meeting, it was recommended that the task force seek M&O in the following ways:

1. **Annual institutional membership dues**: Annual institutional membership dues of $600 would include three individual memberships from each institution. Additional members could be added to the institutional membership at a cost of $200 per additional member. Individuals not associated with a member institution could pay $200 per person to attend a task force meeting. It is recommended that membership dues begin January 2018, following the approval of the budget at the September 2017 task force meeting.

2. **Support from collaborating healthcare agencies**: During the panel discussion with the leadership of the health science centers (HSCs), it was suggested that the task force seek funding from partnering healthcare agencies that would benefit from innovation in interprofessional healthcare education. The task force, with the assistance of the leadership of the HSCs, will begin seeking out funding from donors and partnering institutions.
Discussion during the February task force meeting was robust around the theme of interprofessional practice and education, as well as future growth and strategic planning for the task force. Key points of the discussion included:

1. Develop a website to highlight the Texas Interprofessional Practice and Education (IPE) Task Force. Work has begun on a website and following a demonstration at the September 2017 meeting, the website will be launched in early Fall 2017. The website is hosted at www.uth.edu/ipc/texasipetaskforce. Part of this process included establishing a new task force email address: texasipetaskforce@gmail.com.

2. Devote time at each task force meeting for engaging workshops and interactive activities to further collaboration and growth of IPE implementation across the state of Texas.

3. Establish a task force fund for membership dues and M&O. Account options will be explored following discussion and approval of a budget at the September 2017 meeting.

4. Develop a statewide conference, symposium, or training event. Such an event would bring together a Texas constituency focused on advancing IPE across multiple education and practice sectors with the goal of sharing emerging ideas, applying practical skills, and learning from role models.

5. Collaborate in inter-institutional research endeavors to rigorously investigate and further understand the overall effects of interprofessional practice and education on learners, professions, organizations, and patients, as well as add to the body of growing evidence in support of IPE in healthcare educational and practice settings.

6. Update the leadership of member institutions biannually on the goals and strategic plans of the task force, as well as alert leaders to emerging issues and trends in IPE, as it relates to healthcare education and practice. This will assist with long-term commitment and support of IPE initiatives across Texas.

7. Finalize the position paper on the implementation of the fundamentals of TeamSTEPPS® into the curricula of health professions learners across the state of Texas.

8. Continue to collaborate and share IPE resources to better the educational experience of Texas learners, especially related to integration of IPE into clinical and advanced practice rotations.

9. Continue to grow the membership and invite additional private and public Texas institutions with educational programs/schools for health related professions.

MOVING FORWARD
To address the discussion points and goals of the task force, it is recommended that bylaws, officers, and subcommittees be established. Bylaws and officer/committee responsibilities will be drafted for review at the September 2017 task force meeting.

1. **Bylaws**: outline the internal affairs, membership, structure, and governance of the task force.

2. **Officers**: needed officers include Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

3. **Subcommittees**: recommended subcommittees include research implementation, inter-institution events, task force consultants, finance, and publicity.